

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2010**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session December 13, 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**
 Economic Development Director Greg Truninger
 Superintendent of Public Works David Tutterow
 Office Manager Denise Passage
 Fire Chief John Myers
 Police Chief Steven Maurer

Absent: **City Engineer Ken Coulter**

Chairman Childers declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 22, 2010, were presented.

Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Block, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the November 22, 2010, Council meeting, and to approve the Minutes, as presented. Motion carried via voce vote.

Clerk Crabel presented the City Collector's Report and the City Treasurer's Report, both for the month ending November 30, 2010.

Clerk Crabel presented a letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation, dated December 2, 2010, stating that the City's Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for November, 2010, was \$13,488.38.

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.

Alderman Witte read a letter, addressed to the Shademakers Committee, from Shirley Ordaz, President of the NoWhere 2 Ride organization, that read as follows:

Thank you for your generosity in providing and planting three new trees at the Chillicothe Skatepark site. They are a much welcome addition and will provide shade for the many onlookers as well as the users of the skatepark.

We would like to commend your organization and its volunteers for continuing to provide beauty in our wonderful town of Chillicothe.

Alderman Block commended the Public Works employees for a job well done in clearing the streets after the recent snow storm.

Mayor Childers stated that he loves to receive letters and communications from people, but what he does not like is when people do not sign their letters, because he cannot respond to their letters.

Mayor Childers stated that he received two letters which were not signed, so they were placed in the garbage can.

Mayor Childers stated that some citizens of the community objected to the Flag being flown at half-mast, for the passing away of Past Fire Chief Gail Myers.

City Attorney Seghetti announced that the Statutes state that local communities, and State and local units of Government can determine to fly their own flags at half-mast for certain things that happen in the community, like the death of an employee, officer or dignitary.

City Attorney Seghetti stated that it is within the Mayor's discretion to determine that the Flags on City owned property be flown at half-mast.

Alderman Underwood voiced his opinion in regards to the Flag issue.

Alderman Cantwell announced that Fire Chief John Myers was chosen to represent Fire Chiefs, in Washington, D.C., in March, 2011, at a Volunteer Fire Chiefs Summit.

Alderman Cantwell stated that it was an honor to have our Fire Chief chosen to attend the Summit.

Alderman Underwood stated that only two Fire Chiefs were chosen, from each state, to attend the Summit.

Chairman Childers commended Fire Chief John Myers for being chosen to go to Washington, D.C., to represent Volunteer Fire Chiefs at the Summit.

The Chairmen of the Council Committees gave brief activity reports.

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.

Chairman Childers read a “Chillicothe Public Library District Month” Mayoral Proclamation, proclaiming the Month of January, 2011, as “Chillicothe Public Library District Month” in the City of Chillicothe, and urged all citizens to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Underwood, that the Council concur with the “Chillicothe Public Library District Month” Mayoral Proclamation. Motion carried via voce vote.

Chairman Childers presented an executed copy of the “Chillicothe Public Library District Month” Mayoral Proclamation to Susan Drissi, Director of the Library District.

Chairman Childers appointed Marni Fidler Facilitator of the Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce, to the Chillicothe Marketing and Tourism Commission, as a member, to fill the vacancy created by Karen Moewe’s resignation.

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Cantwell, that the Council concur with the Mayoral appointment of Marni Fidler, Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce Facilitator, to the Chillicothe Marketing and Tourism Commission, to fill the unexpired term of Karen Moewe. Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Gould, that the Council approve Ordinance No. 10-12-24, an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the IMLRA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Block, Boyer, Cantwell, Colwell,**

Gould, Levell, Underwood, Witte

Nays: None

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 10-12-24 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Witte, that the Council approve a Retail Electric Supplier Agreement, between MidAmerica Energy Company and the City of Chillicothe, and authorize the Mayor to execute said Agreement. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Gould, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$2,490.50, payable to Varsity Striping, for the striping of Plaza Drive. Payable from the TIF Plaza Account. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Alderman Cantwell read a letter from Richard Lipsey, Chairman of the Police Commission, that read as follows:

The Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Chillicothe, Illinois, has selected Mr. Jeremy DeVault to fill the position of Probationary Patrolman on the Police Department of the City.

Mr. DeVault was the top candidate on the Eligibility List of the Police Commission. He has successfully completed the polygraph, medical, and psychological examinations, as well as a thorough background check. These tests are required prior to his appointment and assumption of duties. He has been enrolled for PTI beginning January 9, 2011. His effective hiring date will be Wednesday, December 15, 2010.

Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Underwood, that the Council accept the letter from Richard Lipsey, Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners, stating that Jeremy DeVault has been appointed to fill the position of Probationary Patrolman on the City's Police Department, effective Wednesday, December 15, 2010. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Boyer, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$1,873.74, payable to Supreme Radio Communications, Inc., for the purchase and installation of a new radio in the Police Chief's vehicle. Payable from the Police Protection Fund. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council approve promoting Jake Calvin to a Full-Time Public Works employee, effective December 14, 2010. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Underwood, second Alderman Cantwell, that the Council approve a salary increase for the following Supervisors:

Fire Chief	\$1,000.00
Economic Development Director	\$3%
Office Manager	\$3 ½%

Effective January 1, 2011. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Witte, second Alderman Block, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$3,689.18, payable to Commercial mechanical, Inc., for the piping repairs to the boiler at City Hall. Payable from the General Fund. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Chairman Childers announced that, there being no further business, the Council Meeting adjourn at 7:31 P.M.

**Sharon A. Crabel
City Clerk**