CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2013

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session November 11, 2013. Mayor Douglas P. Crew 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 Crew directed the Clerk to call Roll.

Present: **Mayor Douglas P. Crew**
City Clerk Sharon A. Crabel
City Treasurer B.L. Bredeman

Aldermen: Ronald Beaumont, Danny Colwell, Patricia Connor, Dennis Gould, Michael Hughes, Gary Sharp, James Thornton, Mel Witte

Also Present: **City Attorney Michael Seghetti**
City Engineer Ken Coulter
Office Manager Denise Passage
Superintendent of Public Works Josh Cooper
Police Chief Scott Mettille
Fire Marshall David Price

Absent: **Fire Chief John Myers**
ED Director Rachael Parker

Chairman Crew declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held on October 28, 2013, were presented.

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Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Witte, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the October 28, 2013 Regular Council Meeting, and 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 October 31, 2013.

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

Alderman Gould reported that he received a complaint, from a citizen, in regards to problems with drainage at Hushaw and Elm.

Mayor Crew referred the drainage issue to the Public Works Committee for an action plan to solve the problem.

The Chairmen of the Council Committees gave brief activity reports.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Gould, that the bills, as presented be paid, and the payrolls and transfers be approved. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Beaumont, Colwell, Connor, Gould, Hughes, Sharp, Thornton, Witte**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Chairman Crew announced that City Engineer Ken Coulter will be leaving the AE Com Engineering Company since they will be closing their office in Peoria at the end of November. Ken Coulter will begin employment with Midwest Engineering Associates starting December 3, 2013.

Chairman Crew appointed Midwest Engineering Associates as the City's Consulting Engineering Firm, effective December 1, 2013.

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Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Gould, that the Council concur with the Mayoral appointment of Midwest Engineering Associates, Inc., as the City's Consulting Engineering Firm, effective December 1, 2013. Motion carried via voce vote.

Chairman Crew presented a Proposed New Council Committee Structure Plan. A copy attached to Minutes.

Chairman Crew read the said plan to the Council, and gave his reasons as to why the Council should approve the new Council Committee Structure Plan, and for having a new Committee of the whole Council.

A question and answer period ensued in regards to the Proposed New Council Committee Structure Plan.

Chairman Crew stated that the Proposed New Council Committee Structure Plan will be placed on the November 25, 2013 Agenda, for a vote of the Council, and if approved, the New Council Committee Structure will take effect January 1, 2014.

Alderman Hughes announced that the Fire Station on Bradley Avenue was hit by lightning, and a claim was submitted to the City's Insurance Company.

Loss in the Claim was as follows:

Generator	$3,099.00
Radios & Wiring	$5,774.72
Electrical repair and check building	$ 462.50
Total Claim Submitted	$9,336.22
Less Deductible	$ 500.00
Total reimbursement from insurance	$8,835.22

Net cost to City is $500.00

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp, that the Council authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documents to repair and replace items associated with the lightning damage at the Fire Station on Bradley Avenue. Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Sharp, that the Council approve the expenditure of $124,730.55, payable to Illinois Municipal League Risk Management, for the 2014 renewal contributions for insurance. Payable as follows:

$ 5,865.28 from General Fund
$113,000.00 from Tort Liability
$ 5,865.27 from Water/Sewer Fund

Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Beaumont, Colwell, Connor, Gould, Hughes, Sharp, Thornton, Witte**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Gould, that the Council determine that the amount of $548,715.00, is necessary to be raised by taxation for 2014. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Beaumont, Colwell, Connor, Gould, Hughes, Sharp, Thornton, Witte**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Sharp, that the Council approve an expenditure of $22,291.74, payable to the Chillicothe Development Co., for the

payoff of an installment loan, for the purchase of a Grain Terminal located on the Riverfront. Payable from the Central Business District Fund. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Beaumont, Colwell, Connor, Gould, Hughes, Sharp, Thornton, Witte**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council approve the Priority One TIF Project – Prince Building as a project and authorize the City Engineer to prepare bid specifications, and to advertise for bids to repair the back wall of the City owned building located at 940-944 Second St. The contractor on this project must pay the "Prevailing Rate of Wages" as determined by the City pursuant to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 ET SEQ.) and comply with all other provisions of such Act. Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Witte, second Alderman Beaumont, that the Council authorize the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance Amending the Commercial Zoning Code to allow for dwelling units and lodging rooms on the ground floor of a buildings which were originally constructed for residential use and refer Ordinance change to the Plan Commission to hold a Public Hearing.

Alderman Witte explained why it is necessary to amend the Commercial Zoning Code.

City Attorney Seghetti stated that two citizens came to a Judicial Committee meeting requesting the said Code change, and that this issue has come up a lot in the past years.

A lengthy discussion was held by the Council in regards to the said proposed Code change.

Chairman Crew called for a Roll Call vote on the Motion on the table.

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Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Beaumont, Colwell, Connor, Witte**

Nays: **Gould, Hughes, Sharp, Thornton**

Mayor voting Aye, motion declared carried.

Motion Alderman Witte, second Alderman Beaumont, that the Council approve Ordinance No. 13-11-22, an Ordinance granting a special use for a fitness center/gymnasium on the property located at 939 N. Second Street. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Beaumont, Colwell, Connor, Gould, Hughes, Sharp, Thornton, Witte**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 13-11-22 passed and signed the same.

Chairman Crew announced that, there being no further business, the Council meeting adjourn at 7:48 P.M.

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Sharon A. Crabel
City Clerk