

Council met in regular session with eight of the nine members present: G. Phillips, A. Phillips, Proehl, Payne, Preston, Fairrow, Henderson, and Nickerson. In addition to City Auditor Spetnagel and Mr. Miller on behalf of Law Director Villarreal, the audience included many members of the public and media representation.

President Gieringer asked for a motion to excuse Ms. Park from the meeting. Mr. Fairrow made the motion and Greg Phillips seconded. All members in attendance voted “yea” and Ms. Park was excused from the August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ms. Preston made a motion to accept the previous meeting’s minutes and Ms. Henderson seconded. All members in attendance voted “yea” and Pres. Gieringer declared the minutes accepted.

President Gieringer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:** Mr. Greg Phillips stated that this committee has one item on the agenda for the evening. It is a third reading of an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with the Hope Partnership and appropriating \$20,000.00.

**ENGINEERING/CITY SERVICES:** Mr. Fairrow stated that there was no report for either committee.

**DEVELOPMENT:** Ms. Nickerson stated that this committee does not have any agenda items but there was a committee meeting held earlier in the evening regarding street closure processes.

**FINANCE:** Mr. Anthony Phillips stated that this committee has 4 items on the agenda. An ordinance appropriating \$12, 265.36 in insurance funds received as a security as the result of a structure fire at 97 King Street and declaring an emergency, an ordinance appropriating \$32, 000.00 in insurance funds received as security as the result of a structure fire at 382 McArthur Street and declaring an emergency, the first reading of an ordinance appropriating \$50, 000.00 for city income tax refunds, transferring funds back to the general fund to support the proportionate share of the income tax refunds and declaring an emergency, and finally an ordinance allowing the city auditor to transfer appropriated dollars between salaries and fringes within the same fund if needed on an emergency basis for the remainder of the year 2022. Mr. Phillips shared that there was a committee meeting held concerning assignment 22-094(year-end expenditures, etc.) and will be legislation at a future meeting.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:** Ms. Payne stated that this committee has one item on the agenda for the evening which is the third reading of an ordinance appropriating \$80, 000.00 for Code Enforcement and Information Technology services. This is for contracting outside work. Any money that is not used will go back to the general fund. Ms. Payne asked to amend the agenda because item two was listed as a second read instead of a third read. Ms. Payne made the motion to amend the agenda and waiving the three-day receipt rule. Mr. Fairrow seconded the motion. All members in attendance voted “yea” and the motion was passed. Ms. Payne shared that the HR committee also has Assignment 22-088 which is concerning insurance increases.

**UTILITIES:** Mr. Proehl stated that this committee has two items on the agenda. Item number 3 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. This item is listed at a second read on the agenda, but it should have been a third reading. Mr. Proehl made a motion to amend the agenda and waive the three-day receipt rule. Ms. Henderson seconded. All members in attendance voted “yea” and the motion passed. The second item is an ordinance appropriating \$300,000.00 for repairs related to the sewer collapse at the intersection of Watt Street and Water Street.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Ms. Henderson shared that this committee has one item on the agenda, which is an ordinance appropriating \$35, 000.00 toward the purchase of a lawn mower for the Parks and Rec dept. There was a committee meeting held earlier in the evening concerning a tree canopy restoration grant that this department could apply for. The goal of this program is to help reduce storm water run-off and many other things.

**SAFETY SERVICE:** Ms. Preston shared that this committee has four items on the agenda. An ordinance reallocating Municipal Court funds in the amount of \$10, 000.00, an ordinance amending Section 121.03 of the Codified Ordinances, an ordinance reappropriating \$38, 000.00 to complete the budgeted 2021 cruiser builds project for the police department, and finally, an ordinance appropriating \$618.29 for Chillicothe Municipal Court VOCA program expenses. Ms. Preston shared that this committee has two committed legislation pieces and there was a committee meeting held the previous Monday. The committee had a meeting earlier in the evening concerning a check form the Attorney General’s office and a hazmat reimbursement.

## REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

**Mayor Luke Feeney:** Mayor Feeney was not in attendance.

**Auditor Kristal Spetnagel:** Ms. Spetnagel expanded on agenda item 10, stating that the money can only moved from payroll to payroll, not operating to payroll. The money must stay within the same fund. The next item is item 13 which is appropriating \$50, 000.00 for city income tax refunds, transferring funds back to the general fund. Ms. Speatngel shared that the June financial statements would be available soon. She also called for a budget review on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Law Director Anna Villarreal:** Mr. Miller was in attendance on behalf of Ms. Villiarreal. Mr. Miller address about a bit of housekeeping concerning the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. At that meeting there was an excuse of 3 absent members in advance of appointing President Pro-Tem. He encouraged Council to go back and rescind the vote to excuse those three members and revote this evening.

