

Council met in regular session with all nine members present. G. Phillips, Nickerson, Henderson, Payne, Fairrow, Brown, Preston, A. Phillips, and Proehl. In addition to Mayor Feeney, Auditor Spetnagel, and Law Director Villarreal, the audience included members of the public and media representation.

Pres. Gieringer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Affairs: Mr. Greg Phillips stated that this committee has no items on the agenda and nothing to report.

Human Resources: Ms. Payne stated that this committee has nothing on the agenda and nothing to report.

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

Finance: Mr. Anthony Phillips stated that this committee has one item on the agenda. Item 4 which is an ordinance appropriating \$18, 320 in insurance funds received as security from a structure fire at 268 South Hickory Street Chillicothe Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Safety Service: Ms. Preston stated that this committee has 5 items on the agenda. The first is a third reading of an ordinance amending section 505.14 of the codified ordinances of the city of Chillicothe Ohio as it pertains to livestock within corporation limits. Ms. Preston will ask for an amendment at the appropriate time. The next is a first reading of an ordinance accepting and appropriating \$11,449.84 received from Public Entity Risk Services of Ohio for weather related damage to Municipal Court equipment. The third is an ordinance amending Section 1709.02 Weeds, 138.03 Nuisance Abatement definitions, and 138.06 Notice of Nuisance or repeat nuisance service of the Codified ordinances of the City of Chillicothe, Ohio. The fourth is an ordinance allowing Chillicothe Municipal Court to increase hours for one part time bailiff to allow for the bailiff’s services for the remainder of 2022 and declaring an emergency, at the appropriate time, Ms. Preston will ask to waive the three-read rule. The final item is an ordinance extending the Chillicothe Municipal Court Victim Witness Assistance Program, accepting grant monies received through the Victims of Crime Act and the State Victim Assistance Act, setting up pay and benefits for the victim advocate position and declaring an emergency. At the appropriate time there will be a request to waive the three-read rule. There was a committee meeting earlier in the evening in regard to Violence Reduction Grant. It was approved by Safety Service Committee and sent to the Law Director’s office and will most likely be on the next agenda.

Parks & Rec: Ms. Henderson stated that this committee has two items on the agenda. The first is item 8 which is a resolution granting use of Yoctangee Park and the surrounding downtown streets for the Rudolph Run 5k on Wednesday, December 7th, 2022, and declaring an emergency. The second is item 9 which is a resolution granting use of Yoctangee Park and certain surrounding downtown streets to the Shine On Chillicothe Group for its “Light Up the Park for the Holiday Season” event and declaring an emergency. A committee meeting was held earlier in the evening concerning a request to apply for a grant to help fund the splash pad and the committee felt that there may be better options out there for a grant so it was decided to not move forward with that specific grant.

City Services&Transit/Engineering: Mr. Fairrow stated that the Engineering Committee has nothing on the agenda and nothing to report. Transit/ City Services has one item on the agenda which is an ordinance accepting and appropriating \$650,000.00 in funds awarded to the

Chillicothe Transit RossGo Program by South Central Ohio JFS- at the appropriate time there will be a request to waive the three- read rule.

Utilities: Mr. Proehl stated that this committee has no items on the agenda. There was a committee meeting held earlier in the evening concerning the water rate review process. There will be a water rate review committee meeting tomorrow. Recommendations will be made, and Mr. Proehl will share those at the next committee meeting which will be the Monday Novmeber 21st at 6:30pm.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Mayor Feeney: Mayor Feeney shared that there have been bids received for the Wastewater treatment facility. The bids will be presented back to Council. Mayor Feeney explained more on the water rate review process and the loan received from the EPA for the Wastewater treatment plant. He also mentions the Appalachian Community Grant process. It is a 500- billion-dollar award that will go to 32 Appalachian counties. The process to apply has been explained. Cross community applications are being encouraged. The application is due December 9th. It is a very involved program and process. Mayor Feeney goes on to share that the city was awarded \$150,000 in grant money for the demolition of a wastewater treatment plant on Bellview toward Paint Street. It is a potential connector space from the bike path on Plyley's lane to Paint Street. He wishes a belated Happy Veteran's Day to all who served. Finally, Mayor shares that former Council woman Pat Patrick has been working with the development department to secure grant money for the demolition of a property at 27 Wade Street. She would like to donate that property to the city and make it 6th Wards first playground.

Auditor Spetnagel: Ms. Spetnagel shares that the budget is still being worked on and progress is being made.

Law Director Villarreal: Ms. Villarreal shares that the legal community has suffered a loss with the unexpected death of Judge Schmidts father and now Judge Street's mother. She asks for patience as their office reschedules cases.

President Gieringer:

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

John Thacker, 990 Columbus Street, apt. 307, Mr. Thacker shares about the trolley that it will be running Wednesday and Friday this week for the downtown tree lighting. It runs through 5 out of the 6 wards. Mr. Thacker asks for a better explanation concerning agenda item 3.

