

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session October 14, 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
ED Director Rachael Parker
Police Chief Scott Mettillie
Fire Marshall David Price

Absent: Fire Chief John Myers

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held on September 23, 2013, were presented.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Witte, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the September 23, 2013, Regular Council Meeting, and approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried via voce vote.

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Clerk Crabel presented the City Engineer's Report dated October 11, 2013.

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

Clerk Crabel read a letter from Fourth Ward Alderman Gary Sharp, requesting that he not be paid for the Special Council meeting, held on Saturday, October 5, 2013.

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

Chairman Crew expressed the Council's condolences to the family and friends of Julie Peters, who recently accidently drove her vehicle into the river, at the Walnut Street boat ramp, and drowned.

Chairman Crew stated that in an incident like this, it is understandable that there are calls for action.

Chairman Crew assured those that have contacted members of the Council, and others, that we share the family and friends concerns, but we are charged with acting in a careful and deliberate manner.

Chairman Crew stated that it was just a week ago, at this hour, that we learned that there was a car in the river, and the recovery process was just beginning. In the days immediately after, he met with Julie Peters father and stepmother to express our condolences, and to discuss their concerns in regards to the accident.

Chairman Crew announced that last Wednesday, at a regularly scheduled Public Works Committee meeting, we began discussing the steps that the City could take to alert drivers of the ramps into the river at the foot of Walnut Street and at Pine Street.

Chairman Crew stated at the said meeting ideas that were discussed were reflective striping at the end of the streets, for both boat ramps, caution signs installed a couple hundred feet or so up the block, and a yellow flashing light installed at the end of the streets near the top of the ramps.

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Chairman Crew stated that recently another idea was mentioned to change the traffic flow on Walnut Street away from the river, to re-route traffic down Pine and Elm Streets, and then turning along the riverfront to Walnut.

Chairman Crew stated that the City has a number of ideas that we are working on, but for now flashing lights on barricades were placed beside each ramp at the river, and reflective paint has been ordered to paint stripes on the roads, before the end of Pine and Walnut Streets boat ramps.

Chairman Crew explained that the said steps, by themselves may not absolutely prevent a similar occurrence, but they may alert drivers that they need to exercise caution as they approach the ramps.

Chairman Crew stated that the City will continue to look into other alternatives, but it will take time to do so, and that the City also needs to take into consideration the interest of the boaters who use the ramps on a daily basis.

Chairman Crew stated that is where we are, at this time, regarding the said issue, and that the City is being responsive.

The Chairmen of the Council Committees gave brief activity reports.

Vicky Peters, mother of Julie Peters, and several friends and relatives, appeared before the Council, wanting immediate action taken in regards to alerting people of the ramp into the river at the foot of Walnut Street, and making suggestions to help solve the problem.

Shawn Jason appeared before the Council to question why, when he went to the Police Station on Sunday, the day after Julie Peters went missing and told them there was a missing girl, and he wanted them to be looking for her, they told him it was out of their hands, and to wait for 48 hours. Why wait that long to find her when she was down in that river a long time ago, why did they not dredge the river when an ex-Police Officer told the Police to check the river?

Chairman Crew thanked the friends and family for their comments regarding the Julie Peters issue.

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Chairman Crew stated that he understands that this is an extremely difficult time for them.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Gould, 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**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Chairman Crew gave a report in regards to the Strategic Planning Session Workshop, held by the Council on October 5, 2013, and the next steps that will be taken.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Gould, that the Council approve an extension of time for the use of sound amplification equipment, as requested by SLG Cohen Foundation, Inc., until 11:00 P.M. on May 22, 2014, and until 2:00 A.M. on May 23, 24 and 25, 2014. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Alderman Connor announced that a bid letting for a fence along Cloverdale Road, and an alternate bid for a fence along Fourth Street, for the City Cemetery, was held at 11:00 A.M., on September 30, 2013, in the City Clerk's Office. Three bids were received as follows:

