

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session October 22, 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, Sandy Levell,
Gary Sharp, Melvin Witte

Also Present: City Attorney Michael Seghetti
Office Manager Denise Passage
Acting Police Chief Richard Mark
ED Director Rachael Parker

Absent: City Engineer Ken Coulter
Superintendent of Public Works Josh Cooper
Police Chief Scott Mettillie
Fire Chief John Myers

Chairman declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held on October 8, 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 October 8, 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 September 30, 2012.

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

Alderman Block voiced his concerns in regards to citizens of the community being allowed to burn on Sundays, since Sundays are not burn days.

Chairman Childers referred the matter of illegal burning over to Acting Chief Mark.

The Chairmen of the Council Committees gave brief activity reports.

Chairman Childers voiced his concerns in regards to the poor condition of the Prince building, and requested that the Economic Development Committee, and the Property Maintenance Committee, hold a joint meeting and try to bring said building up to code, since the City owns the building.

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

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

City Attorney Seghetti gave a brief status report in regards to Rescue 33.

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City Attorney Seghetti stated that Rescue 33 members have announced that they are planning on getting back into operation.

The position of the City is, that if Rescue 33 is going to try to get back into business, the City wants to support Rescue 33 the best it can.

Attorney Seghetti stated that if the Referendum passes, and if Rescue 33 gets back into operation, and if they come to the City and ask for support, that would be where the City would see the Ambulance tax money going, if we choose to levy the tax.

Attorney Seghetti stated that the Referendum passing does not automatically result in the tax being levied. It would be up to the City Council to decide whether or not to levy the tax, and how much to levy.

The only thing we can levy the tax for is Ambulance Service.

The Council held a lengthy discussion in regards to the Referendum, and providing an Ambulance Service to the citizens of Chillicothe.

Chairman Childers stated that the passing of the referendum is really important to help take away some of the cost for an Ambulance Service.

Judith Gadjik appeared before the Council to question if financial support to Rescue 33 would be a gift from the City, so that Rescue 33 could keep its books closed, or not.

Attorney Seghetti stated that before the City provided financial support to Rescue 33, the City would need to take a hard look at their financial position. The Council's position is that they would need to look at Rescue 33's books before providing funding.

Alderman Sharp provided the Mayor with a copy of Princeville's Ambulance Service plan, and gave an overview of their service.

Alderman Sharp stated that Rescue 33 does have a plan to get back into service.

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Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council approve Ordinance No. 12-09-18, an Ordinance establishing salaries of certain Officers. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 12-09-18 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Block, that the Council approve the Notice for Special Event Held on Public Property, as submitted by Mary Horan, requesting the use of Walnut Street, from Cutright Park to Second Street, and Second Street from Walnut Street to the American Legion, for a birthday parade, to be held on Saturday, October 27, 2012, at 5:00 P.M. Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Boyer, second Alderman Block, that the Council approve the priority one project, Christmas Decorations, as a project. Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Boyer, that the Council approve the following Application for the Sidewalk Program:

1. Mary Yoder	1124 Elm	Sweaz Crete	\$1,000.00
Total			\$1,000.00
Balance	\$1,239.80		
Approved	\$1,000.00		
Balance	\$ 239.80		

Payable from the Road & Bridge Fund. Roll Call vote was:

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

