

Council Chambers
Legislative Review Session
July 13, 2015
6:30 P.M.

In the absence of Pres. Eallonardo, the Clerk called to order the legislative review session with the following seven members present: Ames, Gray, Neal, Patrick, Proehl, Tatman and Trutschel. (Mrs. Corcoran and Mr. Fleurima absent.) There were 1 media representative and 6 other visitors present, in addition to Mayor Everson and City Auditor Feeney.

The Clerk called upon Mrs. Patrick to lead tonight's discussion on the sole topic on the agenda, Utilities Department projects and costs. Mrs. Patrick said that she requested this review session mainly to discuss Item #7 on tonight's regular meeting, an ordinance to appropriate \$20,000.00 for the extension of an eight inch water main to the east side of North Bridge Street at Hopetown Road. She called upon City Utilities Director Richard Johnson, P.E., to continue the discussion.

Mr. Johnson said that he has passed out three items, the first two being aerial photographs showing the area, and also showing the location of an existing twelve inch line. He explained that there have been several requests for water service out there. He said that the residents of Hopetown have been asking for this for several years, and that about one year ago Mr. Bob Waller made a request in reference to a piece of property off of U.S. 23 where he wants to put in 20 duplex units. Mr. Johnson said that the city already provides sewer service in this area, and that the twelve inch water line goes up the west side of North Bridge Street. He then proceeded to discuss the current and anticipated future development on the east side of North Bridge Street, where water is already being provided. He said that he also ultimately wants an alternate water line capable of servicing the Adena Regional Medical Center in the event of an emergency. Now, he said that the WRH Company has acquired the former Gaslight Inn property at the southeast corner of the Hopetown Road and North Bridge Street intersection, and they are also wanting city water service. Mr. Johnson said that the proposal includes putting in a new fire hydrant at this location, and that the total cost of the project is \$20,000.00.

Mr. Johnson said that in 2016, he expects that they would go on out Hopetown Road to the Waller property, then in 2017, on farther out to Hopetown itself, and in 2018, on out to Colomet Drive, where the city's water line currently ends. He said that this would then give the city the alternate line to the hospital property. Mr. Johnson said that 2019 would be the final year of the total project, with completion of the loop. He estimated the total cost of the entire project to be between \$370,000.00 to \$400,000.00.

Mr. Johnson said that if they were to only run a two inch water line across North Bridge Street at the same location, this would reduce the initial cost to only \$6,000.00. However, he said that by running the larger line across now, this would make all the property in this area more prone to development, with the added benefit of providing better fire protection for our neighbors. He said that this area is outside the current city limits, and that the new water customers would pay 150% of the usual water rates charged to customers located within the city limits.

Mr. Johnson said that the second handout shows the projected revenues and the projected costs for the project. After spending \$20,000.00 this year, he said that the second year would cost \$125,000.00, the third year would cost \$75,000.00, the fourth year would also cost \$75,000.00, and the fifth and final year would cost another \$75,000.00. He indicated that the number of projected new water customers that he has shown would include a possible 50 unit apartment complex north of the Aldi store, plus about five other commercial properties and possibly even a hotel. He stated that after five years, he is projecting about \$204,000.00 in annual income to the city from the new customers. Mr. Johnson then proceeded to give a lengthy discussion of how he had calculated the estimated water usage, tap fees, and other factors pertaining to revenues. He said that the balance due on the project in 2020 would be approximately \$240,000.00.

Mrs. Corcoran arrived at 6:50 p.m.

In response to questioning, Mr. Johnson said that he has already checked out the possibility of the Ross County Water Company claiming this territory, and he said that City Law Director Sherri Rutherford has already looked into this as well. He said that the city's lines already surround this area, and that he does not expect any problem with this expansion of service. He stated that the

city is already providing sewer service to the same area, with the city sewer line going through the property where Mr. Waller wants to put in the 20 duplex units. He said that the city received a petition years ago from the residents of Hopetown.

