

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

President Gieringer asked for a motion to excuse Ms. Gillum from the meeting. Mr. Fairrow moved, and Ms. Payne seconded that Ms. Gillum be excused from the March 28th, 2022, meeting. All members present voted "yea" and President Gieringer declared the motion passed.

President Gieringer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Gieringer asked for a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as they are. Ms. Payne made the motion and Mrs. Henderson seconded. President Gieringer declared the minutes as accepted.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:** Mr. Phillips shared that last Monday this committee held a meeting on community non-profit funding. They are in the process of getting that wrapped up with legal review and hopefully it will be on an agenda in April. There are no agenda items this evening for this committee.

**HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE:** Ms. Payne stated that this committee met last Monday as well. The meeting was concerning rates of pay for seasonal employees. This item is number 9 on the agenda for this meeting. It is an ordinance establishing pay rates for summer and fall seasonal employees within the Parks and Recreation, Swimming Pool, Service, Engineering, Administration and Utilities Departments of the City of Chillicothe for the calendar year 2022 and declaring an emergency. The reason for being declared an emergency is so that once the item is voted on, it will go into effect right away. This covers all the departments listed and about 56 different seasonal employees. Some of which are hired in April. This committee has a second item on the agenda- item 4: an ordinance establishing rates of pay and other economic benefits for classified, non-classified, and management level employees of the city of Chillicothe OH and declaring an emergency.

**DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Ms. Nickerson stated that the committee has nothing on the agenda and nothing to report. Council Chambers Regular Meeting April 11th, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Anthony Phillips stated that this committee has three items on the agenda for the evening. The first three agenda items: An ordinance accepting and appropriating \$5001.00 received as a payoff of a CHIP mortgage and declaring an emergency, and ordinance accepting and appropriating \$3,381.00 in forfeiture of contraband funds and declaring an emergency, and an ordinance authorizing the auction of miscellaneous items including city owned vehicles and equipment which are not needed for public use or are obsolete or unfit for the use for which they were acquired, in accordance with Ohio revised code section 721.15, and declaring an emergency. This committee met last week concerning a first read for an ordinance accepting an appropriating \$10, 242.60 received from the recycling of scrap water meters for the use toward replacing other aged meters in the City's water distribution system.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Ms. Henderson stated that this committee has five items on the agenda. A resolution granting the use of certain city streets for the Kenworth Truck Parade on Saturday June 18th, 2022 and declaring an emergency, a resolution expressing cooperation and granting use of a certain portion of Paint Street to the downtown Chillicothe Organization for it's Yellow Day celebration on May 6th, 2022, a resolution granting the use of the City Park and surrounding streets from Thursday May 6th 2022 at 8:00 AM through Monday May 30th 2022 at 11:00 AM for the preparation, operation and cleanup of the annual feast of the flowering moon and providing for coordination of its events with the city Parks and Recreation department, a resolution authorizing the city of Chillicothe to file an application with the Ohio Nature Works recreational trails program grant and declaring an emergency, a resolution expressing cooperation in granting use of a certain portion of Paint Street to 50 West Brewing Company for the 50 West half marathon on Sunday June 5th, 2022. Ms. Henderson shared some event reminders: The Leprechaun Chase on Saturday April 2nd, and the Fight like a Kid 5k Saturday May 7th. She shared that Arbor Day is April 29th and more details concerning that will be given later. The last item she shared was the exciting fact that the Chillicothe Tree Commission is getting three seedlings from the Great White Oak Tree in Logan Ohio.



**SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE:** Ms. Preston stated that the committee has one item on the agenda which is number 8: an Ordinance amending Section 121.021(h) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Chillicothe as it pertains to nuisance property code enforcement and declaring an emergency. The committee met earlier in the evening concerning livestock within the City Limits, there was a draft of a law shared from the Law Director's office. She stated that they would continue to discuss that information and do some more research. Ms. Preston shared a reminder about Fish with A Firefighter on April 9th in the City Park from 9am-12pm. Council Chambers Regular Meeting April 11th, 2022 7:00 p.m.

**ENGINEERING COMMITTEE:** Mr. Fairrow stated that the Engineering Committee has nothing on the agenda for the evening and nothing to report.

