

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 2010**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session November 22, 2010. 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 A. Childers, Sr.**
 City Clerk Sharon A. Crabel
 City Treasurer B.L. Bredeman

Aldermen: Alex Block, Chris Boyer,
 Judith Cantwell, Danny Colwell,
 Dennis Gould, Sandi Levell,
 Richard Underwood, Mel Witte

Also Present: **City Attorney Michael Seghetti**
 City Engineer Ken Coulter
 Superintendent of Public Works David Tutterow
 Acting Police Chief Richard Mark
 Assistant Fire Chief Greg Hurd

Absent: **Office Manager Denise Passage**
 Economic Development Director Greg Truninger
 Fire Chief John Myers

Chairman Childers declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 8, 2010, were presented.

Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Witte, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the November 8, 2010, Council Meeting, and to approve the Minutes, as presented. Motion carried via voce vote.

Clerk Crabel presented the City Treasurer's Report, dated October 31, 2010.

Clerk Crabel presented a letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation, dated November 4, 2010, stating that the City's Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for October, 2010, was \$10,574.78.

Motion Alderman Underwood, second Alderman Cantwell, that the Communications, as presented by the Clerk, be accepted and placed on file. Motion carried via voce vote.

Chairman Childers announced that Past Fire Chief Gail (Mike) Myers, was in a very serious car wreck on Sunday, November 21, 2010.

Assistant Fire Chief Greg Hurd updated the Council on Gail Myers multiple injuries.

Chairman Childers stated that our thoughts and prayers go out to Past Fire Chief Gail (Mike) Myers.

Chairman Childers thanked Acting Police Chief, Richard Mark, for a job well done in the absence of Police Chief Steven Maurer.

Chairman Childers stated that Police Chief Steven Maurer will return to work tomorrow, Tuesday, November 23, 2010.

Chairman Childers announced that he will be out of Town from November 23, 2010, until the first week in December. Mayor Pro-Tem, Dennis Gould, will be in charge in Mayor Childers' absence.

Chairman Childers presented pictures of the Eagle that was carved by Tim Gill, from an existing tree located at the corner of Elm Street and First Street. Mr. Gill did a fabulous job carving the Eagle.

Chairman Childers thanked everyone who donated funds for the carving of the Eagle.

Chairman Childers stated that, in the future, the Council may want to consider naming the area where the Eagle is located.

The Chairmen of the Council Committees gave brief activity reports.

Judith Gajdik appeared before the Council and recommended that the Council consider letting the children of the community submit their ideas for naming the area located at the corner of Elm Street and First Street.

Chairman Childers stated that Judith Gajdik's idea was definitely a good idea, and that the Council would consider it.

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

Ayes: Block, Boyer, Cantwell, Colwell,

Gould, Levell, Underwood, Witte

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Alderman Boyer presented a Mid-American Retail Electric Supplier Agreement, for viewing by the Council.

Alderman Boyer stated that no action would be taken on said Agreement at this Council Meeting.

Alderman Boyer stated that Alderman Colwell had presented said Agreement to the attention of the Finance Committee.

Alderman Colwell gave an overview of the said Agreement, and stated that City Attorney Seghetti has reviewed the Agreement.

Alderman Boyer stated that by entering into said Agreement, the City would save anywhere between \$65,000.00 to \$69,000.00 a year on the City's electric bills.

Alderman Colwell stated that if any of the Aldermen have any questions, regarding the said Agreement, to please contact him.

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Cantwell, that the Council approve an expenditure, of \$3,500.00, payable to the EDC for Central Illinois, to be recognized as a Portal Community, with the Illinois River Road Scenic Byways. Payable from the Marketing and Tourism Fund. Roll Call vote was:

**Ayes: Block, Boyer, Cantwell, Colwell,
Gould, Levell, Underwood, Witte**

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Alderman Cantwell announced that a bid letting was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, in the City Clerk's Office, at 11:00 A.M., for the sale of a 1997 Chevrolet Suburban (used as a Fire Department Command Vehicle). Three bids were received as follows:

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Offer</u> |
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| Jim Curry | \$ 500.00 |
| Jacobe Adam | \$ 500.50 |
| Lacon-Sparland Fire | |

Protection District \$2,501.00

Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Underwood, that the Council approve Ordinance No. 10-11-23, an Ordinance authorizing the sale of the City's 1997 Chevrolet Suburban (Fire Department Command Vehicle), to Brian Snyder, Chief of the Lacon-Sparland Fire Protection District, for the sum of \$2,501.00. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Block, Boyer, Cantwell, Colwell,
Gould, Levell, Underwood, Witte**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 10-11-23 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Levell, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council instruct the City Attorney to begin the Abandonment Procedures regarding the property located at 940-944 Second Street. Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Underwood, second Alderman Cantwell, that the Council approve a Christmas bonus for City employees as follows:

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| Full-Time | \$200.00 |
| Full-Time Less than 6 months | \$100.00 |
| Part-Time | \$150.00 |
| Part-Time Officer | \$100.00 |
| Animal Control | \$ 75.00 |
| Caretaker/Moffitt Drop Off | \$ 50.00 |

Payable from the General Fund, the Water/Sewer Fund, and the Road & Bridge Fund. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Block, Boyer, Cantwell, Colwell,
Levell, Underwood, Witte**

Nays: **None**

Abstain: **Gould**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Alderman Witte withdrew Agenda Item 1) Repair – City Hall – Boiler Pipe, until a later date.

Chairman Childers presented a Mayoral Proclamation, proclaiming December 2010, as National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month, in the City of Chillicothe.

Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Block, that the Council concur with the Mayoral Proclamation, proclaiming December 2010, as National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month, in the City of Chillicothe. Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Underwood, second Alderman Cantwell, that the Council adjourn to Closed Session at 7:26 P.M., for Personnel Section 2 C 1, and upon returning from Closed Session, no action will be taken.

The Council returned to Open Session at 7:50 P.M.

Chairman Childers announced that, in Closed Session, the Council discussed Personnel issues.

Chairman Childers announced that, there being no further business, the Council Meeting adjourn at 7:56 P.M.

Sharon A. Crabel
City Clerk