Mr. Trutschel asked whether the city can provide adequate water pressure to the projected new customers. Mr. Johnson responded in the affirmative, saying that there is the old elevated water tank on S.R. Route 159, as well as the new elevated water tank at the Adena Regional Medical Center, so that water pressure will not be a problem. Mrs. Neal asked about the time frame for the first phase of the project, to which Mr. Johnson indicated that he believed that they could start right away after Council appropriates the money, and then the project could be completed in no more than two weeks. Mr. Proehl asked if there is a legal requirement that these properties annex to the city as soon as they are eligible. Mr. Johnson said that “typically we do ask that”, and he added that the city will also expect them to provide any necessary easements for the new lines. He said that Winegardners have even prepared their construction plans, and that the city has granted them a building permit.

City Auditor Feeney asked if they could not now have apartments using private well water, to which Mr. Johnson replied that this is really not a practical option even though there is an aquifer that would permit wells. He said that the city’s water and the Ross County Water Company’s water are the only practical options available for any new apartment units constructed out there. Mr. Trutschel noted that when the city built the new water treatment plant in the late 1980s, it was purposely made large enough to handle anticipated future customers. He said that now, almost 30 years later, it is underutilized. Mr. Johnson agreed, saying that its capacity is such that the city needs and can handle many more customers than we have now.

Mr. Feeney expressed concerns about the city over extending itself with any future annexation. He said that the City of Columbus embarked upon an aggressive policy of expansion of its limits, even beyond Franklin County. He noted that they are now having problems because of this. He said that a lot of construction and new buildings are being proposed for this area north and east of Chillicothe’s existing city limits, but that he questions whether this is necessarily the right way to go. Mr. Feeney stated that this project might have a positive impact on the city’s water revenue receipts, but that it could have a negative impact on the city’s ability to provide other municipal services if these properties, including apartment complexes and hotels, are annexed. He said that the city’s overall capacity might very well be overstretched with the increased traffic and demand for safety services.

Mr. John Stevens, from the audience, inquired about what the projected impact from stormwater runoff and infrastructure might be for the whole city. Mayor Everson responded, saying that the administration and council are still in discussions about how to fund needed infrastructure in this area. A brief discussion then ensued concerning the topic of stormwater management issues.

Mrs. Patrick inquired if any member of council had any further comments on the topic of the proposed water line expansion project. Mr. Proehl said that he shares the concerns expressed by City Auditor Feeney about whether the only positive impact from the water line expansion being an increase in water revenues, with other city services being negatively impacted in the long run. He asked if the letters that Mr. Johnson has received requesting water service from potential customers presently outside the city are sufficient to legally bind them to provide needed easements and to also annex into the city when eligible to do so. Mrs. Neal stated that she is also in agreement with the concerns of Mr. Proehl. Mrs. Patrick said that she will have City Law Director Rutherford include language in the legislation that includes the particulars relating to the landowners’ agreements.

Mrs. Neal said that she also has questions about other budgeted projects and the direction of the Utilities Department. Mr. Johnson, in response, referred to his handout on that subject and the figures shown in relation to other Utilities Department projects. He discussed a number of these specific monetary figures from the handout in detail, and said that the biggest current projects are the switching out of old water meters with new modern replacements, and the replacement and painting of fire hydrants. He said that his next request will be to replace the water line along Plyley’s Lane, and then on Nelson Drive. Unless, he said, they can do the Hesswood Hill area in advance of street reconstruction.

No formal action was taken by Council on any matter discussed during the legislative review session, and no roll call votes were taken.

The legislative review session adjourned, by consensus, at 7:13 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Council Chambers
Public Hearing
July 13, 2015
7:30 p.m.

President Eallonardo called to order the public hearing on the tax budget for the City of Chillicothe, Ohio, for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2016, with all nine members of Council present: Ames, Corcoran, Fleurima, Gray, Neal, Patrick, Proehl, Tatman and Trutschel. There were two media representatives and twelve other visitors present, in addition to Mayor Everson, City Law Director Rutherford and City Auditor Feeney.

Pres. Eallonardo called upon City Auditor Feeney to lead the discussion on the proposed tax budget.

Mr. Feeney discussed in detail the city's obligation to prepare the annual tax budget, to publish notice of a public hearing on the tax budget, to conduct the public hearing, and to then adopt the tax budget by the 15th of July. He said that copies of the tax budget, and of the Resolution adopting it, must then be filed with the Ross County Auditor's Office. He indicated that the tax budget itself is non-binding, and that it just contains the city's earliest projected estimates of revenues and expenses.

