

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
February 22, 2021**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session in person and via conference call February 22, 2021 at 7:00 P.M with Mayor Donald Z White presiding and with proper notice having been posted.

Electronic Attendance:

In accordance to Governor JB Pritzker’s Executive Order members of the Council were allowed to attend by teleconference. Those members attending the meeting via phone shall be declared present.

To comply with these recommendations and requirements, the City is complying with the spirit of the Open Meetings Act by permitting this meeting open to the public by teleconference using Zoom Meeting to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to comply with the recommendations and requirements of Executive Order.

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.

Physically Present:

**Mayor Donald Z. White
City Clerk Margaret Hurd
Treasurer B.L. Bredeman
Alderman Braun, Alderman Bredeman,
Alderman Connor, Alderman Dennis Gould,
Alderman Hughes, Alderman Jeff Jenkins
Alderman Gary Sharp**

Attending by Phone:

City Engineer Ken Coulter

Also, Physically Present:

**Office Manager Denise Passage
Economic Development Director Amanda Beadles
Police Chief Scott Mettelle
City Attorney Michael Seghetti
Superintendent Shawn Sutherland**

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Absent: None

Chairman White declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 8, 2021 were presented.

Motion Alderman Braun , second Alderman Gould that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the February 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, and approve the Minutes as presented.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Clerk Hurd presented the following Committee Minutes:

Human Resource – February 4, 2021

Judicial – February 10, 2021

Cemetery & Parks – February 16, 2021

Shademakers – February 16, 2021

Public Works - February 17, 2021

Clerk Hurd presented the Collector’s Report for the Month of January 2021.

Clerk Hurd read a letter from the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police notifying the City that the Chillicothe Police Department is certified under the Federal Use of Force.

Motion Alderman Braun, second Alderman Gould to approve the communications as presented by Clerk Hurd be accepted and placed on file.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Alderman Hughes requested that the topic of building permit for the company know as The Western Yeast Company be taken to judicial committee for discussion of waiving a building permit fee. A discussion was held, it was the consensus to discuss the topic at the March 4, 2021 Judicial Committee.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Jenkins to approve the communications as presented by Alderman Hughes be accepted.

Motion carried via voce vote.

Chairman White reported on behalf of the Finance Committee. He reported that the payout for Phase 1 of the Chillicothe Business Sustainability Grant is in the bills and transfers to approve. He informed the Council that he had been in contact with DECO and was informed that there may be

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Chairman declared motion failed.

Motion Alderman Sharp, second Alderman Jenkins that the Council approve an expenditure of \$2,954.00 payable to Carl's Season Control for the purchase and installation of a furnace at the Police Station. Payable from the General Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Braun, Bredeman, Connor
Gould, Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Jenkins, second Alderman Bredeman that the Council approve the General Fund priority one project: Mower, as a project and approve an expenditure of \$9,718.80 payable to Bill's Small Engines for the purchase of a Grasshopper mower with 48" deck. Payable from the General Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Braun, Bredeman, Connor
Gould, Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Connor, second Alderman Hughes that the Council approve the loan payment deferral agreement between the City of Chillicothe and Adkins & Sons 2, Inc. and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Braun, Bredeman, Connor
Gould, Hughes, Jenkins, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Sharp, second Alderman Braun that the Council approve the Hiring Process and Procedure as presented.

Chairman White gave a brief review of the procedure.

Alderman Hughes voiced concerns that the procedure eliminates a committee meeting that would make the public aware of the opening.

