

Council Chambers  
Regular Meeting  
November 25, 2013  
7:30 p.m.

Council met in regular session with the following eight members present: Ames, Bonner, Gray, Neal, Proehl, Siberell, Tatman and Trutschel. (Mrs. Patrick absent.) Pres. Pro Tem Trutschel presided in the absence of Pres. Rinehart. There were 2 media representatives and 8 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.

Mr. Siberell moved and Ms. Gray seconded that the Minutes of the regular meeting of November 11, 2013, 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**

### **Human Resources Committee:**

Ms. Gray reported on the Human Resources Committee Council Assignments #13-85; #13-118; and #13-127. She indicated that Council Committee Assignment #13-133 is on tonight's Agenda. Ms. Gray reported on Item #4 to appropriate \$4,500.00 to cover the salary costs for a full-time general laborer position within the Refuse Department for the remainder of 2013, on tonight's Agenda for its first reading. Ms. Gray reported on Item #5 to amend Section 123.072 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Chillicothe titled "Transit Department Personnel", on tonight's Agenda for its first reading. She said that she has a question concerning the wording in this ordinance, where it is indicated that the part-time bus operators "shall be non-classified". She asked Ms. Huffman and City Law Director Rutherford to comment on whether this should state "classified", instead of "non-classified". Ms. Hoffman, from the audience, stated that in her opinion this should state "classified" because these positions are now part of the bargaining unit. Mrs. Rutherford said that if that is the case, she will come forward with an amended version of this ordinance at the next regular meeting.

### **Finance Committee:**

Mr. Siberell reported on Item #2 to authorize the transfer of funds to cover electric expenses for street lights, on tonight's Agenda for its first reading. Mr. Siberell also commented on Item #4, stating that although he supports passage of this ordinance, he questions the funds coming from the general fund. Ms. Gray indicated that she will look into this and that perhaps City Law Director Rutherford can provide an amended version of Item #4 as well as Item #5 at the next regular meeting. She said that both will go forward to have their first readings tonight only.

### **Safety Services Committee:**

Mr. Proehl reported on Item #1 to amend Chapter 1501.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Chillicothe pertaining to enforcement of the Ohio Fire Code, on tonight's Agenda for its second reading.

### **Community Affairs Committee:**

Mrs. Neal said that Council Committee Assignment #13-56, dealing with livestock within the city limits, has been under study by her committee for some time now. She said that she has checked with other cities about such ordinances. However, she said that here in Chillicothe

there were 84 4-H projects in the city during 2013, and that these were overseen by the Ross County Extension Agent. She said that he has offered to intervene if a situation arises in the future where there is a problem with livestock. She also stated that there is some degree of control provided under the Ohio Revised Code. She said that she is therefore reporting out of committee Council Committee Assignment #13-56, with no further action to be taken.

**Parks & Recreation Committee:**

Mr. Trutschel reported on Item #3 to appropriate \$5,500.00 to the Parks Department to cover outstanding invoices due to the Transit Department for work that has been done on Parks Department equipment, on tonight's Agenda for its first reading. He said that he checked with City Auditor Feeney, and that according to Mr. Feeney the unappropriated parks fund is the only fund out of which this payment can be made. He said that he will seek to pass this item tonight.

**REPORTS OF OFFICIALS**

**Report of Mayor Everson:**

Mayor Everson expressed his thanks to the members of the insurance committee and to the union leadership for their work in getting the best deal for the city on the new health insurance contract. He also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

**Report of Auditor Feeney:**

City Auditor Feeney stated that the various bond issues will be finalized tomorrow. He expressed his thanks to the members of Council for their support in getting this done, stating that this will result in getting the city's debt reduced. He stated that earlier today, he attended a press conference in Athens concerning the Municipal Income Tax Reform Bill that is presently before the Ohio General Assembly. He stated that although all of us agreed that uniformity is needed, everyone also felt that what is before the state legislature now has actually become worse since Chillicothe City Council passed its resolution in opposition to H.B. 5. He said that we need to continue to voice our opposition to this legislation. He stated that it will result in another cut of funding in the amount of approximately \$100,000.00 each year to the City of Chillicothe. Mr. Feeney concluded his report by stating that he does support passage of those items on tonight's Agenda for which passage is being sought tonight.