Mr. Feeney then proceeded to go through the various topics contained in the tax budget and the contents of it, explaining some of the projected differences in next year's budget, as compared to the current year. He also stated that a copy has been provided to each member of Council, that copies have been available for inspection in his office for at least the past ten days, and that additional copies are available at his office for members of the public upon request.

Mr. Feeney noted that city income tax revenues have already been trending ahead of last year, and that he has included in his projection of income tax revenues for 2016 the anticipated increased amounts from the recently passed safety levy and street improvement levy that will go into effect on January 1, 2016. He also noted that next year there will be no transfer of \$350,000.00 from safety levy capital in order to cover salaries and fringes in the safety forces, and that this fact is reflected in the proposed tax budget.

Mr. Feeney said that none of the revenues or expenses for the operation and maintenance of the Donald M. Smith Memorial Pool are included in the general fund for 2015 or 2016, because these are now accounted for separately. He said that he has projected a deficit of -\$306,000.00 for 2015, with a \$485,000.00 cash balance. Next year, he said he is projecting a balanced budget. He indicated that this tax budget is needed in order for the city to receive its share of real estate taxes. City Auditor Feeney concluded his remarks by stating that he is asking Council to pass the resolution adopting the tax budget tonight.

Pres. Eallonardo inquired if any member of Council wished to be heard on the matter of the proposed tax budget. There being no response, Pres. Eallonardo inquired if any city official wished to be heard. There being no response, Pres. Eallonardo inquired if any member of the public wished to be heard. There again being no response, Pres. Eallonardo declared the public hearing on the tax budget closed at 7:38 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Council Chambers
Regular Meeting
July 13, 2015
7:38 p.m.

Council met in regular session with all nine members present: Ames, Corcoran, Fleurima, Gray, Neal, Patrick, Proehl, Tatman and Trutschel. There were two media representatives and twelve other visitors present, in addition to Mayor Everson, City Law Director Rutherford and City Auditor Feeney.

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

Ms. Gray moved and Mrs. Corcoran seconded that the minutes for the regular meeting of June 22, 2015, be accepted and approved, as submitted by the Clerk. All members present voted “yea”, and Pres. Eallonardo declared the motion adopted.

Mrs. Patrick moved and Mr. Fleurima seconded that Council go into an executive session, pursuant to Rule 24(a)(3), to confer with City Law Director Rutherford and her duly authorized Special Counsel, Pat Kasson, concerning a dispute involving the public body that is the subject of a pending court action. All members present voted “yea” and Pres. Eallonardo declared the motion adopted. Council, along with City Law Director Rutherford, Special Counsel Kasson, Mayor Everson, City Auditor Feeney, and Council Clerk Fosson then removed themselves to the large conference room down the hallway where Council met in executive session, beginning at 7:42 p.m.

All members of Council returned to Council Chambers at 8:10 p.m., whereupon Mrs. Patrick moved and Mrs. Ames seconded that Council go out of the executive session and resume the regular meeting. All members present voted “yea”, and Pres. Eallonardo declared the motion adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utilities/Transit Committee:

Mrs. Patrick reported on Item #7 to appropriate \$20,000.00 for the extension of an eight inch water main to the east side of North Bridge Street at Hopetown Road, on tonight’s agenda for its first reading. She said that this item was discussed at length during tonight’s review session.

Human Resources Committee:

Ms. Gray moved and Mrs. Ames seconded that the three day receipt rule be suspended, and that there be placed on tonight’s agenda an ordinance authorizing the administration to hire two additional police officers, appropriating \$76,920.00 for salary and fringes, 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. Ms. Gray reported on Item #12, stating that this was discussed by the Human Resources Committee with Mayor Everson and Police Chief Washburn on the 7th of July. She stated that she will seek to pass this item at the next regular meeting on the 27th of July.

