

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
August 12, 2024**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session in person August 12, 2024 at 7:00 P.M with Mayor Michael D. Hughes presiding and with proper notice having been posted.

Mayor Hughes 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 Hughes directed Clerk Byrnes to take roll.

Physically Present:	Mayor Michael D. Hughes
	Treasurer B.L. Bredeman
	City Clerk Jill M. Byrnes

Alderspersons Present:	Barry Bredeman, Jeff Jenkins,
	Gary Sharp, Don White, Tim White

Alderspersons Absent:	Patricia Westerman-Connor, Courtney Gehrig
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Also Physically Present:	City Attorney Kevin Day
	City Engineer Dave Horton
	Police Chief Jeremy Cooper
	Officer Manager Denise Passage

Others Absent	Amanda Beadles, Director Economic Development
	Director, Shawn Sutherland, Superintendent of Public
	Works, Attorney Bill Streeter

Chairman Hughes declared a Quorum present.

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The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 22, 2024 were presented.

Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson T. White, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the July 22, 2024 Regular Council Meeting and approve the Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY THE CLERK:

Clerk Byrnes presented the following Committee and Commission Minutes:

- 1. Police Commission – 6/18/2024**
- 2. Economic Development Committee – 7/15/2024**
- 3. Judicial Committee – 7/31/2024**
- 4. Marketing & Tourism – 8/5/2024**

Communications by the Clerk:

- 1. City Collector's Report – 7/2024**
- 2. City Budget Report – 7/2024**
- 3. City Treasurer's Report – 7/31/2024**

Motion Alderperson D. White, second Alderperson Jenkins, that the petitions and communications as presented by Clerk Byrnes be accepted and placed on file.

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICAITONS FROM THE MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS:

None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION:

Alderperson D. White addressed the Council with information from the August 8, 2024 Finance Committee meeting on plans for future potential City Hall renovations, purchase of an existing vacant building within the City or construction of a new City Hall. Alderperson D. White stated that Office Manager Denise Passage would be arranging tours for all Alderpersons of a building within the City for consideration of purchase. Alderperson D. White announced that during the recent Judicial Committee meeting the current City Code for chickens was reviewed and after discussion it was the consensus of the Committee that the current City Code would

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remain unchanged. Alderperson T. White addressed the Council questioning why Patrick Semtner was in the audience and not at the Council table. City Attorney Kevin Day explained that it had been brought to the attention of the Council there had been some issues with residency requirements regarding Mr. Semtner that were being investigated.

ANYONE WITH BUSINESS CONCERNING CITY GOVERNMENT:

Patrick Semtner, 1021 N. Fourth Street, addressed the Council and read a statement. (See attached)

Motion Alderperson D. White, second Alderperson Jenkins, that the bills as presented be paid and the payrolls and transfers be approved.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Jenkins,
Sharp, D. White, T. White

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

MAYOR HUGHES:

Officer Bridges entered the Council Chambers accompanied by K9 Dark and was presented with a Proclamation which was read by Mayor Hughes. (See attached) A standing ovation followed, Officer Bridges then addressed the Council thanking them for allowing him to be a K9 Officer, serving with K9 Dark for the past 10 years.

Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson D. White, that the Council approve the Mayoral Proclamation, proclaiming the retirement of Police Office K9-Dark.

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.

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Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson D. White, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$3,171.00, payable to Carl's Season Control, for the replacement of the compressor, capacitor, and recharging of the air conditioning unit at City Hall. Payable from the General Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: **Bredeman, Jenkins,
Sharp, D. White, T. White**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$3,417.47, payable to Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, for the FY25 annual fee for the Joint Funding Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement.

Payable from as follows:

\$1,500.00 Road & Bridge

\$1,917.47 General Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: **Bredeman, Jenkins,
Sharp, T. White**

Nays: **None**

Present: **D. White (current member of the Commission)**

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson T. White, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$17,650.00, payable to Sunshine Tree Service & Maintenance LLC, for the removal of 10 trees with grinding of stump, seeding and the removal of one stump. Payable from the Road & Bridge Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: **Bredeman, Jenkins,
Sharp, D. White, T. White**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Jenkins, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$6,708.00, payable to Engbrecht Concrete, for the repair of 6 locations of sidewalk repairs. Payable from the Road & Bridge Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: **Bredeman, Jenkins,
Sharp, D. White, T. White**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$11,720.00, payable to Engbrecht Concrete, for the repair of 2 ADA/ Ramp Landings in Riversound Subdivision. Payable from the Road & Bridge Fund.

