

**AGENDA
CHILLICOTHE CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
NOVEMBER 11, 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

1. Appointment – Patrick Semtner – Third Ward Alderperson
2. Appointment – Patrick Semtner to Council Committees

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON SHARP

1. Approve – Engineer to draft – Engineering Agreement – PPUATS Cloverdale

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON JENKINS

1. Approve – Ordinance – Three Way Stop Harborway – Bradley Ave.
2. Approve – Special Event Request – Nikolausmarkt
3. Approve – Special Event Request – Chamber – Christmas Parade
4. Approve – Contract – Axon – Tasers
5. Approve – Contract – Axon – Body Worn Cameras

CEMETERY & PARKS COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON T. WHITE

1. Approve – Holiday Planting of Planters

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON D. WHITE

1. Approve – Ordinance Rezone – Sunnyside Property Behind 615 Truitt

FINANCE COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON D. WHITE

1. Closed Session - Purchase or Lease Real Estate 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5)

ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA CLERK

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session in person November 11, 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, Patricia Westerman-Connor,
Courtney Gehrig, Jeff Jenkins, Gary Sharp,
Donald White, Timothy White

Also Physically Present:
City Attorney Kevin Day
Attorney Justin Gunn
Police Chief Jeremy Cooper
City Engineer Dave Horton
Officer Manager Denise Passage
Amanda Beadles, Economic Development Director
Shawn Sutherland, Superintendent of Public Works

Others Absent:
Attorney William Streeter

Chairman Hughes declared a Quorum present.

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The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 28, 2024 were presented. Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson D. White, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the October 28, 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. Public Safety Committee – 10/8/2024**
- 2. Cemetery & Parks Committee – 10/22/2024**
- 3. Public Works Committee – 11/6/2024**

Communications by the Clerk:

- 1. City Collector's Report – 10/2024**
- 2. Budget Report – 10/2024**
- 3. City Treasurer's Report – 10/31/2024**

There was a bid letting held on Wednesday November 6, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. for the Bradley Drainage Project. The bid tabulation was placed in your packet.

Motion Alderperson D. White, second Alderperson T. White, 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:

Mayor Hughes acknowledged Veteran's Day and thanked all veterans for their service.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION:

None

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ANYONE WITH BUSINESS CONCERNING CITY GOVERNMENT:

Matt Briggs, 13223 N. Ivy Lake Rd, addressed the Council with a proposed band competition event hosted by IVC Marching Band for September 20, 2025. (See attached).

Steve Turner, 227 W. Cedar, addressed the Council seeking support to rezone property on Sunnyside Street behind 615 Truitt. This will be further discussed under Judicial Committee Agenda item #1.

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, Connor, Gehrig, Jenkins,
Sharp, D. White, T. White

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

MAYOR HUGHES:

Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson Gehrig, that the Council approve the appointment of Patrick J. Semtner, as Third Ward Alderperson, effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson T. White, that the Council concur with the appointment of Patrick J. Semtner to the following committees:

Human Resource Committee – Chairman

Public Works Committee

Finance Committee

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes:

Bredeman, Connor, Gehrig, Jenkins

Sharp, D. White, T. White

Nays:

None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Clerk Byrnes administered the Oath of Office to Alderperson Patrick Semtner, and directed Alderperson Semtner to take his seat at the Council table.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson D. White, that the Council authorize Engineer Horton to prepare an engineering agreement for engineering services for the PPUATS Grant for Cloverdale Road improvement.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes:

Bredeman, Connor, Gehrig, Jenkins,

Semtner, Sharp, D. White, T. White

Nays:

None

Chairman declared motion carried.

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson T. White, that the Council approve Ordinance No. 24-11-28, an Ordinance amending Appendix A-Traffic Schedule designating a three-way stop intersection at Harborway and Bradley Avenue.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: **Bredeman, Connor, Gehrig, Jenkins,
Semtner, Sharp, D. White, T. White**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council approve the Special Event Request, submitted by Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce, for the closing of Second Street from Maple Street to Cedar Street on November 23, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For the Annual Christmas Parade.