***Ms. Preston responds that there were committee meetings back in July and this came about as a request from the police chief.

Mr. Thacker asks where to find a copy of the legislation and Ms. Preston refers him to the Council meeting email.

Mr. Thacker got a peek inside of the Armory and shares how beautiful it is. He asks if there is a plan for the building.

**** Ms. Henderson responds that Parks & Rec director Bill Bonner has some plans and ideas for the space.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Preston makes a motion to amend Section 505.14 which can be found in section B(3)(c) of the legialtion. Also, section H (how many animals/acre). Seconded by Tony Phillips. Members

voting “yea” were: A. Phillips, Payne, Henderson, Preston, and G. Phillips. Members voting “nay” were: Nickerson, Fairrow, Brown, and Proehl. Pres. Gieringer declared the motion passed.

PETITIONS/CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK:

Ms. Moss received multiple items of correspondence.

The first is from Mr. Jason Link. Two emails were received explaining his opposition to the legislation concerning 505.14 livestock. He has concerns surrounding the legislation and sent a letter with suggested changes. His main concern is for 4H and FFA members and he implores Council to not approve the ordinance.

A liquor license request for 5D Investments, LLC DBA Southern Ohio Axe Throwing.

A liquor license request for Paper City Coffee LLC DBA Paper City Coffee.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business brought up for discussion.

READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION:

Third 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. Members voting “yea” concerning the legislation were: A. Phillips, Payne, Henderson, Preston, and G. Phillips. Members voting “nay” concerning the legislation were: Nickerson, Fairrow, Brown and Proehl. Pres. Gieringer declared the legislation passed and Ord. #79-22 adopted.

First reading of an Ordinance accepting and appropriating \$11, 449.84 received from Public Entity Risk Service of Ohio for weather-related damage to Municipal Court equipment and declaring an emergency. Ms. Preston made a motion to waive the three-read rule. Ms. Payne seconded. All members in attendance voted “yea” and Pres. Gieringer declared the motion passed. All members voted “yea” concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Ord. #80-22 adopted.

First reading of an Ordinance amending Sections 1709.02(d) Weeds, 138.03 Nuisance Abatement definitions, and 138.06 Notice of Nuisance or Repeat Nuisance Service of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Chillicothe. Pres. Gieringer declared this item would move to the next agenda.

First reading of an Ordinance appropriating \$18,320.00 in insurance funds received as security as the result of a structure fire at 268 South Hickory Street, Chillicothe, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. Pres. Gieringer declared this item would move to the next agenda.

First reading of an Ordinance allowing the Chillicothe Municipal Court to increase the hours for one part-time deputy bailiff to allow for the bailiff’s services for the remainder of 2022 and declaring an emergency. Ms. Preston made a motion to waive the three-read rule. Ms. Henderson seconded the motion. All members in attendance voted “yea” and Pres. Gieringer declared the motion passed. All members in attendance voted “yea” concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Ord. #81-22 adopted.

First reading of an Ordinance extending the Chillicothe Municipal Court Victim Witness Assistance Program, accepting grant monies received through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and the State Victim’s Assistance Act (SVAA), setting up pay and benefits for the victim advocate position, and declaring an emergency. Ms. Preston made a motion to waive the three-read rule, Mr. Greg Phillips seconded. All members in attendance voted “yea” and Pres. Gieringer declared the motion passed. All members in attendance voted “yea” concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Ord. #82-22 adopted.

First reading of an Ordinance accepting and appropriating \$650,000.00 in funds awarded to the Chillicothe Transit RossGo Program by South Central Ohio Job and Family Services and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fairrow made a motion to waive the three-read rule. Ms. Payne seconded. All members

in attendance voted “yea” and Pres. Gieirnger declared the motion passed. All members in attendance voted “yea” concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Ord. #83-22 adopted.

First reading of a Resolution granting use of Yoctangee Park and the surrounding downtown streets for the Rudolph Run 5K on Wednesday, December 7th, 2022, and declaring an emergency. Ms. Henderson made a motion to waive the three-read rule, Ms. Nickerson seconded the motion. All members in attendance voted “yea” and Pres. Gieirnger declared the motion passed. All members in attendance voted "yea" and Pres Gieringer declared Res. #32-22 adopted.

First reading of a Resolution granting use of Yoctangee Park and certain surrounding downtown streets to the Shine On Chillicothe group for its “Light Up the Park for the Holiday Season” event on Friday November 18, 2022 and declaring an emergency. Ms.Henderson made a motion to waive the three-read rule, Ms. Payne seconded the motion. All members in attendance voted “yea” and Pres. Gieringer declared the motion passed. All members in attendance voted “yea” concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieirnger declared Res. 33-22 adopted.

Pres. Gieringer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Henderson made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Nickerson seconded. All members in attendance voted “yea” and the meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.