Discussion: Office Manager Denise Passage gave an explanation to the Council that 2 areas of sidewalk had become separated from the curb therefore justifying the need for the repair.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: **Bredeman, Jenkins,
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Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson D. White, that the Council approve the Priority One Road & Bridge project Alley Maintenance in the amount of \$30,000.00 as an approved project and approve an expenditure not to exceed \$8,000.00 to Schaefer & Son for the grading of alleys and the purchase of \$15,000.00 of CA6 white rock for said project. Payable from the Road & Bridge Fund.

Roll Call Vote Was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Jenkins
Sharp, D. White, T. White

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson D. White, that the Council approve the following application for the sidewalk program:

St. Edward's Church & School (Commercial/Institutional) \$754.00

Payable from Road & Bridge Fund.

Balance	\$16,274.00
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Approved	\$754.00
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Balance	\$15,520.00
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Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Jenkins
Sharp, D. White, T. White

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson D. White, that the Council approve the four requests for Live Entertainment as submitted by the American Legion.

September 6, 2024 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

September 8, 2024 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

September 14, 2024 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

September 22, 2024 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.

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Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson T. White, that the Council approve the Special Event Request with open containers, submitted by Amy Holocker, Moontower, for the use of the River Front parking lot from Pine Street to Walnut Street, on September 14, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to midnight. For a "Cruise-In".

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.

Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson T. White, that the Council approve the Special Event Request as submitted by Cindy Scime, Little Shop of Hoarders for the use of the parking spaces in front of their store on Second Street on August 31, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For a "Semi-Annual Sale Event" with a food truck.

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.

Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council approve the Special Event Request, with open containers, submitted by Gilmore's Sports Bar, for the use of Chestnut Street from Second Street east of the alley, on August 31, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. For a "Block Party".

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.

Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson T. White, that the Council instruct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance amending Appendix A Traffic Schedule of the City Code by adding a stop intersection on Prairie Springs at Keystone Court.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Jenkins
Sharp, D. White, T. White

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson D. White, that the Council adopt Resolution No. 24-08-04, a Resolution approving the execution of an agreement for Animal Control Service, between the City of Chillicothe and Peoria County.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: **Bredeman, Jenkins
Sharp, D. White, T. White**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson D. White, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$68,000.00, payable to Thomas Dodge Chrysler Jeep of Highland, Inc., for the Purchase of two 2023 Dodge Charger vehicles for the Police Department. Payable as follows:

General Fund	\$34,000.00
Police Protection	\$34,000.00

Discussion: Chief Cooper gave an explanation to the Council on the need to replace the two Impalas due to excessive maintenance issues.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: **Bredeman, Jenkins
Sharp, D. White, T. White**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson D. White, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$9,670.00, payable to Ray O'Herron, for the purchase of equipment for the two new police vehicles for the Police Department and approve an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 payable to Blankenship Visual Impact for the installation of said equipment.

Payable as follows:

General Fund	\$4,835.00
Police Protection	\$16,835.00

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Jenkins
Sharp, D. White, T. White

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson D. White, that the Council adopt Ordinance No. 24-08-19, an ordinance regarding the retirement of Police Officer K9 Dark.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Jenkins
Sharp, D. White, T. White

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson D. White, second Alderperson Sharp, that the Council refer to the plan Commission to draft Ordinance regarding zoning code changes, to schedule the required public hearing for said Ordinance

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Jenkins
Sharp, D. White, T. White

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderperson D. White, second Alderperson Jenkins, that the council refer to the Plan Commission the draft Ordinance regarding zoning code changes for electric vehicle charge parking to schedule the required public hearing for said Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: **Bredeman, Jenkins
Sharp, D. White, T. White**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson D. White, second Alderperson T. White, that the Council approve Ordinance No. 24-08-20, an Ordinance adopting 2021 Building Codes and 2020 Electrical Codes.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: **Bredeman, Jenkins
Sharp, D. White, T. White**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson D. White, second Alderperson D. White, that the Council waive the \$250.00 Bodywork Establishment initial fee for Samantha Allen, DBA Touch of Nature MT.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: **Bredeman, Jenkins
Sharp, D. White, T. White**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

**AMENDED
AGENDA
CHILLICOTHE CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
August 12, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL BY CLERK
READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING BY CLERK
PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY CLERK
PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND ALDERPERSON
COUNCIL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS
ANYONE WITH BUSINESS CONCERNING CITY GOVERNMENT
PRESENTATION OF BILLS, TRANSFERS AND PAYROLLS FOR PAYMENT AND DISCUSSION**

