

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
February 25, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session February 25, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Donald Z. White 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 White directed Clerk Hurd to take roll.

Present:
Mayor Donald Z. White
City Clerk Margaret Hurd
City Treasurer B.L. Bredeman

Aldermen: **Dean Braun, Danny Colwell,**
Dennis Gould, Michael Hughes,
Jeffrey Jenkins, Gary Sharp

Also Present:
City Attorney Michael Seghetti
City Engineer Ken Coulter
Office Manager Denise Passage
Superintendent of Public Works, Shawn Sutherland
Fire Chief Jim Benisch
Economic Development Director Rachael Parker
City Engineer Ken Coulter

Absent:
Alderman Patricia Connor
Police Chief Scott Mettille

Chairman White declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 11, 2019, were presented. Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Gould that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the February 11, 2019 Regular Council Meeting and approve the Minutes as presented.

Motion carried via voce vote.

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Clerk Hurd presented the following committee minutes:
Public Works/Cemetery Parks Combined Meeting – February 20, 2019

Clerk Hurd presented Application for Variance as submitted by OSF Healthcare System for the property located at 319 N 4th Street. Public Hearing will be held March 20, 2019 at 5:30pm.

Clerk Hurd presented the annual 2018 Motor Fuel Tax Review Compliance Review.

Clerk Hurd read a letter of resignation, from James C. Thornton, Second Ward Alderman, dated February 14, 2019.

It is with regret that I tender my resignation from the City of Chillicothe as Ward 2 Alderman, effective February 14, 2019.

After much consideration, I feel that my contribution has met its limit and that it would be beneficial to the Council that I step down.

I am grateful for having had the opportunity to serve on the Council and offer my best wishes for its continued success.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve for so many years.

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

Chairman White announced that there will be five informational meetings addressing the annexation of the city into the Chillicothe Community Fire District. The question of annexing the city into the fire district is to be put to voters in the April 2, 2019 consolidated election. The dates for the meetings are 6:00pm March 4 to be held at Fire Station #1, 6:00pm March 7 to be held at the Chillicothe Library, 2:00pm March 11 to be held at City Hall, 2:00pm March 13 to be held at Fire Station #1 and 5:00pm March 25 to be held at the VFW Post #4999.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Gould that the communications as presented by The Mayor be accepted and placed on file. **Motion carried via voce vote.**

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Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Hughes that the bills as presented be paid and the payrolls and transfers be approved.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Braun, Colwell, Gould,
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Jenkins, that the Council accept the resignation of Alderman Thornton.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Chairman White read a Mayoral Proclamation congratulating Alderman James Thornton on his years of service as Second Ward Alderman.

Motion Alderman Sharp, second Alderman Gould that the Council concur with the Mayoral Proclamation congratulating Alderman Thornton for his years of Service as an elected official.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Chairman White opened the floor for comments and congratulations. Alderman Sharp read a statement highlighting some of Alderman Thornton's accomplishments.

Alderman Thornton accepted his Proclamation with thanks and a round of applause from the Council.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Hughes that the Council approve an expenditure of \$2,460.49 payable to Laser Electric, Inc. for the LED lighting for the pedestrian signal on Truitt. Payable from the Road and Bridge Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Braun, Colwell, Gould,
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Jenkins that the Council approve the request as submitted by the City of Chillicothe, for a monopole design video billboard with a height less than 15' above existing grade, which was approved by the zoning board of appeals on February 20, 2019.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Braun, Colwell, Gould,
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Jenkins, second Alderman Gould that the Council **approve Ordinance No. 19-02-07**, an Ordinance amending Chapter 26 Cemetery (Fees).

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Braun, Colwell, Gould,
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared Ordinance No. 19-02-07 passed and signed the same.

Motion Alderman Jenkins, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve the general fund priority one project Shadmakers – projects as a project and approve an expenditure not to exceed \$2,500.00 for the construction of a fence at Gollnitz Park.

Payable from the General Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Braun, Colwell, Gould,
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion alderman Jenkins, second Alderman Hughes that the Council approve an expenditure of \$5,000.00, payable to Wigand Disposal for the Spring City Clean Up Voucher program.

Payable from the General Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Braun, Colwell, Gould,
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderman Jenkins, second Alderman Colwell that the Council approve an expenditure of \$7,525.76, payable to Belson Outdoors, for the purchase of eight premier flare top planters and two bicycle racks. Payable from the TIF Business Account.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: **Braun, Colwell, Gould,
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Hughes that the council approve the hiring of Ivy Turner as a part time office worker at a starting wage of \$10.00/hr.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: **Braun, Colwell, Gould,
Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Council adjourned at 7:25pm.

Margaret E. Hurd
City Clerk