

**CITY OF CHILLCOTHE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 14, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session March 14, 2011. 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
Economic Development Director Greg

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Police Chief Steven Maurer

Absent: Fire Chief John Myers

Chairman declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 28, 2011, were presented.

Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the February 28, 2011 Council meeting, and to approve the Minutes, as presented. Motion carried via voce vote.

Clerk Crabel presented the City Engineer's Report, dated March 14, 2011.

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Clerk Crabel presented the City Collector's Report and the City Treasurer's Report, both for the month ending February 28, 2011.

Clerk Crabel presented a letter from Richard Ledbetter, dba Beau's Tire and Auto Center, located at 1617 N. Fourth Street, which is at the intersection of 400 Moffitt Street.

Richard Ledbetter stated, in his letter. The circumstances that have taken place in regards to the portion of Moffitt Street that has deteriorated to a point that when vehicles enter or leave his business, the vehicles would bottom-out. The two dry wells located on Moffitt Street are filled with gravel, and during heavy rains his business parking lot floods. For the last three years he has been trying to get help from the City to repair said area.

Richard Ledbetter stated that it was apparent that the City was not going to repair the street, so he had the area repaired by Albrite Paving, at a cost of \$8,100.00.

Richard Ledbetter is seeking reimbursement for the repair.

The letter from Richard Ledbetter was referred to the Public Works Committee for review and a recommendation.

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

The Chairmen of the Council Committees gave brief activity reports.

Judith Gadjik appeared before the Council to commend the Public Works Employee that installed a new read-o-meter in her place of business.

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**

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Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Gould, that the Council accept a proposal, from L. Patrick McElhiney, CPA, in the amount of \$11,700.00, for auditing services, to prepare the City's Audit for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2011, and to authorize the Mayor and the Treasurer to execute said proposal. Payable from the Audit Fund. 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 \$725.00, payable to OnSight Technical Service, for the purchase of a Dell Inspiron 15R Laptop for the Police Department. Payable from the General Fund. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Gould, that the City approve the conveyance of Santa Fe Park to the Chillicothe Park District, pursuant to the intergovernmental agreement between the City and the Park District, dated July 14, 2008, and direct the Mayor to execute a special warranty deed to the property, and such other documents as are necessary, and upon delivery by the Park District to the City of a fully executed contract for construction of a splash pad in the park. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council authorize the City Engineer to advertise for bids for the construction of a drywell on West McDowell Street. Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Boyer, that the Council authorize CMS to inspect, and flush the fire hydrants, at a cost of \$8.00 per hydrant. Payable from the Water & Sewer 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 Witte, that the Council approve an expenditure, of \$1,100.00, payable to German-Bliss Equipment, for the

purchase of a 3” trash pump. Payable from the Water & Sewer 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 Witte, that the Council accept the proposal from Riverside Chevrolet, for the purchase of a 2011 4WD Reg Cab Truck, in the amount of \$20,937.00. Payable from the Water & Sewer Fund.

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Alderman Cantwell stated that it would be a great cost savings to the City, if the Cemetery & Parks Caretaker would be allowed to have one of the Public Works trucks. The Cemetery & Parks Caretaker’s truck is in the worst condition.

Chairman Childers called for a Roll Call vote:

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

Nays: **Cantwell, Colwell**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Chairman Childers appointed Brad Pearson and Tom Dennison to the position of Part-Time Police Officers for the City, effective March 15, 2011.

Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Underwood, that the Council concur the Mayoral appointments of Brad Pierson and Tom Dennison, to the position of Part-Time Police Officers, for the City, effective March 15, 2011. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Block, that the Council adjourn to Closed Session at 7:32 P.M., for Personnel-Section 2 C 1, and upon returning from Closed Session, no action will be taken. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

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Chairman declared motion carried.

The Council returned to Open Session at 8:05 P.M.

Chairman Childers announced that, in Closed Session, discussion was held in regards to Personnel issues.

Chairman Childers announced that, there being no further business, the Council Meeting adjourn at 8:06 P.M.

**Sharon A. Crabel
City Clerk**