

Council Chambers
Regular Meeting
November 9, 2015
7:30 p.m.

Council met in regular session with the following eight members present: Ames, Corcoran, Fleurima, Gray, Neal, Proehl, Tatman and Trutschel. Mrs. Patrick absent.) There were two media representatives and ten other visitors present, in addition to Mayor Everson and City Law Director Rutherford.

Pres. Eallonardo led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Gray moved and Mrs. Neal seconded that the minutes for the regular meeting of October 26, 2015; the minutes for the emergency special meeting of October 27, 2015; and the minutes for the special meeting of November 4, 2015; be accepted and approved, as submitted by the Clerk. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Eallonardo declared the motion adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Resources Committee:

Ms. Gray moved and Mr. Trutschel seconded that the three day receipt rule be suspended and that there be placed on tonight's agenda an ordinance extending the temporary employment of one seasonal part-time employee within the Utilities Department through December 31, 2015, and declaring an emergency. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Eallonardo declared the rule suspended, designating this particular item as Item #11 on tonight's agenda for its first reading.

Safety Services Committee:

Mr. Proehl reported on Item #4 to accept and appropriate \$3,890.71, constituting hazardous material training reimbursement from the Ross County EMA, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. He said that he will seek to pass this item tonight. Mr. Proehl reported on Item #5 to authorize the hiring of one firefighter within the Chillicothe Fire Department in order to reduce the cost of overtime, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. Mr. Proehl yielded the floor to Fire Chief Creed, who spoke in support of passage of this item. Chief Creed explained that the city is currently spending about \$10,000.00 each month on overtime to assure that each shift is balanced out and adequately covered due to a shortage in staffing. He said that an additional firefighter hired at this time will cost only about \$6,000.00 per month, alleviating the need for overtime at a savings of about \$4,000.00 each month. He said that there is a fully trained individual on the existing eligibility list who could be hired as soon as this ordinance is passed. Mr. Proehl indicated that he will seek to pass this item tonight. Mr. Proehl reported on Item #10 to declare certain duty firearms and seized firearms as not needed and authorizing the Safety-Service Director to trade in said firearms simultaneously with the purchase of new duty firearms for use by the Chillicothe Police Department, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. He said that the plan is to acquire new 9 mm. Glock pistols which use cheaper ammo and are cheaper to purchase and to maintain. He said that no additional money is needed to complete the transaction and that there will be money left over after the trade-in for the acquisition of ammo and magazines. Mr. Proehl said that Glocks are now being used for training at the Police Academy, and he said that he will seek to pass this item tonight.

Utilities/Transit Committee:

Mr. Proehl, in the absence of Mrs. Patrick, reported on Item #6 to appropriate \$23,000.00 to cover unanticipated expenses related to the extension of the Guernsey Crossing water line and to cover other expenses for the remainder of 2015, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. He said that he will seek to pass this item tonight. Mr. Proehl reported on Item #7 to reallocate \$1,191.96 for the replacement of a piece of stolen equipment from the Utilities Department, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. Mr. Proehl reported on Item #8 to appropriate \$48,185.87 for patching and paving related to water main breaks and sewer repairs and other repairs through the remainder of calendar year 2015, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. He said that he will seek to pass this item tonight. Mr. Proehl reported on Item #9 to authorize the Mayor to execute

any and all documents in connection with the granting of a permanent easement to Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., on tonight's agenda for its first reading.

Human Resources Committee:

Ms. Gray said that she meant to say earlier that she will seek to pass Item #11 tonight so that the employment of the seasonal part-time employee in the Utilities Department can continue without interruption.

City Services Committee:

Mrs. Neal reported on Item #2 to accept and appropriate \$2,813.49 received as the City's proportionate share of the Rock Salt Antitrust Settlement Fund, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. She said that she will seek to pass this item tonight. Mrs. Neal moved and Mr. Trutschel seconded that the three day receipt rule be suspended and that there be placed on tonight's agenda an ordinance authorizing the auction of certain city owned vehicles and equipment which are not needed for public use or are obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 721.15, and declaring an emergency. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Eallonardo declared the rule suspended, designating this particular item as Item #12 on tonight's agenda for its first reading. Mrs. Neal said that she will seek to pass this item tonight. Mrs. Neal concluded her report by indicating that the City Services Committee has considered Assignment #15-134 to get insurance reimbursement for some stolen items, and she said that this is now at the City Law Director's Office for the drafting of legislation.