Finance Committee:

Mr. Trutschel reported on Item #3 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. He said that it was discovered after a traffic accident last October that none of the traffic control equipment throughout the city was covered under our city insurance policy. Fortunately, he indicated that the motorist who crashed into our controller had liability insurance. However, Mr. Trutschel said that it was determined that if an uninsured motorist were to hit one of our controllers, it could cost the city as much as \$100,000.00, and so the sum of just over six thousand dollars is a wise investment to insure our controllers. Mr. Trutschel reported on Item #4 to transfer \$3,000.00 for the purchase of a lawn mower for Fire Department Station No. 4, on

tonight's agenda for its first reading. He said that there is a large amount of grass to be mowed and that the firefighters will do the mowing, but that the current lawn mower is very old and worn out. Mr. Trutschel said that at the present time the city is paying a private contractor to do the mowing, and that since the summer mowing season is well under way, he will seek to pass this item tonight. He added that there is a possibility that the fire department might get a used mower from the Parks and Recreation Department instead of having to purchase a new mower. Mr. Trutschel reported on Item #5 to appropriate \$500.00 for the Design Review Board to pay legal transcription fees, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. He said that since the city does not have a legal reporter on staff, it was necessary to hire a private legal stenographer for the DRB public hearing regarding the Smith Middle School Building. He indicated that the \$500.00 is needed to pay this individual, who has been waiting to receive the money owed for over a month, and that he will therefore seek to pass this item tonight. Mr. Trutschel reported on Item #6 to adopt the tax budget for the City of Chillicothe for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2016, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. He said that the public hearing on the tax budget was conducted earlier tonight, and that since the Clerk is required to file copies of the tax budget, and the resolution adopting it, with the Ross County Auditor's Office on or before the 20th of July, he will seek to pass this item tonight.

Safety Services/Technology Committee:

Mr. Proehl reported, on behalf of the Technology Committee, on Item #8 to appropriate funds for the implementation of an off-site data backup solution for the City Income Tax Department, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. He said that there will be a meeting of the committee to discuss this item before it receives its second reading. Turning to the Safety Services Committee, Mr. Proehl reported on Item #10 to authorize the City to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$750.00 received from the Chillicothe Elks Lodge, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. He said that the Chillicothe Fire Department will use this money to provide smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, flashlights, nightlights and bathmats to help protect local senior citizens through their Senior Home Inspection Program, and that in order to get these funds available as soon as possible, he will seek to pass this item tonight. Mr. Proehl reported on Item #9 to declare certain vehicles obsolete and not needed and to authorize the Safety Service Director to sell said vehicles simultaneously with the purchase/lease of three new police vehicles; and on Item #11 to appropriate funds for the purchase, lease and cost of outfitting three cruisers for the Chillicothe Police Department, both items being on tonight's agenda for first reading. Mr. Proehl discussed these two companion items, and how it is desired to obtain from the Nourse Dealership a \$15,000.00 trade-in allowance to be credited toward the purchase that is being made through the State of Ohio cooperative purchasing program. Mr. Proehl said that there are several changes that need to be made in the language of the two ordinances, and that he will be bringing in revised versions of them at the next regular meeting so that both can be amended by substituting the revised versions in place of the original versions.

Development Committee:

Mrs. Ames reported on Item #1 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 second reading. She said that OVRDC is requesting a copy of this resolution by the end of July for its records so that it can proceed with the preparation of its budget for next year, and that she will therefore seek to pass this item tonight in order to send this to them.

Engineering Committee:

Mr. Tatman reported on Item #2 to authorize the removal of the school designation for all traffic control and all school signage relating to the now closed Western Elementary School and Smith Middle School, within the City of Chillicothe, Ohio, on tonight's agenda for its second reading. Mr. Tatman said that the Engineering Committee met on the 8th of July to discuss the assignment concerning the project on Walnut Street, and that as a result a request for legislation has been sent to the Law Director's Office. He also indicated that the committee dealt with assignment #15-83 pertaining to the establishment of angle parking on South Paint Street in connection with the renovation of the Carlisle Building, and that a request for legislation on this has also been sent to the Law Director's Office. Mr. Tatman said that with respect to assignment #15-91, dealing with a proposed bond issue for street improvements, the committee will meet to discuss this at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

Mrs. Corcoran said that the Parks and Recreation Committee met on the 24th of June, the last sunny day here, at the City Park, to discuss the need for repairs to the stairs to the floodwall.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

Report of Mayor Everson:

Mayor Everson announced that since the last regular meeting we have received good news in that Ross County has been selected to the newly created Heroin Partnership Program, mentioned previously. He said that he also met with representatives in Portsmouth concerning their residential treatment facility, and that we will be getting similar treatment centers opened soon here in Chillicothe and Ross County. He said that any treatment center must affiliate with the Adena Regional Medical Center, and that it will be necessary to comply with applicable zoning or other regulations. Mayor Everson said that last week he met with representatives of the city's health insurance carrier, and that he is pleased to report that there will be only a minimal percentage rate increase for next year's coverage. In addition, he said that they will be going back to last year's system with respect to deductibles. He indicated that this is expected to resolve the problems that were experienced this year, and that they are currently targeting a projected increase of about 3.5%. He said that knowing this will help out when we begin budget discussions for 2016. Mayor Everson invited everyone to attend the "Mariah's Message" event at the Majestic Theatre tomorrow evening, concerning distracted driving, and in memory of the tragic death of the daughter of WBNS Channel 10 TV sportscaster, Dom Tiberi. Mayor Everson concluded his report by announcing that he will miss the first regular meeting of Council next month due to his scheduled knee surgery on the 3rd of August.

Report of Auditor Feeney:

City Auditor Feeney commented on Item #4, stating that he received the most calls on this today. He said that no new money is being appropriated for this new mower for Fire Station No. 4, but that this ordinance only authorizes moving money that is already budgeted. He said that as indicated by Mr. Trutschel, this is general fund money, but that the effect on the general fund is nil. He also stated that he is the one who raised the question about the possibility of getting a used unit from another department instead of buying a new mower. He explained that the Parks and Recreation Department and the Service Department use their mowers just about every day during the summer, while the Fire Department would only use this mower once or twice a week. Mr. Feeney commented on Item #6 to approve the tax budget, stating that he urges passage of this resolution tonight to assure that the city receives its share of property taxes. He also urged the passage of the income tax software item when it comes on for its final reading. He commented briefly on the proposed lease/purchase of new cruisers, and concluded his report by requesting that there be a legislative review session on the city's finances at 6:30 p.m. on the 27th of July, prior to the next regular meeting. He said that this may be a power point presentation. Mr. Trutschel, on behalf of the Finance Committee, asked that this review session be scheduled at that time for that purpose.

Report of Law Director Rutherford:

City Law Director Rutherford reported that she is currently working on the drafting of an ordinance concerning a community work force agreement. Also, she said that she took part in the "Take it Back, Make it Ours" press conference in reference to the missing local women and the local drug issues. She said that she is looking forward to working on the Heroin Partnership Program, and that she recently participated in a court scenario drill conducted by Southern Ohio Police Training at the Chillicothe Municipal Court. She expressed her thanks to Judge Toni Eddy and others who made this possible.

Report of Pres. Eallonardo:

Pres. Eallonardo indicated that she has distributed copies of the second quarter summary of council committee assignments made by her. She then called upon Fire Chief Jeffrey Creed to address Council. Chief Creed said that he is here tonight to offer his comments on the need to replace the mower for Fire Station No. 4, which he stated is 19 years old. He said that the