**CITY SERVICES AND TRANSIT COMMITTEE:** In the absence of Ms. Gillum there was nothing reported.

**UTILITIES COMMITTEE:** Mr. Proehl stated that the committee has no items on the agenda and nothing to report.

#### REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS:

**Report of Mayor Luke Feeney:** Mayor Feeney commented on Item 9, and he appreciates that committee's swift action to adjust the seasonal pay rates to be able to get help this summer. The police have now passed their contracts and that is the last of the three of the bargaining units. The committee assignments will come soon and may be on Council's agenda for next meeting. Councilwoman Gillum has submitted an email to Mayor Feeney and President Gieringer announcing her resignation. He thanks councilwoman Gillum for her time on Council. As she noted in her email, her business obligations have become quite busy. Mayor Feeney shares that he is proud of Ms. Gillum for the work she has done there and the work she did on council. Mayor Feeney also wanted to comment on the "ongoing saga of our Health Board", there are two vacancies and a unique situation at the last meeting that resulted in a tie vote. After that meeting, there was a decision made that the appropriate procedure for appointments of any kind moving forward would be a committee assignment request followed by appointment to a committee, then council action. Mayor Feeney has recommended Dr. John Gabis and will be coming forward with a second recommendation for a committee assignment request before the next council meeting. He wanted to address an email received by himself and President Gieringer from the Health District Board President, Glenn Thompson. In Mr. Thompson's email he recommended that perhaps the board was lacking in an attorney, and he suggested more diversity. Mayor Feeney wanted to clarify for folks who have had questions; Mr. Thompson is an appointee of the District Advisory Committee. The appointees that the mayor Feeney puts forward are who he believes would be in the City's best interest and he believes that Dr. Gabis is the best person he can think of to represent the city on the Health Board. The District Advisory Committee with their four appointees can also appoint an attorney or businessperson. He concludes with some exciting news concerning the wastewater treatment plant which is need of a "complete rebuild". It's a project that started off with early estimates of it being a 25-million-dollar project, it is now estimated 40-million-dollar project. This project will dramatically increase capacity and will eliminate the odor in the 4th and 6th ward. The city received word last week that 3.5 million dollars in funding were received. The city is up to about 8.5 million dollars in grant funds for the project.

**Report of Auditor Spetnagel:** Auditor Spetnagel stated that she had nothing to report.

**Report of Law Director Villarreal:** Law director Villarreal stated that she had nothing to report.

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

#### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Audience was briefed by President Gieringer on Council Rule 22 which gives each speaker 5 minutes to present, with a total limitation of 15 minutes per any single subject.

Michael Cade, 380 Meadow Lane, A few weeks about he shared about Colburn Farms and wanted to add one thing to his statement from the last meeting he came to. He shares that Meadow Lane is a narrow street and when two vehicles try to get down that street it is difficult. It is nearly impossible



when one of those vehicles is a dump truck. What happens is that one of the vehicles has to get off the road into yards and cause problems. He shares that there has been a lot of talk about what takes place on the main city streets (Main Street, Bridge Street, Western Ave.), concerning the noise. He thinks that the noise could be handled easily. He shares that when it comes to the exhaust systems on the vehicles, its phenomenal. He shared that in years past people were ticketed for not having mufflers on their vehicles. He isn't sure why people are no longer getting ticketed for not having mufflers or for having noisy mufflers.

Terry Williams, 47 ½ E. Main Street, Mr. Williams states that he is in attendance of the meeting because he is interested in seeing what is going to happen in Dr. John Gabis' nomination. He is interested to see how Dr. Gabis is treated and what the process looks like. He is concerned that when the nomination came up that a few people voted no because they were worried about process. He is interested to know what the process is going to be in the figuring of how Council will come to a consensus as a group. He shares that he doesn't seem like the process has been laid out very well. He wants to know from President Gieringer, whether he intends to assign it to a committee soon and how that process will play out? President Gieringer interjected about process changes and that the process continues to evolve as we move forward. At this point, President Gieringer will assign it to a special committees and meetings will be had and will be announced. If the item makes it out of the committee, it will make it onto the agenda as a resolution. The council has been informed by the Health District that they have a quorum, and they can function as they are currently. Mr. Williams shares that he is concerned about two things that were raised, the idea that folk on council have had a personal conversation with Dr. Gabis. And is concerned also to hear how this will come forward in committee and that it is announced publicly.

Beverly Wilkes, 156 Hanover Drive, she has been a resident for over a decade. She shared that she hasn't participated in the pledge of allegiance regularly since she was in school. She loves the last part that says, "liberty and justice for all". She thinks the "all" represents the people that are most vulnerable in our community, the people we might lose this year. She knows very well that Dr. Gabis has been strong in helping those folks. She doesn't understand the problem. She encourages Council to reach into their hearts and think about these people.

Coleen Abathy, 1580 Orr Road, she doesn't quite understand why after 3 rejections, the vote on Dr. Gabis is still coming up. She wonders if there is a less contentious person that could be submitted?

Hope Proehl, 13 Club Drive, Shared about livestock in the city and her personal experience with chickens. She shares that her first chicken in a Walmart parking lot. She shared that after that they adopted 6 chicks, all hens. Miss Proehl states that having chickens has caused her to care for many more things. She dearly loves her chickens and cares for them with her entire heart.

