

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session December 10, 2012. Mayor Troy A. Childers, Sr., 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,
Michael Hughes, Sandi Levell,
Gary Sharp

Also Present: City Attorney Michael Seghetti
Office Manager Denise Passage
Superintendent of Public Works Josh Cooper
ED Director Rachael Parker
Police Chief Scott Mettille
Fire Chief John Myers

Absent: Alderman Melvin Witte
City Engineer Ken Coulter

Chairman declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held on November 26, 2012, were presented.

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Motion Alderman Block, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the November 26, 2012, 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 November 30, 2012.

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

Chairman Childers requested that the Public Works Committee review the matter of lowering the water usage rate, for IVC Unit District 321, for the watering of the football field.

Alderman Gould, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, stated that the Committee will review said matter.

The Chairmen of the Council Committees gave brief activity reports.

Janet Sharp, resident of Chillicothe, and Treasurer of Rescue 33, appeared before the Council to get some answers to questions, regarding statements made by the Mayor in the Chillicothe Times Bulletin newspaper; the referendum to levy a tax for Ambulance Service; Andrew Rand-Executive Director of AMT-making revisions to the proposed referendum; Andrew Rand's statement in regards to a patronship with the AMT Ambulance Service and Rescue 33 Ambulance Service; why the City Council cannot work together with Rescue 33; the Fire Chief contacting the AMT Ambulance Service to serve the City of Chillicothe, and stopping the training between the Chillicothe Fire Department and Rescue 33; the Police Chief not communicating with members of Rescue 33 on whether they have had problems with the dispatchers; a citizen stating that Rescue 33 will not show the City its financial books.

The Mayor, City Attorney Seghetti, Fire Chief Myers, and Police Chief Mettille addressed Janet Sharp's questions and concerns.

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Chairman Childers questioned Janet Sharp in regards to when Rescue 33 would get off of its suspension.

Janet Sharp stated that Rescue 33 has met its requirements and that Rescue 33 is waiting for OSF to okay its Ambulance Service.

Janet Sharp stated that her opinion is that the City would like to get rid of Rescue 33, and have the AMT Ambulance Service serve the City of Chillicothe.

Chairman Childers stated that the City Council is truly not trying to get rid of Rescue 33.

Alderman Sharp stated that everyone needs to realize that Rescue 33 is not owned by any company. Rescue 33 is owned by the people of Chillicothe, the money, that Rescue 33 has, came from the people, the building that Rescue owns was bought by the people. The Council needs to do right by the people, and the Council needs to be truthful to the people.

Josh Schilling, a developer looking to purchase the property located at 1008 Second Street, appeared before the Council to thank the Council for considering amending the Zoning Code.

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

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Gould, that the Council approve Ordinance No. 12-12-19, an Ordinance for Tax Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the City's Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2013, and ending April 30, 2014, in the amount of \$522,636.00. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 12-12-19 passed and signed the same.

Alderman Boyer announced that a bid letting for the sale of a City owned 2005 Chevrolet Impala Police vehicle was held on December 3, 2012, at 11:00 A.M., in the City Clerk's Office. Three bids were received as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
David Kelone	\$ 675.00
Ryan Honaker	\$ 100.00
Michael Phelps	\$1,255.00

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council approve Ordinance No. 12-12-20, an Ordinance authorizing the sale of a City Owned 2005 Chevrolet Impala to Michael Phelps, purchaser, for the sum of \$1,255.00. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 12-12-20 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Block, that the Council approve the hiring of Zoyla Nunez, as a Part-Time Dispatcher, subject to pre-employment testing. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Block, Boyer, Colwell, Gould,
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Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Block, that the Council approve the Police Department priority one project and the priority two project, camera upgrades and approve an expenditure of \$9,664.00, payable to Watch Guard, for the purchase of 2 cameras, with accessories. Payable from the General Fund. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Gould, that the Council approve the Cemetery & Parks priority one project, mower, as a project, and approve the purchase of John Deere Z915B Commercial Ztrak mower, in the amount of \$6,950.00, less \$2,500.00 for the trade-in allowance for the 2004 Grasshopper 727K mower, (\$4,450.00), payable to Kelly Sauder Rupiper Equipment. Payable from the General Fund. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Alderman Gould announced that a bid letting, for the sale of a City owned 1982 Elgin/Pelican Street Sweeper, was held on November 12, 2012, at 11:00 A.M., in the City Clerk's Office. One bid was received, from Jason Dalrymple, for the sum of \$513.80.

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Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Boyer, that the Council approve Ordinance No. 12-12-21, an Ordinance authorizing the sale of a City owned 1982 Elgin/Pelican Street Sweeper, to Jason Dalrymple purchaser, for the sum of \$513.80. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 12-12-21 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$4,000.00, payable to Midwest Meter, Inc., for the purchase of a Badger Handheld, complete with internal Orion Radio Receiver. Payable from the Water/Sewer Fund. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Levell, that the Council approve the hiring of Josh Ely, as a Full-Time Public Works Employee, effective December 19, 2012. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Block, Boyer, Colwell, Gould,
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Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Gould, that in the absence of Alderman Witte, Alderman Levell be allowed to present Alderman Witte's Agenda Item. Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Levell, second Alderman Block, that the Council instruct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance Amending Chapter 106 Zoning, Section 106-194, CB-Central Business District, of the City Code, to allow for residence dwelling on the ground floor of a building. Motion carried via voce vote.

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

**Sharon A. Crabel
City Clerk**