Engineering Committee:

Mr. Tatman reported on Item #1 to appropriate \$5,983.00 to cover the cost of property insurance premiums for traffic controllers located within the City of Chillicothe, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. Mr. Tatman reported on Item #3 to appropriate \$4,000.00 to fund code enforcement plan examinations for the remainder of the 2015 calendar year, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. He said that he will seek to pass these two items tonight.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

Report of Mayor Everson:

Mayor Everson announced that there will be the first of the 2016 budget meetings at 6:00 p.m. tomorrow evening and again Thursday. He said that the complete schedule of these meetings, and the departments to be covered, has been sent out via email from his office. Mayor Everson commented on Item #10 by stating that the proposal to trade in the City's existing firearms for the new Glock pistols is a good deal for the Chillicothe Police Department. He said that the City will receive a net rebate of about \$2,800.00 as part of the deal. He indicated that the Sigs that the police are currently using are in their 8th year, and that firearms are usually traded out after 10 years. He also said that today over 60% of law enforcement officers are using the 9 mm. Glock pistols.

Report of Law Director Rutherford:

City Law Director Rutherford said that she is working with the Chillicothe Police Department to schedule a training session on search and seizure issues.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ty Parks from the Chillicothe City School District was introduced by Mrs. Ames to address Council about the "Keys to Success" program being instituted by the City Schools during the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Parks said that this includes random voluntary drug testing of students, referring to the flyer he distributed. He said that this new program is an incentive program designed to encourage students to remain drug free. He said that other attributes of the program are to encourage students to maintain a minimum grade point average, or GPA, and to comport to a Code of Conduct by avoiding discipline problems according to set criteria, and by being a good citizen. Mr. Parks said that those who meet the requirements of the program are eligible to win a chance for prizes, including a brand new 2016 Dodge Dart. He said that he is here tonight asking for a commitment to this program as a community deal, and also to request

that the members of Council and other City officials sign the pledge that he passed around. He said that so far they have about 100 students who have signed up to start with.

Terry Williams of 371 Plyley's Lane inquired as to who authorized the paving and striping of the parking lot located immediately behind this building, and where the money is coming from. Mayor Everson responded by saying that he has requested a Council committee assignment on this, but that the money to pay for this will be coming out of the general fund. Mr. Williams asked why this project did not come before Council prior to the work being done. Mayor Everson responded by saying that the Chesler Group had raised an objection to the lot just being repaved. Mr. Williams expressed his disapproval as to this expenditure of funds by the city, reducing the amount of the anticipated carryover balance at the end of the year. He then proceeded to express his disapproval concerning the city's possible failure to fund the EEO position, stating that he did not want to see that position eliminated again. He stated that he is disturbed to see the city spending \$30,000.00 on a parking lot at the end of the year, out of the general fund, and he then said that he is disappointed that the meetings for Council's budget discussions have now been rescheduled, because he is now unable to be present. Mayor Everson stated that he has spoken with City Auditor and Mayor-elect Feeney, and that funding for the EEO position will be included in the 2016 budget proposal of the administration.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Ames announced that the 20th of November will be the start of the "Light the Park" project, at 6:00 p.m. She also announced the beginning of the downtown Holliday events that same day, describing these. She said that donations are still being sought for the "Light the Park" project.

Mrs. Neal said that the Pump House Center for the Arts is also accepting donations for its separate lighting project, and that donations of lights as well as donations of money are welcome.

READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION

Ord. No. 108-15 appropriating \$5,983.00 to cover the cost of property insurance premiums for traffic controllers located within the City of Chillicothe, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Tatman moved and Mr. Fleurima seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Eallonardo declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted "yea" on the item itself, and Pres. Eallonardo declared Ordinance No. 108-15 adopted.

Ord. No. 109-15 accepting and appropriating \$2,813.49 received as the City's proportionate share of the Rock Salt Antitrust Litigation Settlement Fund, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mrs. Neal moved and Mr. Proehl seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Eallonardo declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted "yea" on the item itself, and Pres. Eallonardo declared Ordinance No. 109-15 adopted.

Ord. No. 110-15 appropriating \$4,000.00 to fund code enforcement plan examinations for the remainder of the 2015 calendar year, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Tatman moved and Mrs. Ames seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Eallonardo declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted "yea" on the item itself, and Pres. Eallonardo declared Ordinance No. 110-15 adopted.

Ord. No. 111-15 accepting and appropriating \$3,890.71, constituting hazardous material training reimbursement from the Ross County EMA, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Proehl moved and Mrs. Neal seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Eallonardo declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted "yea" on the item itself, and Pres. Eallonardo declared Ordinance No. 111-15 adopted.