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.

Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council approve the Special Event Request with open containers, as submitted by ED Director Amanda Beadles, for the use of City Park and closing of a portion of Chestnut Street and Second Street from Chestnut Street to Walnut Street for carriage rides as submitted on the map submitted with the Special Event Request.

November 22, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

November 23, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Carriage Rides 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Discussion: Alderperson D. White questioned why American Legion was the only business listed on the Special Event Request form to sell alcohol. ED Director Beadles explained that Odie's is too far from the area allowed to participate in open container, however Gilmore's Sports Bar is within the area allowed for open containers. Therefore the motion was amended to allow ED Director Beadles to add Gilmore's Sports Bar to the Special Event Request.

Present: **D. White (President of Chamber of Commerce)**

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.

Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson D. White, that the Council approve the contract between the City of Chillicothe and Axon Enterprise, Inc. for Taser Energy Weapon package at a cost of \$15,686.00 for the first year, which is funded by a grant with Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) and \$11,326.70 per year for 4 years funded by the City and direct the Mayor, City Attorney and City staff to perform reasonable and prudent work to enter into the contact.

Roll Call Vote was:

Nays: **None**

Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson D. White, that the Council approve the contract between the City of Chillicothe and Axon Enterprise, Inc. for 12 body worn cameras at a cost of \$8,368.96 for 5 years and direct the Mayor, City Attorney and City staff to perform reasonable and prudent work to enter into the contact.

Roll Call Vote was:

Nays: **None**

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CEMETERY & PARKS COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson T. White, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$2,100.00 payable to Picket Fence for the planting of the downtown planters for the Holiday. Payable from the General Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Connor, Gehrig, Jenkins,
Semtner, Sharp, D. White, T. White

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson D. White, second Alderperson Sharp, that the Council approve Ordinance 24-11-29 an Ordinance amending the zoning map for the rezoning of the property on Sunnyside Street, behind 615 Truitt from R-1 to C-2 Special Use.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Connor, Gehrig, Jenkins
Semtner, Sharp, D. White, T. White

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson D. White, second Alderperson T. White, that the Council adjourn to Closed Session at 7:39 p.m., for the purchase or lease (buy) real estate 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) and allow Engineer Horton, Attorney Day, Office Manager Passage, ED Director Beadles, Police Chief Cooper and Superintendent Sutherland to attend. Upon returning to Open Session no action will be taken.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Connor, Gehrig, Jenkins,
Semtner, Sharp, D. White, T. White

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

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The Council returned to Open Session at 8:54 p.m.

Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson Semtner, to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Mayor Hughes declared the meeting adjourned.


Jill M. Byrnes
City Clerk

Intro:

My name is Matt Briggs, I live in Rural Chillicothe/Mossville. Some of you may know me or my family. I grew up in Chillicothe and am currently serving my second term on the IVC School Board. I have a long history in this community. I am a 1996 graduate of IVC high school and my wife, Amanda, is a 1997 graduate of IVC. We currently have a Sophomore at the high school, and 7th and 4th graders at Mossville

My Mission:

All that being said, I come here as a representative for the IVC Marching Grey Ghost's. I was a trumpet and Mellophone player with Marching Grey Ghost's and my oldest son is a section leader of the Mellophone section for the current Illinois class 2A champion Marching Grey Ghost's. I am very much a band dad. I love our history in this community. I remember the day when 1/3 of the school was marching in the band. This band has traveled all over the country performing Ghost Riders for all to see and bringing pride and joy back to the city of Chillicothe.