\*\*\*At this point in the meeting Ms. Henderson made a motion to rescind the excuse of the three absent members at the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Fairrow seconded. All members in attendance voted “yea” and Pres Gieringer declared the motion passed.

Ms. Henderson made a motion to excuse the 3 absent members from the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting (Payne, Preston, G. Phillips) Seconded by Mr. Fairrow. All members in attendance voted “yea” and the members were excused. \*\*\*

**Council President Gieringer:** President Gieringer had nothing to report.

## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

President Gieringer briefed the public on Council Rule 22.

Michael Cade, 380 Meadow Lane, Mr. Cade shared a suggestion concerning his issue with Colburn Farms. He suggested that Meadow Lane and Pawnee not be paved because the roads would be “messed up”. He thinks that Zion Street should be paved.

Thomas Bailey, new to the area. Mr. Bailey shared that he is new to the area and wants to get involved in the community in some capacity. He just wanted to introduce himself and shared that he is looking forward to working with Council members and city officials.

## OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business reported.

## NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business reported.

## READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION:

First reading of an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Hope Partnership and appropriating \$20,000.00. All members in attendance voted “yea” concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Ord. #47-22 adopted.

An Ordinance appropriating \$80,000.00 for Code Enforcement and Information Technology services. All members in attendance voted “yea” concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Ord. #48-22 adopted.

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. All members in attendance voted “yea” concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Ord. #49-22 adopted.

An Ordinance appropriating \$12,265.36 in insurance funds received as security as the result of a structure fire at 97 King Street, Chillicothe, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Anthony Phillips moved to waive the three-read rule and Mr. Proehl seconded. All members in attendance voted “yea” and Pres Gieringer declared the rule waived. All members in attendance voted “yea” concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Ord. #50-22 adopted.

An Ordinance appropriating \$32,000.00 in insurance funds received as security as the result of a structure fire at 382 McArthur Street, Chillicothe, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mr. Anthony Phillips moved to waive the three-read rule and Ms. Henderson seconded. All members in attendance voted “yea” and Pres Gieringer declared the rule waived. All members in attendance voted “yea” concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Ord. #51-22 adopted.

An Ordinance reallocating Municipal Court funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 and declaring an emergency. Ms. Preston moved to waive the three-read rule and Ms. Payne seconded. All members in attendance voted “yea” and Pres Gieringer declared the rule waived. All members in attendance voted “yea” concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Ord. #52-22 adopted.

An Ordinance amending Section 121.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Chillicothe and declaring an emergency. Ms. Preston moved to waive the three-read rule and Mr. Greg Phillips seconded. All members in attendance voted “yea” and Pres Gieringer declared the rule waived. All members in attendance voted “yea” concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Ord. #53-22 adopted.

An Ordinance re-appropriating \$38,000.00 to complete the budgeted 2021 Cruiser Builds Project for the Chillicothe Police Department and declaring an emergency. Mr. Preston moved to waive the three-read rule and Ms. Payne seconded. All members in attendance voted “yea” and Pres Gieringer declared the rule waived. All members in attendance voted “yea” concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Ord. #54-22 adopted.

An Ordinance appropriating \$300,000.00 for repairs related to the sewer collapse at the intersection of Watt Street and Water Street and declaring an emergency. Mr. Proehl moved to waive the three-read rule and Ms. Henderson seconded. All members in attendance voted “yea” and Pres Gieringer declared the rule waived. All members in attendance voted “yea” concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Ord. #55-22 adopted.

An Ordinance allowing the City Auditor to transfer appropriated dollars between salaries and fringes within the same fund if needed on an emergency basis for the remainder of the year 2022. Pres. Gieringer declared that this item would move on to the next agenda.

An Ordinance appropriating \$618.29 for Chillicothe Municipal Court Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) Program expenses and declaring an emergency. Mr. Preston moved to waive the three-read rule and Ms. Henderson seconded. All members in attendance voted “yea” and Pres Gieringer declared the rule waived. All members in attendance voted “yea” concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Ord. #56-22 adopted.

An Ordinance appropriating \$35,000.00 to complete the purchase of a lawn mower for the Parks & Recreation Department. President Gieringer declared that this item would move to the next agenda.

An Ordinance appropriating \$50,000.00 for city income tax refunds, transferring funds back to the general fund to support the proportionate share of the income tax refunds, and declaring an emergency. President Gieringer declared that this item would move to the next agenda.

President Gieringer asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fairrow made the motion and Ms. Henderson seconded. All members in attendance voted “yea” and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council