

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
JULY 23, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session July 23, 2012. Mayor Childers called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance, to the Flag of the United States of America, was recited.

Chairman Childers directed the Clerk to call Roll.

Present: Mayor Troy Childers, Sr.
City Clerk Sharon A. Crabel
City Treasurer B.L. Bredeman

Alderman: Alex Block, Chris Boyer,
Danny Colwell, Michael Hughes,
Sandy Levell, Gary Sharp,
Melvin Witte

Also Present: City Attorney Michael Seghetti
Officer Manager Denise Passage
Police Chief Scott Mettillie
Superintendent of Public Works Josh Cooper
ED Director Rachael Parker
Fire Chief John Myers

Absent: Alderman Dennis Gould
City Engineer Ken Coulter

Chairman declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held on July 9, 2012, were presented.

Motion Alderman Block, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the July 9, 2012, Council Meeting, and to approve the Minutes, as presented. Motion carried via voce vote.

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Clerk Crabel presented the City Treasurer's Report for the month ending June 30, 2012.

Motion Alderman Block, second Alderman Colwell, that the communication, as presented by the Clerk, be placed on file. Motion carried via voce vote.

Alderman Boyer presented a letter from Anne Contratto, of 1138 W. Cedar, requesting that the Council not choose Direct Energy as the electricity supplier for the residents of the City of Chillicothe. Anne Contratto stated in her letter the reasons why the Council should not consider Direct Energy as the City's electricity supplier.

Motion Alderman Block, second Alderman Colwell, that the letter from Anne Contratto be accepted and placed on file. Motion carried via voce vote.

Chairman Childers voiced his concerns in regard to the Grey Ghost carving, located in the median across from Geiger's True Value on Walnut Street, was vandalized by being spray painted different colors. The Grey Ghost has been wrapped, with a tarp, until it can be repaired.

Chairman Childers stated that the person, or persons, who vandalized the Grey Ghost carving will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, when caught.

Alderman Levell stated that someone spray painted the chimney, on top of her building, located at 1026 Second Street.

Chairman Childers stated that if anyone is caught within the City using their spray cans, or vandalizing anything, they will be prosecuted. Chairman Childers stated "It stops now!"

The Chairmen of the Council Committees gave brief activity reports.

Judith Gajdik appeared before the Council and stated that someone moved a bench into the downtown business district walkway, on Second Street.

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Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Witte, that the bills, as presented, be paid and the payrolls and transfers be approved. Roll Call vote was:

**Ayes: Block, Boyer, Colwell, Hughes,
Levell, Sharp, Witte**

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Block, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council approve Ordinance No. 12-07-11, an Ordinance authorizing the execution of a Second Amendment to the Annexation Agreement for property owned by Riversound, LLC. Roll Call vote was:

**Ayes: Block, Boyer, Colwell, Hughes,
Levell, Sharp, Witte**

Nays: None

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 12-07-11 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Block, that the Council approve an advance expenditure of \$1,575.00, for both Detective Pat Donovan and Rob Purcell, to attend a 5 day Criminal Investigation and New Detective Training, to be held in Springfield, on September 17-21, 2012. Payable from the General Fund. Roll Call vote was:

**Ayes: Block, Boyer, Colwell, Hughes,
Levell, Sharp, Witte**

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Block, that the Council hire Gary Michael McIntyre, as a Part-Time Dispatcher, at an hourly rate of \$11.33, effective July 24, 2012, subject to a drug testing. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Block, Boyer, Colwell, Hughes,
Levell, Sharp, Witte**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Levell, that the Council approve the Release of Mortgage, regarding the property located at 1259 North Fourth Street, and authorize the Mayor to execute said Release. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Block, Boyer, Colwell, Hughes,
Levell, Sharp, Witte**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Witte, that the Council approve the following Applications for the Sidewalk Program:

1. Paul Tuttle	812 Moffitt	Shepard Concrete	\$1,000.00
2. Andrew Metzka	201 Sweetbriar	Engbrecht	<u>\$ 633.60</u>
Balance	\$7,058.20		
Approved	\$1,633.60		
Balance	\$5,424.60		

Payable from the Road & Bridge Fund. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Block, Boyer, Colwell, Hughes,
Levell, Sharp, Witte**

