

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 25, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session July 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,  
Danny Colwell, Dennis Gould,  
Sandi Levell, Melvin Witte

**Also Present:** City Attorney Michael Seghetti  
City Engineer Ken Coulter  
Office Manager Denise Passage  
Superintendent of Public Works Josh Cooper  
Economic Development Director Greg Truninger  
Police Fire Chief Steven Maurer  
Fire Chief John Myers

**Absent:** Aldermen: Judith Cantwell, Michael Hughes

**Chairman declared a Quorum present.**

The Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on July 11, 2011, were presented.

Motion Alderman Block, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the July 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 July 25, 2011.

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Clerk Crabel presented the City Treasurer's Annual Report, for the City's fiscal year ending April 30, 2011.

Clerk Crabel presented a letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation, dated July 6, 2011, stating that the City's Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for June, 2011, was \$11,296.60.

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

Motion Alderman Witte, second Alderman Colwell, that, with Alderman Hughes entering the Council Chambers at 7:04 P.M., the Clerk be instructed to mark Alderman Hughes present. Motion carried via voce vote.

The Chairmen of the Council Committees gave brief activity reports.

Judy Gajdik appeared before the Council to question why the Council is approving spending money on the buildings located at 940 and 944 Second Street, that are in very poor condition.

Alderman Boyer state that the Council, unfortunately, was placed in the position of taking possession of the said buildings. The Council had two options - one to repair the buildings in hopes that a business would come in and occupy the buildings, thereby the City would receive tax revenue from it, or the second option was to demolish the buildings.

Chairman Childers stated that in regards to repairing the buildings at 940 and 944 Second Street, the Council feels that it is the right thing to do.

Judy Gajdik voiced her opinion in regards to the Council passing laws and not enforcing the laws. The City needs a code enforcement officer.

Chairman Childers stated that he appreciated Judy Gajdik's comments, and that she was more than welcome to attend Committee meetings to voice her opinions on topics that would be coming up at the City Council meetings.

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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, Colwell, Gould,  
Hughes, Levell, Witte**

**Nays: None**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council accept the proposal and approve the expense of \$2,341.00, from AA&L Roofing, for the repair of the roof at 940-944 Second, payable from the TIF Business Fund. Roll Call vote was:

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

**Nays: None**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Levell, that the Council approve the request, submitted by Chris Cassidy for Three Sisters Park, to extend the playing of amplified music at Three Sisters Park, for a concert on Sunday, August 14, 2011, from 10:00 P.M. until 10:30 P.M. Motion carried via voce vote.

Alderman Gould announced that, per the City Engineer's Report, the City has received a proposal to demolish the Santa Fe water tower, in the amount of \$9,900, from Iseler Demolition. The proposal includes demolition of the tower, and the contractor will remove all materials from the demolition. The Public Works forces will cap the existing water main from the tower. The concrete removal will be done either by the Public Works department or a local contractor after the tower is removed. Iseler Demolition specializes in the dismantling of water towers and tanks, and is an expert in this work. We recommend that the proposal presented be accepted and a notice to proceed given the contractor after the existing antenna is relocated.

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Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Block, that the Council approve the demolition of the water tower on Santa Fe Avenue, as a project, and accept the proposal from Iseler Demolition, in the amount of \$9,900.00, for the demolition of the water tower project. Payable from the Water/Sewer Fund. Roll Call vote was:

**Ayes: Block, Boyer, Colwell, Gould,  
Hughes, Levell**

**Nays: Witte**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Alderman Gould announced that, per the City Engineer's report regarding the Sunnyside sewer, an existing sewer line connects two houses to the sanitary sewer along Sunnyside, between Birren and Wilson. This line has been difficult to clean and has had issues in the past. The Public Works Committee recommends that two manholes be installed, one at each end of the 6" line. We received one bid in the amount of \$18,500.00, after advertising the project in the Peoria Journal Star. We have since solicited another proposal from Schaefer and Son for the work, and received a quote in the amount of \$10,200.00. We recommend that the quote from Schaefer and Son be accepted and the proposal executed.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Boyer, that the Council approve the sewer improvement on Sunnyside as a project, and accept the proposal from Schaefer and Son, in the amount of \$10,200.00, for the Sunnyside sewer project. Payable from the Water/Sewer Fund. Roll Call vote was:

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

**Nays: None**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council authorize the City Attorney to draft an Intergovernmental Agreement, between the City of

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Chillicothe and the Chillicothe Park District, allowing annually a \$300.00 credit for water usage at Santa Fe Park. Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Block, that the Council approve following Applications for the Sidewalk Program:

1. Jan Ordaz	1405 W. Pine	Shepard	\$ 841.60
2. Max Pence	719 Moffitt	Engbrecht	<u>\$ 900.00</u>
Total			\$1,741.60
Balance	\$7,839.50		
Approved	<u>\$1,741.60</u>		
Balance	\$6,097.90		

Roll Call vote was:

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

**Nays:** **None**

**Chairman declared motion carried.**

Chairman Childers announced that, there being no further business, the Council meeting adjourn at 7:26 P.M.

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**Sharon A. Crabel  
City Clerk**