

Council Chambers
Regular Meeting
June 22, 2015
7:30 P.M.

In the absence of Pres. Eallonardo, Pres. Pro Tem Trutschel called to order the regular meeting with the following eight members present: Ames, Corcoran, Fleurima, Gray, Neal, Patrick, Proehl and Trutschel. (Mr. Tatman absent.) There were 2 media representatives and 9 other visitors present, in addition to Mayor Everson, City Law Director Rutherford, and City Auditor Feeney.

Pres. Pro Tem Trutschel led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Gray moved and Mr. Fleurima seconded that the Minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2015 be accepted and approved, as submitted by the Clerk. All members present voted “yea” and Pres. Pro Tem Trutschel declared the motion adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utilities/Transit Committee:

Mrs. Patrick reported on item #6 to permanently authorize the City to participate in the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program, on tonight’s agenda for its first reading. She said that she will seek to pass this item tonight so that the Transit Department can proceed with the purchase of new buses. She also requested that time be set aside at a review session to be conducted here in Council Chambers on Monday, July 13, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of discussing an update on the projects that will be getting underway in the Utilities Department. Pres. Pro Tem Trutschel said that time will be allocated for that purpose at the review session beginning at 6:30 p.m., prior to the next regular meeting on the 13th of July.

Safety Services Committee:

Mr. Proehl said that the Safety Services Committee has nothing on tonight’s agenda, but he stated that the committee is working on a proposal for the trade-in of police vehicles. He said that members of the committee wanted to know if these police vehicles could be traded in for new cruisers, and that they asked City Law Director Rutherford for an opinion on this. He said that they have now received her opinion, in which she said that under Section 721.15 (b) of the Ohio Revised Code, trade-ins are allowed, but there must a bidding process.

Community Affairs Committee:

Mr. Fleurima reported on Item #5 to re-adopt the Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for purposes of receiving CDBG funds, and to authorize the Mayor to execute it, on tonight’s agenda for its first reading. He said that he will seek to pass this item tonight.

Development Committee:

Mrs. Ames reported on Item #1 to authorize a contract authorizing the Ohio Regional Development Corporation to file an application on behalf of the City to participate in the 2015 CDBG Community Development Competitive Grant Programs and to authorize ORDC to administer the programs, on tonight’s agenda for its first reading. She said that the two grants are the Downtown Revitalization Grant and the Critical Infrastructure Grant, and that the City has applied for CDBG grants many times in the past. She said that she will seek to pass this item tonight because the application is due by the end of June. Mrs. Ames reported on Item #2 to authorize the appropriation of \$6,944.00 in 2016 as participating local funds for 2016 to the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission, on tonight’s agenda for its first reading. She said that this is an annual resolution that shows Council’s commitment to the OVRDC to continue the City’s support and participation. She said that no monies are appropriated to OVRDC until the end of December of this year, and that this will just get its first reading tonight, but that she will seek to pass this item at the next regular meeting.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

Mrs. Corcoran said that the Parks and Recreation Committee has nothing on tonight's agenda, but she reported that she had received requests last week from the Parks and Recreation Board, through Parks and Recreation Director Dave Tener. She said that these will be discussed at a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting to be held at 3:00 p.m., this coming Wednesday, June 24th, at the Easter Seal Shelter House in Yoctangee Park. Mrs. Corcoran said that the stairway to the floodwall is falling apart, and that something must be done soon. Mr. Trutschel said that he is also tentatively scheduling a meeting of the Finance Committee at the same location beginning at 4:00 p.m.

City Services Committee:

Mrs. Neal reported on Item #4 to appropriate \$550.53 to pay an outstanding invoice for a pump used for adding hydraulic fluid to the City's new refuse trucks, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. She said that she will seek to pass this item tonight.