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<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alternate Bid</u>
Ray Yarger & Sons	\$41,200.00	\$33,600.00
Hohalin Fence	\$33,823.00	\$24,308.00
S K Service Corp.	\$30,300.00	\$24,250.00

Motion Alderman Connor, second Alderman Gould, that the City reject any and all bids that were received for the Cemetery Fence Project, on September 30, 2013. Motion carried via voce vote.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council approve an expenditure, of \$110,284.00, payable to Advanced Asphalt Company, for the 2013 road surfacing projects. Payable from the MFT Fund. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council instruct the City Engineer to notify the Department of Transportation requesting that the bids for contract Number 89644, Proposed Safe Routes to School, be rejected , and instruct the City Engineer to submit a request to the Department for additional funding prior to rebidding the project. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Witte, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$1,600.00, payable to Engbrecht Concrete, for the replacement of sidewalk and curb in various areas. Payable from the Water & Sewer Fund. The

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Contractor agrees to pay all employees, employed pursuant to this contract the “prevailing rate of wages”, as determined by the City under the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et seq.) and comply with all other provisions of such Act. The “prevailing rate of wages” are revised by the Illinois Department of Labor, and are available on the Department’s official website. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council approve the Water/Sewer Fund priority one project, Check Valve Program, in the amount of \$5,000.00, as a project. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$2,697.88, payable to the Illinois Department of Transportation, for the City of Chillicothe share of various D4 Signal Work, payable from the Plaza Park TIF. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Beaumont, Colwell, Connor, Gould,
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Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell, that the Council approve the Road & Bridge priority three project, Vehicle purchase, as a project, and approve an expenditure of \$26,890.00, payable to Riverside Chevrolet, Inc., for the purchase of a 2014 Silverado 1 ton truck. Payable from the Road & Bridge Fund. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Witte, that the Council approve the Road & Bridge priority two project, Plow purchase, as a project and approve an expenditure of \$5,626.00, payable to Koenig Body and Equipment, Inc., for the purchase of a snow plow and suspension kit. Payable from the Road & Bridge Fund. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Alderman Hughes announced that a bid letting for the sale of two Police vehicles – a 2008 Chevrolet Impala, and a 2009 Chevrolet Impala, was held on Monday, September 30, 2013, at 11:00 A.M., in the City Clerk’s Office. Two bids were received as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>2008 Vehicle Bid</u>	<u>2009 Vehicle Bid</u>
Yousef Dabbagh	\$2,568.00	\$2,865.00
Chicago Motors, Inc.	\$2,607.00	\$3,207.00

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Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp, that the Council approve Ordinance No. 13-10-18, an Ordinance authorizing the sale of the 2008 Chevrolet Impala, to Chicago Motors, Inc., for a purchase price of \$2,607.00. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 13-10-18 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Hughes, second Alderman Sharp, that the Council approve Ordinance No. 13-10-19, an Ordinance authorizing the sale of the 2009 Chevrolet Impala, to Chicago Motors, Inc., for a purchase price of \$3,207.00. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 13-10-19 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Hughes, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$56,425.00, payable to Advanced Asphalt Company, for payment on resurfacing Walnut Street from Fourth Street to Front Street. Payable from TIF Central. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Beaumont, Colwell, Connor, Gould,
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Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Gould, that the Council authorize the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents to release the collateral securing the Casa De Fuego loan, and to release the collateral securing the loan upon receipt of a prepayment of \$1,000.00, from Stan Cohen, provided that all payments due under the note at the time of release have been paid. Roll Call vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Witte, second Alderman Sharp, that the Council approve Ordinance No. 13-10-20, an Ordinance rezoning the property as outlined in Exhibit A of the Ordinance, from C-1-Commercial, to R-3 multiple family residential district. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Beaumont, Connor, Hughes, Thornton,
Witte**

Nays: **None**

Abstain: **Colwell, Gould, Sharp**

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 13-10-20 passed and signed the same.

Chairman Crew announced that, there being no further business, the Council meeting adjourn at 7:46 P.M.

**Sharon A. Crabel
City Clerk**