

**CITY OF CHILLCOTHE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 25, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session April 25, 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 Truninger
Superintendent of Public Works David Tutterow
Office Manager Denise Passage
Police Chief Steven Maurer
Fire Chief John Myers

Chairman declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 11, 2011, were presented.

Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the April 11, 2011 Council meeting, and to approve the Minutes, as presented. Motion carried via voce vote.

Clerk Crabel presented the City Engineer's Report, dated April 25, 2011.

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Clerk Crabel presented the City's Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2010, as submitted by Water Operator Josh Cooper.

Clerk Crabel presented the Abstract of Votes as prepared by R. Steve Sonnemaker, Peoria County Clerk., for the City of Chillicothe April 5, 2011 election. The results are as follows:

<u>Office Title</u>	<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>Votes Received</u>
Alderman First Ward	Dennis C. Gould	158
Alderman Second Ward	Danny Colwell	140
Alderman Third Ward	*Michael D. Hughes	51
	Patricia G. Westerman-Connor	46
Alderman Fourth Ward	*Melvin D. Witte	53
	Jeff Rushin (Write-In)	24

Motion Alderman Underwood, second Alderman Colwell, 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.

Gerry Suhr, of 321 Hollybrook, appeared before the Council in regards to Alderman Gould's Agenda Item 4) Discussion – Sewer Backup – Hollybrook.

Richard Ledbetter appeared before the Council in regards to Alderman Gould's Agenda Item 1) Payment – Beau's Tire Center.

Chairman Childers stated that Gerry Suhr and Richard Ledbetter would be allowed to speak when said Agenda Items were before the Council.

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.

Chairman Childers read a “National Nursing Home Week” Mayoral Proclamation.

Motion Alderman Block, second Alderman Cantwell, that the Council concur with the Mayoral “National Nursing Home Week” Proclamation, proclaiming the week of May 8-14, 2011, as “National Nursing Home Week” in the City of Chillicothe. Motion carried via voce vote.

Chairman Childers read an “Arbor Day” Mayoral Proclamation.

Motion Alderman Witte, second Alderman Gould, that the Council concur with the Mayoral Proclamation, proclaiming May 1, 2011, as “Arbor Day” in the City of Chillicothe. Motion carried via voce vote.

Chairman Childers held a discussion in regards to increasing the time limit on the parking of boats at the City’s boat dock.

After a lengthy discussion, the consensus of the Council was not to change the 30 minute time limit of parking boats at the City’s boat dock.

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Cantwell, that the Council adopt Resolution No. 11-04-03, a Resolution approving execution of first amendment to lease agreement with Terry Lee, for a portion of the City owned property, located at 227 W. Cedar Street. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared Resolution No. 11-04-03 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Cantwell, that the Council accept the proposal, and award the contract to Shoremaster, for repairs and upgrades to the

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City's boat docks, at a cost of \$10,941.24, and to authorize the Mayor to execute said contract. Payable from Central Business TIF. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Cantwell, that the Council approve entering into an Agreement between the City of Chillicothe and the Optimist Town Theatre, for advertising prior to each showing of all movies played in Cinemas I & II, for a period of 1 year, starting May 1st, 2011 and ending April 30, 2012, at a cost of \$2,000.00. Payable from the Marketing and Tourism Fund, and to 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 Cantwell, second Alderman Witte, that the Council approve a Notice for Special Event Held on Public Property, as submitted by Eric Greskoviak, of the Optimist Club, for the use of City streets and the City Park stage, for the Optimist Club's 31st Annual 5K Race, "River Run", to be held on May 28, 2011, from 7:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Block, that the Council approve a Notice for Special Event Held on Public Property, as submitted by Nick Williams, of the W.D. Boyer Council Boy Scouts of America, for the use of Chestnut Street from Second Street, East to the alley, City Park, and Second Street from Chestnut one block North, for a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the local Boy Scouts. The benefit will be held on May 1, 2011, from 11:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Motion carried via voce vote.

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Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Boyer, that the Council approve an expenditure, of \$3,000.00, payable to Beau's Tire Center, for paving at 1617 Fourth Street. Payable from the Road & Bridge 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 accept the proposal from AA&L Roofing, in the amount of \$5,698.00, for the repair of the roof on the Santa Fe Pump house. 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 Block, that the Council approve advertising for a Part-time Public Works Employee. Applications will be accepted through May 11, 2011. Motion carried via voce vote.

Alderman Gould announced that he was bringing before the Council, for discussion, an issue regarding a backed-up sewer at 321 Hollybrook. The backed-up sewer caused Gerry Suhr's basement to flood while he was on vacation, and caused a lot of damage.

Alderman Gould announced that a claim was submitted to the City's insurance carrier for the clean-up and damage caused by the said backed-up sewer. The City's insurance carrier denied the claim.

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Alderman Gould stated that the Public Works Committee has held several meetings, one with representatives from the City's insurance company in attendance, and Mr. & Mrs. Suhr in attendance, in regards to said sewer issue.

Attorney Seghetti explained to the Council that the insurance coverage that the City has with IML is for liability under the law.

Attorney Seghetti stated that the City is not responsible legally, under the Tort Immunity Act.

Gerry Suhr stated that the cost to clean up his basement was \$7,000.00, and the cost to remodel was \$18,000.00

The Council held a discussion in regards to the said sewer issue.

Alderman Gould stated that he would take the said backed-up sewer issue back to the Public Works Committee for further review and a recommendation.

Chairman Childers announced that, there being no further business, the Council meeting adjourn at 7:50 P.M.

**Sharon A. Crabel
City Clerk**