

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session August 22, 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, Michael Hughes,
Sandi Levell, Melvin Witte

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

Chairman declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 8, 2011, were presented.

Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Block, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the August 8, 2011 Council meeting, and to approve the Minutes, as presented. Motion carried via voce vote.

Clerk Crabel presented the City Engineer's Report dated August 22, 2011.

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Clerk Crabel presented a letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation, dated August 9, 2011, stating that the City's Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for July, 2011, was \$13,322.27.

Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Block, 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.

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, Hughes, Levell, Witte**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Chairman Childers requested permission to present his Agenda Item 1) Resignation-Police Chief Steven Maurer, at this time.

Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Boyer, that the Council grant permission to Chairman Childers to present his Agenda Item 1) Resignation-Police Chief Steven Maurer, at this time. Motion carried via voce vote.

Chairman Childers read a letter, dated August 17, 2011, from Police Chief Steven Maurer, as follows:

At this point in my live to avoid more embarrassment for the City, I am resigning my position as Chief of Police effective Tuesday, August 23, 2011. I have enjoyed my time as Chief in the community and we have one of the finest small departments in the area. I want to thank the Mayor, the Council, the City Clerk and all my employees for all of their support.

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Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Boyer, that the Council accept the Resignation of Police Chief Steven Maurer, from employment with the City of Chillicothe, effective August 23, 2011.

Alderman Cantwell stated that a lot has been said about Police Chief Maurer, but she hopes that tomorrow will be a new day in our City, and that everyone will take a moment to realize that Steve Maurer, as Police Chief in our community for over 30 years, has done a lot of good here in our community.

Alderman Cantwell stated that, to the City as a whole unity does not begin in examining others, but in examining self. Unity begins not in demanding others change, but admitting that we are not perfect ourselves.

Chairman Childers stated that for over the thirty years Steven Maurer has been here, the good has far out weighed the bad.

Chairman Childers stated that Steven Maurer is his friend and always will be.

Alderman Gould stated that we all like Steven Maurer, we just do not like what he did.

Chairman Childers called for a voce vote.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Alderman Boyer announced that today, August 22, 2011, a bid letting was held at 11:00 A.M., in the City Hall Council Chambers, for riprap improvements on the Illinois River bank near Elm Street. Six bids were received as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
P.A. Atherton Const.	\$44,840.00
Otto Baum Co. Inc.	\$43,675.00
Stark Excavating	\$48,625.00
Krumholz Bros. Landscaping	\$47,737.50
N.E. Finch Co.	\$74,847.00
ICCI	\$99,700.00

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Alderman Boyer stated that the Economic Development Committee recommends that the low bid for this work as provided by Otto Baum Company, Inc. be accepted. The permit for this work is in progress at the Corps of Engineers office and a notice to proceed cannot be issued until the permit is approved. We recommend that the Council award the bid and instruct the Clerk to issue a notice of award after the permit is received.

The bid includes removal of debris and the addition of riprap on the Illinois River bank south of Elm Street along City property. We expect the work to be completed within 30 days after the permit is issued.

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Gould, that the Council accept the bid and award the contract to Otto Baum Company, Inc., after the Corp of Engineers permit is received for the removal of debris and the addition of riprap on the Illinois River bank south of Elm Street along City property, at a cost of \$43,675.00, and instruct the City Clerk to issue a notice of award, at which time the Mayor will be authorized to execute said contract. Payable from Central Business TIF. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Block, that the Council approve advance expenditures for those attending the IML Conference in Chicago, on September 15-18, 2011, as follows:

Mayor Childers	\$1,127.00
Alderman Witte	\$1,127.00
Manager Passage	\$ 800.00

Payable from the General Fund. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Abstain: **Witte**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Block, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$2,278.36, payable to the Community Fire Department, for the reimbursement of half of the total cost to repair the Fire Department boat. Payable from the General Fund. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council approve the request as submitted by Craig Fetzer, American Legion Post #9 Commander, to have live entertainment in the American Legion outdoor pavilion on Saturday, September 17, 2011, and to extend the playing of amplified music on Saturday from 11:00 P.M. until 12:00 Midnight. Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Block, that the Council approve a Notice for Special Event Held on Public Property, as submitted by Jeannie Quick, of the Optimist Club, for the use of Chestnut Street, from Third Street to alley past Second Street, City Park, and Second Street from Chestnut to Cedar Street, for a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Town Theatre. The Benefit will be held on September 18, 2011, from 11:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Motion carried via voce vote.

Alderman Cantwell read a letter from Ken Kirkman, Chairman of the Police Commission, as follows:

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The Chillicothe Board of Police Commissioners has elected to promote Officer Janeen Henderson to the position of Sergeant, effective August 23, 2011. Officer Henderson will be replacing retired Sergeant Dean Baize. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Alderman Cantwell withdrew Agenda Item 5) Ordinance-Sale of Ladder/Pumper Fire Truck.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council adopt Resolution No. 11-08-08, a Resolution approving execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Chillicothe Park District, for the purpose of allowing a \$300.00 credit, annually, for water at the Santa Fe Park, and to authorize the Mayor to execute said Agreement. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared Resolution No. 11-08-08 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Boyer, that the Council open the Sidewalk Program to commercial property, at a City participation rate of 25% up to \$1,000.00. Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council approve the following Application for the Sidewalk Program:

1. Betty Watters	620 S. Parkhill Dr.	Shepard	\$704.00
Balance			\$6,097.90

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Approved	<u>\$ 704.00</u>
Balance	\$5,393.90

Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Alderman Gould stated that the Public Works Committee recommends that striping be renewed on Cloverdale Road, from Third Street to Bradley, and on Bradley Avenue from Cloverdale Road to Truitt Avenue. An edge line will also be added to Plaza Drive, from Hillcrest to McGrath Road. The cost for striping is \$0.37 per foot, and the work will be done by Varsity Striping. The total cost is not to exceed \$6,100.00, and will be paid from the MFT Account and, where applicable, from the TIF Plaza Account.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Block, that the Council approve an expenditure, not to exceed \$6,100.00, for the striping of various streets. Payable from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund and the TIF Plaza Fund. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nay: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Alderman Levell held a discussion on relocating the bicycle rack that was placed in a parking space in front of Crossword Café, and relocating the bicycle rack to the sidewalk in front of Crossword Café.

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Alderman Levell requested that a second bicycle rack, that Alderman Colwell has offered to donate to the City, be placed near the Corner of Second Street and Pine Street.

The consensus of the Council was for Alderman Levell to work with Acting Chief Mark and Superintendent of Public Works Cooper, in regards to the bicycle racks for the Downtown Business District on Second Street.

Motion Alderman Cantwell, second Alderman Block, that the Council adjourn to Closed Session at 7:28 P.M., to discuss Personnel – Section 2 C 1, and upon return from Closed Session no action shall be taken. Motion carried via voce vote.

The Council returned to Open Session at 7:54 P.M.

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

Chairman Childers announced that, there being no further business, the Council meeting adjourn at 7:55 P.M.

**Sharon A. Crabel
City Clerk**