Chillicothe Fire Department takes good care of its equipment and has, in the past, taken care of the considerable yard area around this fire station. He said that in his opinion the city is wasting government funds to pay a private contractor to do the mowing, and that he is just asking for the transfer of funds that have already been budgeted out of the general fund. He stated that the Parks and Recreation Department cannot do this mowing, and that he checked with them about a used mower and they said they do not have one to transfer to the fire department. Chief Creed said that the city is paying \$700.00 per year to the outside contractor for work that could otherwise be done by firefighters employed by the city. City Auditor Feeney inquired whether a snow blade attachment could be fitted on the new mower, to which Chief Creed responded that they are looking into such possible options already. Mr. Feeney then asked if the current mower has any trade-in value, to which Chief Creed responded in the negative, describing the existing mower as worn out and beyond repair. Mrs. Neal inquired whether the city's Service Department has a mower available to loan, or perhaps could do the mowing of this area, to which Chief Creed again responded in the negative. Mrs. Patrick then asked if any consideration was given to acquiring a self propelled push mower instead of a riding mower. Chief Creed said that the use of a push mower was not considered practical due to the fact that this would be too time consuming. He said that it only takes one to two hours with a tractor, but would take many more hours with a push mower given the size of the area to be mowed. A discussion ensued concerning other matters such as OU-C's area of mowing, the fact that no overtime is incurred in getting the mowing done, and the fact that since this is done by firefighters during their usual shift, there is no additional cost to the city. Pres. Eallonardo thanked Chief Creed for taking the time to be here tonight and for providing Council his input.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Rhonda Erving of 94 King Street spoke to Council about nuisance issues in her neighborhood, stating that people might be mowing their front yards but that many of the back yards have high grass and weeds. She complained that the city's reliance upon fines is just not working and that there needs to be enforcement of the ordinances. She also complained about the panhandling all over the city, stating that this is a serious problem at Walmart and other establishments, where their aggressive tactics pose a danger and present a safety issue. She indicated that in her opinion the City needs to get together with the County and with the private sector to do something about this because the problem keeps getting worse. Ms. Erving then stated that as far as residential treatment centers go, there are lots of these people who are addicted to drugs and alcohol, and that she feels that although she is in favor of a person having the freedom to make personal choices, too many people are making the wrong choices and they must take responsibility for those choices and their consequences. She said that she certainly has sympathy especially for the families of the missing local women, but she said that we have to recognize that we cannot always help some people. She concluded by saying that some people are not going to change no matter what we do, but there are some who will.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Trutschel said that he brought up the problems with the property located at 508 Johnson Road during the last regular meeting, and that he wishes to thank the members of council, the city administration, Safety Service Director Mike Green and Chief of Police Washburn for their attention and response to the problems. He said that as a result of the concerted efforts made, the guy causing the problems is being evicted. Mr. Trutschel commented on the Hesswood Hills neighborhood, stating that the city needs to get needed street reconstruction and repaving done up there as soon as possible. He said that those residents have been very patient, and that they were very supportive of the efforts to pass the street levy each time it was on the ballot, attending all the meetings as a group. Mr. Trutschel said that he recognizes that Plyley's Lane as a main thoroughfare needs to be done first, but that the city needs to get Hesswood Hills under way without further delay.

Mrs. Patrick noted that the *Chillicothe Gazette* recently published a nice article describing the city's nuisance issues and the ongoing efforts to address those issues. She reminded everyone that the Nuisance Board will be meeting tomorrow, and she said that Officer Pratt of the Chillicothe Police Department is "busting his butt" to keep up with the complaints and enforcement. She said that he is presently following up on the Johnson Road property mentioned by Mr. Trutschel.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Corcoran announced that the Parks and Recreation Board will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, the 15th of July, to discuss the floodwall and special events.

READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION

Res. No. 7-15 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 second 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. Eallonardo declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and Pres. Eallonardo declared Resolution No. 7-15 adopted.

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 second time by title only.

An ordinance authorizing the appropriate city officials to add traffic controllers located within the City of Chillicothe to the City’s property insurance policy at an initial cost of \$6,262.50, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only.

Ord. No. 69-15 authorizing the transfer of funds in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the purchase of a lawn mower/garden tractor for Fire Department Station Four, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Trutschel 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. 69-15 adopted.

Ord. No. 70-15 appropriating \$500.00 for the Design Review Board to pay legal transcription fees, and declaring an emergency, was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Trutschel 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. 70-15 adopted.

Res. No. 8-15 adopting the tax budget for the City of Chillicothe, Ohio, for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2016, submitting the same to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Trutschel 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 Resolution No. 8-15 adopted.

An ordinance appropriating \$20,000.00 for the extension of an eight-inch water main to the east side of North Bridge Street at Hopetown Road, and declaring an emergency, was read for the first time by title only.

An ordinance appropriating funds for the implementation of an off-site data backup solution for the City Income Tax Department, and declaring an emergency, was read for the first time by title only.

An ordinance declaring certain vehicles obsolete or not needed and authorizing the Safety Service Director to sell said vehicles simultaneously with the purchase/lease of three new vehicles, and declaring an emergency, was read for the first time by title only.

Ord. No. 71-15 authorizing the City of Chillicothe to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$750.00 from the Chillicothe Elks, 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. 71-15 adopted.

An ordinance appropriating funds for the purchase, lease and cost of outfitting three cruisers for the Chillicothe Police Department, and declaring an emergency, was read for the first time by title only.

An ordinance authorizing the administration to hire two additional police officers, appropriating \$76,920.00 for salary and fringes, and declaring an emergency, was read for the first time by title only.

Mr. Fleurima moved and Ms. Gray seconded that the regular meeting be adjourned. All members present voted “yea” and Pres. Eallonardo declared the motion adopted. Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President of Council