Grey Ghost Classic:

So that is a little about me. At this point I want to jump back into history a little bit. Rewind about 2 years. While sitting in a school board meeting, the idea was proposed to turf our football field. IVC was just coming off a season where the field could not be watered, and was hard as a rock. Couple that with bleachers that were not handicap accessible, and a tiny press box, we knew that changes were on the horizon for Taylor field. As a board, we approved a massive renovation project to update our field, and bleachers on December 20, 2022. As a band dad, this got my wheels turning in my head. I see communities all around that host marching band competitions, Metamora, Washington, Dunlap, Morton, etc. I started asking why not us? I watched and made mental notes in my son's freshman year of marching band, what did competitions do well, what did they struggle with? I shared my idea with a few people, but really wanted to gather as much info as I could to make a compelling argument to the band booster board for how we could host our own competition. I waited till the end of the marching season and pitched my idea. It was well received, however I was convinced to wait till the 2025 marching season, and take a committee approach to gathering information. So we did, and we formed a fantastic committee of band parents to watch this season, and then sit down and figure out how to make this work. What we found out is this could be a huge fundraiser for the band boosters. Between

concessions, admission, and sponsorship opportunities to local businesses, this could fund marching band for the entire year all on its own in a perfect world. We also realized that this was a great opportunity to celebrate our Band's fantastic history going back to Rich Sparks in the 70's, Dan Dietrich until 2010, and then currently Matt Chapman. This is also an opportunity to celebrate our legacy, as 2025 will be Mr. Chapman's last year with the Grey Ghost's as he is set to retire at the conclusion of the 25/26 school year. So thus, this fantastic group of parent's, directors and boosters came together, and decided that the Grey Ghost Classic Marching festival would proceed. We picked a date, September 20, 2025, roughly the third weekend of the marching season, and now we move on to the heavy lifting of planning what we anticipate to be a fantastic weekend of pride and performance.

So that really lays out a lot of the "why" we are doing this. So now onto the what, and how.

Have any of you ever had any experience in marching band, or marching band competitions?

For those that don't, these competitions are something to experience, and I really hope to see you out there on September 20th, to experience it for yourself. For our first crack at this competition, we are hoping to attract upwards of 15 bands from across the state of Illinois ranging in size from 50 or so band members, to bands closer to 200. This also brings in spectators as well, and rough estimates could see between 3000 and 4000 people visiting Chillicothe and Taylor field during the competition. We have put together a plan of how to divide the campus, and make guests experience as great as possible. I have spoken with Chief Cooper about this plan last week. It essentially would divide the campus in half. The south side of the campus and parking would be dedicated to the bands and the bands gear, the north side of the campus and parking would be 100 percent dedicated to spectators. All spectator traffic would be directed onto sycamore only. No spectator traffic would be allowed in the south drive of the high school.

This event would last from roughly 11am till early evening depending on how many bands we get, culminating with awards and potentially a special exhibition performance by a college marching band.

We would request potential assistance with traffic at the end of the night as all the bands and spectators left the high school at the same time. I have talked to Chief Cooper about traffic assistance at Bradley and sycamore, not allowing departing cars to turn south on Bradley, and having the buses and gear trucks leaving the south entrance of the high school only allowing them to go south on Bradley to Cloverdale. .

I know we have a long way to go on this, but I wanted to come to get this publicly announced, and want to know what you may need from us. Jill had mentioned needing a special event request and proof of liability insurance from the school.

Is this needed even if everything takes place on school grounds? Or is this because of the use of officers after awards to help with traffic? Are there any other considerations that we need to take into account?

I wanted to close just to say how excited I am about this opportunity. I love this community and how the community always comes together to support their institutions, and I feel that the Marching Grey Ghosts are a Chillicothe institution that needs to be celebrated. I cannot wait to see the community rally around this event.

For more information about the Grey Ghost Classic, we do have a website setup and live at <https://www.ivcbands.com/greyghostclassic>



PUBLIC COMMENT:

Meeting: City Council

Meeting Date: 11/11/2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place/Room: City Hall

DIY Lake Rd

Name	Address	Phone
1. <u>Matt Briggs</u>	<u>13223 N LUYLAKE RD</u> <u>CHILLICOTHE</u>	<u>309-253-3064</u>
2. <u>Steve Turner</u>	<u>227 W Cedar St</u> <u>Chilllicothe, IL</u>	<u>309-444-6323</u>
3. <u>SCOTT TURNER</u>	<u>821 N 5th</u>	<u>309-257-6220</u>
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