MAYOR HUGHES

**Approve – Proclamation – Retirement K9 -Dark
Approve – Expenditure – Repair Air Conditioner – City Hall**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON SHARP

**Approve – PPUATS Funding Agreement
Approve – Expenditure Sunshine Tree Service
Approve – Expenditure Engbrecht Concrete – Concrete Repairs
Approve – Expenditure Engbrecht Concrete – Repair ADA Sidewalk Riversound Subdivision
Approve – Priority One Road & Bridge Project Alley Maintenance and Expenditure Schaefer & Son
Approve – Sidewalk Program Application**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON JENKINS

**Approve – Live Entertainment Requests – American Legion
Approve – Special Event Request – Cruise In -Moontower
Approve – Special Event Little Shop of Hoarders – Semi Annual Sale Event
Approve – Special Event – Gilmore’s Block Party
Refer – City Attorney – Draft Ordinance – Stop Sign Prairie Springs & Keystone Ct.
Approve – Agreement Animal Control Services
Approve – Purchase of Two Police Vehicles – Dodge Chargers
Approve – Purchase of Equipment for Police Vehicles – Ray O’Herron
Approve – Ordinance - K9 – Dark**

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON D. WHITE

**Refer – Ordinance to Plan Commission – Zoning Code Changes
Refer – Ordinance to Plan Commission – EV Charging Stations
Approve – Ordinance Adopting 2021 Building Codes, 2020 Electrical Code
Approve – Waiving Bodywork Establishment Initial Fee – Samantha Allen**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON JENKINS

**Chillicothe Chamber Marketing Reimbursement
Historical Society – Wall Sculpture - Donation**

ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA CLERK

Council Members, Mayor Hughes, and Citizens of Chillicothe,

I stand before you today with a heavy heart and deep disappointment upon learning that my appointment as a City Alderman did not comply with the state's one-year residency requirement. When I accepted this role, I did so with the utmost commitment to serving our community, unaware of the oversight that was recently brought to light through an anonymous report.

While this news is surprising and disheartening, I want to express that I hold no ill will towards anyone involved in this situation. I understand that mistakes happen, and I sincerely appreciate the diligence of those who uncovered this issue. My respect for this council, the mayor, and the people of Chillicothe remains unwavering.

Despite this setback, my dedication to our city is as strong as ever. Serving the people of this community is a responsibility I take very seriously, and I am eager to continue contributing to the betterment of Chillicothe in any way I can. Though I must step back from my role as an Alderman, I fully intend to remain engaged in local affairs, attending council and committee meetings, and offering my assistance wherever it is needed.

My commitment to the betterment of Chillicothe has not changed, and I believe that even outside of an official capacity, I can still contribute to the ongoing discussions and decisions that shape our community. When the time is right, I will be seeking the right opportunity to serve in an official capacity once again.

Thank you for your understanding. I look forward to continuing to work alongside all of you to make Chillicothe the best it can be.

**PROCLAMATION
CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
SERVICE APPRECIATION
K9 DARK**

Whereas: K9 Dark began his law enforcement career in April of 2014 when he joined the Chillicothe Police Department; and

Whereas: K9 Dark partnered with Officer Nicholas Bridges and earned certifications in narcotics detection, patrol, and the tracking of suspects and lost persons; and

Whereas: K9 Dark participated in a national competition in Houston, Texas to help raise money for K9 Units across the United States; and

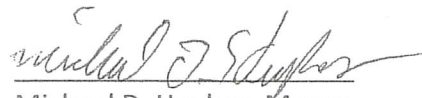
Whereas: K9 Dark used his unique skillset and training to track multiple suspects in hiding, and detect substantial amounts of illegal narcotics; and

Whereas: throughout his career, he assisted numerous local and state law enforcement agencies; and

Whereas: while keeping City of Chillicothe residents safe, K9 Dark and Officer Bridges served as excellent ambassadors for the Chillicothe Police Department; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved By The Chillicothe City Council that we recognize and thank K9 Dark for his service to the Chillicothe Police Department and the residents of Chillicothe and authorize his retirement from the Chillicothe Police Department

Signed and Dated: August 12, 2024


Michael D. Hughes, Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Meeting: City Council Meeting Date: 8/12/2024

Time: 7:00 p.m. Place/Room: City Hall

Name	Address	Phone
1. <u>Patrick Semner</u>	<u>1021 N. 4th St</u>	<u>309-214-8378</u>
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