

Council met in regular session with six of the nine members present. Those in attendance were Nickerson, Fairrow, Henderson, Park, A. Phillips and Proehl.

Pres. Gieringer was absent due to illness.

Ms. Henderson moved to excuse Ms. Payne, Ms. Preston and Mr. Greg Phillips from the July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting. All members in attendance voted "yea" and absent members were excused.

Ms. Henderson made a motion to appoint a President ProTem in the absence of President Gieringer. Mr. Anthony Phillips seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and the motion was passed.

Ms. Nickerson made a motion to appoint Councilman Proehl as Pro Tem. Mr. Fairrow seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and the motion was passed.

President Pro Tem Proehl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Henderson moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting (June 27<sup>th</sup>). Mr. Fairrow seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and the motion was passed.

Ms. Henderson made a motion to verbally amend and add into the meeting agenda, the committed legislation (541.05 Criminal Trespass) from the previous meeting, Ms Nickerson seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and the motion was passed.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Affairs: In the absence of Mr. Greg Phillips, Ms. Nickerson reported that this committee has one item on the agenda, which is the second reading of an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with the Hope Partnership and appropriating \$20,000.00. There was also a legislation request to look at the feral cat situation (assignment 22-083) & Mr. Phillips would like to call for a committee meeting July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

Human Resources: In the absence of Councilwoman Payne, Mr. Fairrow reported that this committee has one item on the agenda, which is a first reading of Item #8 which is an ordinance appropriating \$80,000.00 for Code Enforcement and Information Technology Services. This appropriation will be for contracted services that have already happened, and any future ones needed. He also reported that this committee had a meeting on Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup> to work on question for the Health Board assignment, 22-067.

Ms. Henderson interjected and made a motion to waive the three-day receipt rule for the updated agenda. Mr. Phillips seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" but Mr. Proehl pointed out that we do not have enough members for that vote to be valid. He stated that it could be resolved at the next meeting.

Parks and Recreation: Ms. Henderson reported that this committee does not have any items on the agenda. She shared that the Paints are still playing through the end of July.

Development: Ms. Nickerson reported that this committee has nothing on the agenda and nothing to report.

Finance: Mr. Anthony Phillips shared that this committee has nothing on the agenda and nothing to report.

City Service/Transit: There was no report for this committee.

Engineering: There was no report for this committee.



Safety Service: There was no report for this committee.

Utilities: Mr. Proehl reported that this committee has one item on the agenda which is an Ordinance authorizing the City of Chillicothe to apply for a loan from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to fund the wastewater treatment plant improvements construction and declaring an emergency. At the appropriate time he stated that he would request a waiver of the three-read rule. \*\*\*Ms. Nickerson interjected that she didn't think the rule could be waived with only 6 members present. Mr. Proehl agreed.

### REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Mayor Luke Feeney: Mayor Feeney reported that he wanted to share good news and appreciation for all the effort that went in to the Fourth of July Celebration. He shared that it was a good show and a special night. He shared an announcement that there will be another community event on Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup> called National Night Out. It is a community & police relations event. More details to come. Mayor Feeney shared that a grant application that was put in for a police officer hiring retention was funded in the amount of 1.6 million dollars. The land bank with the city and the county combined to form, received \$500,000.00 in grant money. It is specifically for the demolition of blighted properties. The last thing Mayor Feeney reported on was the authorization that Council gave at the last meeting to move forward without the contractors. There are no quotes in yet but should be coming soon. The timeline is still 2-3 month but given supply chain issues and other factors it may be delayed.

Auditor Spetnagel: On behalf of the Auditor, Mayor Feeney reported this office did not have a report.

Law Director Villarreal: On behalf of Law Director Villarreal, Mayor Feeney reported that "the Law Director's office is not permitted to give legal advice to non-client laypersons."

Council President: In the absence of Pres. Gieringer there was no report.

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

President Pro Tem Proehl briefed the audience on Council Rule 22.

Jason Link, 17 Mead Drive, Mr. Link came to share about the livestock ordinance. After the last meeting Mr. Link reached out to Anna Villarreal and Julie Preston asking about more discussion and was informed by Ms. Preston that there were to be no more committee meetings about the legislation. He went on to share his concerns. He reports that the language of the legislation is confusing concerning animal size (what constitutes a small animal vs. a large animal), the language concerning "chickens and other similar fowl", and the section concerning landowners & property size. He would like clarification on why the distinctions are what they are. He would like to know if it is an Ohio Revised Code issue. He shares that if there are too many restrictions it could become difficult to enforce. Mr. Link would like for any 4H or FFA student to be able to have their animal on their property. He strongly encourages council to take a step back and reconsider the legislation. Mr. Link shares his disappointment in the lack of email response that he and Brad Cosenza have received concerning this legislation.

### OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business brought up for discussion.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Nickerson made a motion to commit the livestock legislation back to committee for further study. Ms. Park seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and the motion was passed.

### READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION:

Second reading of an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Hope Partnership and appropriating \$20,000.00. Pres. Pro-Tem Proehl declared this item would move to the next agenda.

Second reading of a Resolution authorizing the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$7,709.00 as participating local funds for the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission on behalf of the City of Chillicothe, Ohio, for the fiscal year 2023 and declaring an emergency. Pres. Pro-Tem Proehl declared this item would move to the next agenda

Second reading of an Ordinance amending Section 505.14 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Chillicothe as it pertains to livestock being kept or harbored within the corporation limits of the City of Chillicothe, Ohio. \*\*\*Earlier in the meeting Ms. Nickerson moved to commit this legislation and the motion was accepted. \*\*\*

Second reading of an Ordinance accepting and appropriating \$500.00 from a stipend received by the Police Chief to attend Crisis Intervention Training. Pres. Pro-Tem Proehl declared this item would move to the next agenda.

Second reading of an Ordinance accepting and appropriating funds in the amount of \$1,301.20 for police overtime. Pres. Pro-Tem Proehl declared this item would move to the next agenda.

Second reading of an Ordinance accepting and appropriating funds in the amount of \$1,468.99 for the Police Department uniforms and body armor. Pres. Pro-Tem Proehl declared this item would move to the next agenda.

Second reading of an Ordinance accepting and appropriating insurance reimbursement funds in the amount of \$22,177.00 for the replacement of a totaled Police Department cruiser. Pres. Pro-Tem Proehl declared this item would move to the next agenda.

First reading of an Ordinance appropriating \$80,000.00 for Code Enforcement and Information Technology services. Pres. Pro-Tem Proehl declared this item would move to the next agenda.

First reading of an Ordinance authorizing the City of Chillicothe to apply for a loan from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to fund the wastewater treatment plant improvements construction and declaring an emergency. Pres. Pro-Tem Proehl declared this item would move to the next agenda.

Mr. Proehl asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Nickerson moved, and Henderson seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council