Lindsay Cobb, 7 Patrick Court, she just moved to Chillicothe from the Columbus area. She works at the VA in mental health. She deals with many patients who struggle with substance abuse. She shares that recently she was working in the urgent care and one of her patients and was homeless- she said he was encouraged to go to a shelter in Chillicothe on Keller Road. The patient told Ms. Cobb that he didn't want to go back there. When asked "why?", he said that as a struggling opioid addict and did not want to go to a place where there are people actively shooting up in the restrooms. Ms. Cobb found out that there are no background screenings being done at that facility and she has a lot of concerns. Bishop Flaget is right around the corner and wanted to bring to the attention of Council what is happening at this shelter in a residential area. She is very concerned and doesn't want to sound hypocritical, but she doesn't think this shelter is in the right setting.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business brought up for discussion.

President Gieringer asked if there was any petitions correspondence received by the clerk and there was none.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business brought up for discussion.

**COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS AND CALENDAR:**

Mayor Feeney shared that there had been a couple public meetings for the Choose Chillicothe master planning process and there will be another one this Thursday, March 31 st . (an online event) It will be from 11:30-1.

President Gieringer reviews new committee assignments.

Assignment #22028 City Services and assignment to advertise for bids.

Assignment #22029: assigned to Parks and Recreation. Street closure for Art in The Streets.

Assignment #22030: assigned to Finance committee. Fund appropriation for beacon meter.

**READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION:**

Third reading of an Ordinance accepting and appropriating \$5001.00 received as payoff of a CHIP mortgage and declaring an emergency. All members in attendance voted "yea" and President Gieringer declared the ordinance passed.

Third reading of an Ordinance accepting and appropriating \$3,381.00 in forfeiture of Contraband Funds and declaring an emergency. All members in attendance voted "yea" and President Gieringer declared the ordinance passed.

Third reading of an Ordinance authorizing the auction of miscellaneous items, including city owned vehicles and equipment which are not needed for public use or are obsolete or unfit for the use for which they were acquired, in accordance with Ohio revised code Section 7 21.15, and declaring an emergency. All members in attendance voted "yea" and president Gieringer declared the ordinance passed.

Third reading of an Ordinance establishing rates of pay and other economic benefits for classified, nonclassified, and management level employees of the City of Chillicothe, OH and declaring an emergency. All members in attendance voted 'yea" and President Gieringer declared the motion passed.

Second reading of a resolution granting use of certain city streets for the Kenworth Truck Parade on Saturday June 18th, 2022, and declaring an emergency. Ms. Henderson made a motion to waive the three-read rule. Mr. Greg Phillips seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" to waive the three read rule and President Gieringer declared the motion as passed. All members in attendance voted "yea" and President Gieringer declared the resolution as passed.

Second reading of a Resolution expressing cooperation and granting use of a certain portion of Paint Street to the downtown Chillicothe Organization for its Yellow Day celebration on May 6th, 2022. President Gieringer declared that this item will move to the next meeting.

A second reading of a resolution granting the use of the City Park and surrounding streets from Thursday May 26th, 2022, at 8:00 AM through Monday May 30th, 2022, at 11:00 AM for the preparation, operation and cleanup of the annual Feast of the Flowering Moon and providing for coordination of its events with the city Parks and Recreation department. President Gieringer declared that this item will move to the next meeting.

A second reading of an Ordinance amending section 121.021(h) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Chillicothe as it pertains to nuisance property code enforcement and declaring an emergency. Ms. Preston made a motion to waive the three-read rule, Ms. Henderson seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" to waive the three-read rule and President Gieringer declared the motion passed. All members in attendance voted "yea" on the ordinance and President Gieringer declared the ordinance passed.

An ordinance establishing the pay scale for part-time summer and fall seasonal employees within the Parks and Recreation, Swimming Pool, Service, Engineering, Administration, and Utilities Departments of the City of Chillicothe for the calendar year 2022 and declaring an emergency. Ms. Payne made a motion to reconsider this item, Ms. Nickerson seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" to reconsider to waive the three-read rule. All members in attendance voted "yea" and President Gieringer declared the motion passed.



Council Chambers  
Regular Meeting  
March 28, 2022  
7:00pm

First reading of an ordinance accepting and appropriating \$10, 242.60 received from the recycling of scrap water meters for the use toward replacing other aged meters in the City's water distribution system. President Gieringer declared that item will move to the next meeting.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the City of Chillicothe to file an application with the Ohio Nature Works Recreational Trails Program grant and declaring an emergency. Ms. Henderson made a motion to waive the three-read rule on this item as the deadline for filing is quickly approaching in two weeks. Ms. Nickerson seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" to waive the three-read rule and President Gieringer declared the motion as passed. All members in attendance voted "yea" on the resolution and President Gieringer declared the resolution passed.

First reading of a resolution expressing cooperation and granting use of a certain portion of Paint Street to 50 West Brewing Company for the 50 West Half Marathon. President Gieringer declared this item would move to the next agenda

President Gieringer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Henderson made the motion and Mr. Fairrow seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" on the motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.



Kennedy Moris - Clerk of Council