**Report of Law Director Rutherford:**

City Law Director Rutherford stated that her office has been reviewing the existing legislation concerning pawn shops and second hand dealers within the city in order to come up with revised ordinances. She said that during the past year, her office has issued many legal opinions, has participated in numerous criminal prosecutions, and has also been involved in numerous other civil matters as well as several appeals.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Siberell noted that the chill is in the air tonight in City Council Chambers. He said that he hopes that this situation gets corrected in the future so that everyone does not have to continue wearing their winter coats during the meeting.

Mr. Siberell moved and Ms. Gray seconded that Council excuse the absence of Mrs. Patrick. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Pro Tem Trutschel declared the motion adopted.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Ames stated that she and Mrs. Patrick and Mr. Trutschel have called for a review session next Monday, December 2, 2013, beginning at 6:30 p.m., here in Council Chambers. She said that the subject of the review session is to update City Council and local residents of the nomination of the Hopewell Cultural National Historic Park for the World Heritage designation. She said that the speakers at this review session will include Mr. Bruce Lombardo, Director of Heartland Earthworks Conservancy, and Dr. Brett Ruby, Chief of Resource Management at Hopewell. She said that they will be addressing the nomination process, the importance of the earthworks, and the economic impact that receiving this designation could have on the local economy. She said that if anybody has not yet had the opportunity to hear about this project, she thinks that they will find it very informative and she concluded by stating that everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Ames announced that the Parks & Recreation Department is conducting the annual holiday decorating competition, both for homes and for businesses. She provided details concerning this competition. She also announced that the Chillicothe Transit System will again have its holiday bus tours from the 9<sup>th</sup> of December through the 12<sup>th</sup> of December.

Ms. Gray announced that tomorrow evening, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the Chillicothe High School Auditorium, there will be a presentation of "Rachel's Challenge" a program designed to help combat bullying. She stated that this is a community event, and that everyone is welcome to attend.

Mr. Bonner announced that the City Services Committee will meet this coming Wednesday, at 3:00 p.m., in the first floor conference room of 35 S. Paint Street, to discuss a proposed payment of \$17,000.00 to the Pandey Group, for its work on the landfill.

## COUNCIL ASSIGNMENT AND CALENDAR

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

#13-140-Finance-Request for legislation to appropriate \$24,000.00 to pay electric bill costs for street lights for the remainder of 2013.

## READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION

An Ordinance amending Chapter 1501.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Chillicothe, Ohio, and declaring an emergency was read for the second time by title only.

**Ord. No. 98-13** authorizing the transfer of funds to cover electric expenses for street lights, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Siberell 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 Ord. No. 98-13 adopted by a vote of 8-0.

**Ord. No. 99-13** appropriating \$5,500.00 to the City Parks Department to cover outstanding invoices due to the City Transit Department for work done on Parks Department equipment, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Trutschel moved and Mr. Siberell 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 Ord. No. 99-13 adopted by a vote of 8-0.

An Ordinance appropriating \$4,500.00 to cover the salary costs for a full-time general laborer position within the Refuse Department for the remainder of 2013, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only.

An Ordinance amending Section 123.072 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Chillicothe titled "Transit Department Personnel" and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only.

Mr. Siberell moved and Mrs. Ames seconded that the regular meeting be adjourned. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Pro Tem Trutschel declared the motion adopted. Adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council

Council Chambers  
Legislative Review Session  
December 2, 2013  
6:30 p.m.

Council met in Legislative Review Session as a quasi committee of the whole, chaired by Pres. Rinehart, pursuant to written Notice dated and delivered November 26, 2013, by Mrs. Patrick, Mr. Trutschel, and Mrs. Ames. The following eight members were present: Ames, Bonner, Gray, Neal, Patrick, Proehl, Tatman and Trutschel. (Mr. Siberell absent.) There were 2 media representatives and 19 other visitors present, in addition to Mayor Everson.

Pres. Rinehart called upon Mrs. Ames to lead tonight's discussion on the sole subject of the review session, an update on the nomination of the Hopewell Cultural National Historic Park for the World Heritage Designation.

Mrs. Ames gave some preliminary remarks, and then called upon Mr. Bruce Lombardo, Director of Heartland Earthworks Conservancy. Mr. Lombardo passed out pamphlets on the subject, and then narrated a slide presentation entitled "Heartland Earthworks Conservancy".

Following the slide presentation, Dr. Brett Ruby, Chief of Resource Management at Hopewell, provided an overview of the World Heritage Program. He addressed the nomination process, the importance of the Earthworks, and the anticipated economic impact to the local community that the receipt of this designation could have on the local economy.

The legislative review session adjourned, by consensus at 7:32 p.m.

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