

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session December 9, 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 Mettillie
ED Director Rachael Parker
Fire Marshall David Price

Absent: Fire Chief John Myers

Chairman Crew declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held on November 25, 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 November 25, 2013, Regular Council Meeting, and approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried via voce vote.

Clerk Crabel presented the City Engineer's Report, dated December 9, 2013.

Clerk Crabel presented the City Collector's Report, and the City Treasurer's Report, both for the month ending November 30, 2013.

Clerk Crabel presented a Notice for Special Event Held on Public Property, as received from Rhonda Tank and Bill Prather, for the 48th Annual Claud-Elen Days, to be held on June 1, 2014, thru June 8, 2014, requesting the use of various streets, City Park, River Park, and City Parking Lot.

Clerk Crabel stated that said Notice for Special Event was received after the deadline of the December 9, 2013, Council Agenda, and that Bill Prather had left her a voicemail stating that the deadline for signing the contract for the Carnival was January 1, 2014.

Clerk Crabel asked if any Council members had any objections to the 48th Annual Claud-Elen Day Event.

Hearing no objections to said Event, Clerk Crabel stated that the Notice for Special Event would be placed on the Agenda for the January 13, 2014, City Council Meeting.

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

The Chairmen of the Council Committees gave brief activity reports.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Sharp, 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**

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Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Witte, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$1,261.95, payable to John Myers, for the reimbursement of expenses incurred at the Volunteer/Combination Officer Symposium Conference in Clearwater, Florida. Payable from the Fire Protection Fund.

Alderman Thornton stated that if any of the City Supervisors attend a Seminar or a Conference, they should give reports to the Council on the Seminar, or Conference, that they attend.

Chairman Crew called for a Roll Call vote on the motion. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: Sharp

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council authorize Rachael Parker, Economic Development Director, to apply for a second "Safe Route to School" Grant. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nay: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Sharp, that the Council approve an application for the 2013-2014 Project Facelift Program, in the amount of

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\$2,475.00, and to authorize payment once the project is completed, and the work verified by the ED Director.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Business & Address</u>	<u>Amount of Funding</u>
The Covered Wagon	1030 N. Second St.	\$ 2,475.00
Current Balance in Facelift Program		\$29,062.50

Payable from the Central Business TIF District Project Facelift.

Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Witte, second Alderman Beaumont, that the Council approve Ordinance No. 13-12-27, an Ordinance amending the commercial zoning to allow dwelling units and lodging room on the ground floor of buildings which were originally constructed for residential use. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 13-12-27 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Hughes, that the Council authorize Tri-County Regional Planning to update the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Chillicothe. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Chairman Crew appointed Dennis Parkins, Mike Morgan, Colleen DeFord, Kenton Bergman, Roger Johns, Gary Craig, Brooke Cranford, Renee Beard, Betsy Hurd, Rich Gillespie and Gail Koch as members to the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee.

Chairman Crew stated that he would be appointing one more member to said Committee at a later date.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Connor, that the Council concur with the Mayoral appointments of the said members to a Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, for the purpose of working with the Tri-County Regional Planning to update the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Alderman Sharp voiced his concerns in regards to the Council members not being asked to submit citizens names to be considered as members on the said Committee.

Chairman Crew called for a Roll Call vote on the motion. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Chairman Crew made the following end of the year comments:

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I want to thank the council for working together as it has for the past several months. I never expected we would all agree all the time...don't believe that's healthy or necessarily good government.

And while it wasn't something anyone wanted, we had an issue that like the community, deeply divided the Council. For the most part, we were able to deal with that in a way that allowed us to continue to work together on other pressing issues.

I want you to know I appreciate your commitment to the community – you wouldn't be sitting here if that weren't the case. I also appreciate your willingness to work together even when we disagreed at times; and your willingness to consider alternatives to the way we've done things in the past.

My intent in the things I've proposed is to seek ways to make us more effective, better use of our time and the time of the staff; and provide residents as good of value as possible for the taxes they pay.

We've identified some areas that I believe the Council agrees need attention and in some cases, started to make progress on those. We have plans in place to take additional steps moving into the new year. And we all know there will be other things we'll want to address as we go forward.

I'm excited about the opportunities ahead of us. I look forward to working with you and appreciate your commitment and cooperation...and wish you all a Merry Christmas...and all of us, a great new year.

Chairman Crew announced that, there being no further business, the Council meeting adjourn at 7:40 P.M.

**Sharon A. Crabel
City Clerk**