Finance Committee:

Mr. Trutschel reported on Item #7 to authorize applications for the Victims of Crime Act Grant and the State Victims Assistance Act Grant to extend the Chillicothe Municipal Court Victim Witness Assistance Program, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. He said that he will seek to pass this item tonight. Mr. Trutschel reported on Item #8 to authorize the addition of traffic controllers located within the City to the City's property insurance policy at an initial cost of \$6,262.50, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. Mr. Trutschel moved and Mr. Proehl seconded that Item #8 not be read tonight. All members present voted "yea", and Pres. Pro Tem Trutschel declared the motion adopted. Mr. Trutschel said that he will discuss other options to this item at the Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday. Mr. Trutschel reported on Item #9 to permit the City of Chillicothe to accept donations for the City's Annual Fourth of July Fireworks Display, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. He said that since the 4th of July is less than two weeks away, he will seek to pass this item tonight.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

Report of Mayor Everson:

Mayor Everson, on behalf of the City of Chillicothe, expressed sympathies to the family of Tiffany Sayre, as well as prayers for the families of the two remaining missing local women. He said that the efforts to solve these crimes by law enforcement have been unmatched since the murder of police officer Larry Cox. He said that unfortunately one of the common themes is the local heroin problem. In this connection, he said that Judge Mike Ater has applied for a grant from the Heroin Partnership Program, and that we are still in the running for this. Mayor Everson said that he has met with representatives of several treatment centers in this area, and he proceeded to comment on these discussions and on how such treatment centers are an integral part of addressing the problem. Mayor Everson stated that last week he participated in a joint training exercise conducted by the Ohio National Guard and its emergency response team, which included an ISIS attack drill. He said that the Department of Homeland Security had 52 agencies involved, and that in his opinion this demonstrated that local residents can rest assured that the Ohio National Guard stands ready to respond to any terrorist threat. Mayor Everson noted that the City continues to accept donations toward the annual fireworks display that will take place in Yoctangee Park on the 4th of July. He also noted that the 25th annual Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament took place this past weekend on the campus of Ohio University Chillicothe. He expressed his appreciation to Adena Regional Medical Center for its support of this event again this year, indicating that this is the final year of its sponsorship of the local tournament.

Report of Auditor Feeney:

City Auditor Feeney commented on the legislative review session that has been requested by Mrs. Patrick, and scheduled to take place prior to the next regular meeting. He said that Council will also conduct the annual public hearing on the proposed tax budget that evening, after the review

session, and immediately prior to the regular meeting. He indicated that it will be necessary for Council to pass a resolution adopting the tax budget, on suspension of the three reading rule, that same evening so that a copy can be timely filed with the Ross County Auditor's Office.

Report of Law Director Rutherford:

City Law Director Rutherford reported that this past weekend the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Ross County Sheriff's Department, and the Chillicothe Police Department conducted a very successful OMVI checkpoint on Eastern Avenue. She also passed out copies of the new revised Council Legislative Request Form, advising that if any member of Council wished to have an electronic copy of the form, this could be obtained by calling Teresa Wood at the Law Director's Office.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Fleurima moved and Ms. Gray seconded that Council excuse the absence of Mr. Tatman. After a brief discussion, all members present voted "yea" and Pres. Pro Tem Trutschel declared the motion adopted.

Ms. Gray inquired of City Auditor Feeney whether the public hearing on the tax budget will take place prior to the regular meeting on the 13th of July. Mr. Feeney responded in the affirmative, stating that he would cause the required notice to be published in the *Chillicothe Gazette* at least 10 days before the hearing, as required by the statute.

PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on the receipt of two notices from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control, the first pertaining to the transfer of a permit from Englefield, Inc., dba Dublin & Granview Duchess, of 1090 Dublin Rd., Columbus, Ohio, to Englefield, Inc., dba High & Orange Duchess, of 741 Safford Avenue, Chillicothe, Ohio; and the second pertaining to the issuance of a permit to Sams East, Inc., dba Sams Club 4963, of 1270 North Bridge Street, Chillicothe, Ohio.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Ames said that there have been changes made in the scheduling of hours at the Donald M. Smith Memorial Pool for the 4th of July celebration. She said that the pool will be open from noon until 5:00 p.m., but that then it will be cleared out. Next, she said that the pool will reopen at 6:00 p.m. to the general public for the 4th of July celebration, with regular, full admission rates being charged. She said that activities will include swimming, games, and relays, with the concession stand open as usual and additional food available from Dennis Murphy and Schmuckatelli's Catering. Then, at 10:00 p.m., she said that the pool itself will be cleared out, but that the guests who are there are welcome to stay in the pool area in order to watch the fireworks, if they so desire. Mrs. Ames said that she also wishes to give a huge "thank you" to Parks and Recreation Director Dave Tener for all of his help with the Ohio Chautauqua event this past week. She noted that although it did rain 3 out of the 5 days, a lot of people attended and enjoyed the event.