Ord. No. 112-15 authorizing the hiring of one firefighter within the Chillicothe Fire Department in order to reduce the cost of overtime, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Proehl moved and Mrs. Neal seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Eallonardo declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted "yea" on the item itself, and Pres. Eallonardo declared Ordinance No. 112-15 adopted.

Ord. No. 113-15 appropriating \$23,000.00 to cover unanticipated expenses related to the extension of the Guernsey Crossing water line and to cover expenses for the remainder of calendar year 2015, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Proehl moved and Mr. Trutschel seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All members present voted “yea” and Pres. Eallonardo declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and Pres. Eallonardo declared Ordinance No. 113-15 adopted.

An ordinance reallocating \$1,196.96 for the replacement of a piece of stolen equipment from the Utilities Department, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only.

Ord. No. 114-15 appropriating \$48,185.87 for patching and paving related to water main breaks & sewer repairs and repairs through the remainder of calendar year 2015, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Proehl moved and Mrs. Ames seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All members present voted “yea” and Pres. Eallonardo declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and Pres. Eallonardo declared Ordinance No. 114-15 adopted.

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Chillicothe, Ohio, to execute any and all documents in connection with granting a permanent easement to Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. was read for the first time by title only.

Ord. No. 115-15 declaring certain duty firearms and seized firearms as not needed and authorizing the Safety-Service Director to trade in said firearms simultaneously with the purchase of new duty firearms for use by the Chillicothe Police Department, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Proehl moved and Mr. Fleurima seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All members present voted “yea” and Pres. Eallonardo declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and Pres. Eallonardo declared Ordinance No. 115-15 adopted.

Ord. No. 116-15 extending the temporary employment of one seasonal part-time employee within the Utilities Department through December 31, 2015, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Ms. Gray moved and Mr. Trutschel seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All members present voted “yea” and Pres. Eallonardo declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and Pres. Eallonardo declared Ordinance No. 116-15 adopted.

Ord. No. 117-15 authorizing the auction of city owned vehicles and equipment which are not needed for public use or are obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 721.15, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mrs. Neal moved and Ms. Gray seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All members present voted “yea” and Pres. Eallonardo declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and Pres. Eallonardo declared Ordinance No. 117-15 adopted.

Mrs. Ames moved and Ms. Gray seconded that Council excuse the absence of Mrs. Patrick. All members present voted “yea” and Pres. Eallonardo declared the motion adopted.

Ms. Gray moved and Mr. Fleurima seconded that the regular meeting be adjourned. All members present voted “yea” and Pres. Eallonardo declared the motion adopted. Adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Council Chambers
Special Meeting
November 19, 2015
6:00 p.m.

Council met in special session at the call of Mayor Everson pursuant to written notice dated and delivered November 18, 2015, for the purpose of considering one item of legislation described in the notice, with the following seven members present: Ames, Fleurima, Gray, Neal, Patrick, Proehl and Tatman. (Mrs. Corcoran and Mr. Trutschel absent.) There were 1 media representative and fourteen other visitors present, in addition to Mayor Everson and City Auditor Feeney.

Pres. Eallonardo asked Mrs. Patrick if she wished to report on the sole item on today's special meeting agenda.

Mrs. Patrick said that this ordinance on tonight's special meeting agenda needs to be passed so that the city does not lose these funds. Safety Service Director Mike Green added that most of the money will be used for security cameras, to be reimbursed at 80%. He then explained the other expenditures listed in the ordinance. Mrs. Patrick moved and Mr. Proehl seconded that the three day receipt rule be suspended, so that Council may consider this evening an ordinance transferring the sum of \$10,139.00 from Chillicothe Transit System Capital Lands and Buildings to Capital Equipment Capital Computers, Office Equipment & Machines, and Radio & Repair, and declaring an emergency. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Eallonardo declared the rule suspended, designating this particular item as Item #1 on tonight's special meeting agenda.

Ord. No. 118-15 transferring the sum of \$10,139.00 from Chillicothe Transit System Capital Lands and Buildings to Capital Equipment Capital Computers, Office Equipment & Machines, and Radio & Repair, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mrs. Patrick moved and Mrs. Ames seconded that the three reading rule be suspended. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Eallonardo declared the rule suspended. Mr. Trutschel arrived at 6:04 p.m. All members present then voted "yea" on passage of the item itself, and Pres. Eallonardo declared Ordinance No. 118-15 adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Mrs. Patrick moved and Mr. Proehl seconded that Council excuse the absence of Mrs. Corcoran. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Eallonardo declared the motion adopted.

Ms. Gray moved and Mr. Fleurima seconded that the special meeting be adjourned. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Eallonardo declared the motion adopted. Adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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