Mr. Trutschel commented on the deplorable condition of the property located at 508 Johnson Road here in Chillicothe. He said that the occupant of this rental property has parked three dump trucks loaded with garbage and refuse, as well as a van and a pickup truck, making this a smelly mess. He urged all members to go by to see this, expressing his disappointment that the neighbors, whose properties are clean and kept up, must put up with this disgusting nuisance.

COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS AND CALENDAR

Pres. Pro Tem Trutschel announced the following additional Council committee assignments for inclusion in the Journal of Council:

- 15-73-Engineering-Request to remove all school traffic signage from Western and Smith Middle Schools and the surrounding areas;
- 15-74-Finance-Request legislation appropriating \$500 into Design Review Board outside contracts in order to pay for legal transcription fees;
- 15-75-Safety Services-Request to evaluate the creation of a fulltime nuisance/parking enforcement office with the city police department;

15-76-Development-Request to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract to authorize the ORDC to file an application with the State to participate in the 2015 CDBG Community Development Grant Programs;

15-77-Utilities/Transit-Request to authorize the Mayor to enter into a co-op purchasing program with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purchase of new buses;

15-78-Finance-Request to allow the City to accept donations for the annual 4th of July public fireworks display;

15-79-Development-Request authorizing the appropriation of \$6,994.00 for the City of Chillicothe to participate in local funding of the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016;

15-80-Finance-Request to authorize the municipal court to apply for the continuation of the court's victim witness assistance program grants; and

15-81-Finance-Request for Council to adopt the City's tax budget for 2016.

READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION

Ord. No. 65-15 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Chillicothe to enter into a contract authorizing the Ohio Regional Development Corporation (ORDC) to file an application with the State of Ohio to participate in the 2015 CDBG Community Development Competitive Grant Programs: Downtown Revitalization Grant and Critical Infrastructure Grant, accepting the grant(s) if funded, agreeing to comply with the program requirements, authorizing ORDC to administer the program, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mrs. Ames moved and Mrs. Patrick seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Pro Tem Trutschel declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted "yea" on the item itself, and Pres. Pro Tem Trutschel declared Ordinance No. 65-15 adopted by a vote of 8-0.

A resolution authorizing the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$6,944.00 as participating local funds for 2016 to the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission on behalf of the City of Chillicothe Ohio was read for the first time by title only.

An ordinance authorizing the removal of the school designation for traffic control and all school traffic signage relating to the now closed Western Elementary School and Smith Middle School, within the City of Chillicothe, Ohio was read for the first time by title only.

Ord. No. 66-15 appropriating \$550.53 to pay an outstanding invoice for a pump used for adding hydraulic fluid to the new refuse trucks, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mrs. Neal moved and Mr. Fleurima seconded that the three reading rule be suspended. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Pro Tem Trutschel declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted "yea" on the item itself, and Pres. Pro Tem Trutschel declared Ordinance No. 66-15 adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Ord. No. 67-15 re-adopting the Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for purposes of receiving CDBG funds, authorizing the Mayor to execute the Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Fleurima 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. Pro Tem Trutschel declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted "yea" on the item itself, and Pres. Pro Tem Trutschel declared Ordinance No. 67-15 adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Ord. No. 68-15, a permanent ordinance authorizing the City to participate in the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mrs. Patrick 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. Pro Tem Trutschel declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted "yea" on the item itself, and Pres. Pro Tem Trutschel declared Ordinance No. 68-15 adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Res. No. 5-15 authorizing the Chillicothe Municipal Court to apply for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant and the State Victims Assistance Act (SVAA) Grant to extend the Chillicothe Municipal Court Victim Witness Assistance Program, accepting said grant if awarded, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Trutschel 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. Pro Tem Trutschel declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and Pres. Pro Tem Trutschel declared Resolution No. 5-15 adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Res. No. 6-15 permitting the City of Chillicothe to accept donations for the City’s Annual Fourth of July Fireworks Display, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Trutschel 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. Pro Tem Trutschel declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and Pres. Pro Tem Trutschel declared Resolution No. 6-15 adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Ms. Gray moved and Mr. Fleurima seconded that the regular meeting be adjourned. All members present voted “yea” and Pres. Pro Tem Trutschel declared the motion adopted. Adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President of Council