

Council met in regular session with 7 of the 8 members present: G. Phillips, Nickerson, Henderson, A. Phillips, Preston and Brown. In addition to Mayor Feeney, City Auditor Spetnagel and Law Director Villarreal, the audience included many members of the public and media representation.

Ms. Preston asked for a motion to excuse Pres. Gieringer from the October 10th meeting. Ms. Henderson made the motion, Mr. Phillips seconded. ***Ms. Nickerson asked the reason for his absence and Ms. Preston informed Council that he is out of town. *** Voting "yea" was G. Phillips, Henderson, Brown, Preston, A. Phillips and Proehl. Voting "nay" was Nickerson.

Ms. Preston asked for a motion to excuse Ms. Payne from the meeting. Mr. Proehl made the motion, Mr. Phillips seconded. ***Ms. Nickerson asked the reason for her absence and Ms. Preston informed Council that she is out of town. *** Voting "yea" was G. Phillips, Henderson, Brown, Preston, A. Phillips and Proehl. Voting "nay" was Nickerson.

Ms. Preston asked for a motion to excuse Mr. Fairrow from the meeting. Mr. Phillips made the motion, Ms. Henderson seconded *** Ms. Preston informed Council that he is out of town. *** Voting "yea" was G. Phillips, Henderson, Brown, Preston, A. Phillips and Proehl. Voting "nay" was Nickerson.

President Pro-Tem Preston led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Preston asked for a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes. Ms. Henderson made the motion, Mr. Anthony Phillips seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and Pres. Pro-Tem Preston declared the minutes as accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Mr. Anthony Phillips shared that this committee has one item on the agenda. Item number 4 is a second reading of an ordinance appropriating \$4000.00 for the use toward the purchase of a credit card machine and monthly credit card machine service charges for the remainder of 2022.

Community Affairs: Mr. Greg Phillips stated that this committee has nothing on the agenda and nothing to report.

Development: Ms. Nickerson stated that this committee has no items on the agenda and nothing to report.

Human Resources: On behalf of Ms. Payne, Ms. Preston stated that this committee has two items on the agenda. Both items are at a third read and will be voted on this evening. Item number one is a resolution approving the 2023 health insurance benefits proposal for city employees. The city's committee met bi-weekly for a period of 4 month to consider the city's various options and prepare recommendations for the 2023 health care coverage for city employees. Item number two on the agenda is a resolution confirming the appointments of Dr. Richard Villarreal and Dr. Brandy Spaulding to the Ross County Health District Board. The HR committee met numerous times to come up with questions for the candidates. This item has gone through two reads and is ready to be voted on this evening.

Parks and Recreation: Ms. Henderson stated that this committee has three items on the agenda. Item number 7 is the M. A. D. E Drug Free Rally street closure and due to the changes in street closure protocol, this item and item number 11 do have emergency language. Item number 11 is a street closure for the annual Jaycee's Halloween Parade and item 12 is a street closure for the first annual Polar Plunge community event hosted by the Greenies non-profit organization. Ms. Henderson reminded everyone that "Tales of the Undead" is still taking place at Sugarloaf Mountain.

Engineering: In the absence of Mr. Fairrow, Mr. Greg Phillips shared that this committee has multiple items on the agenda. Item number 5 is an ordinance appropriating \$70,000.00 for the purchase of a new boiler for the City of Chillicothe administration building and declaring an emergency. With the weather already turning, Mr. Fairrow will request to waive the three-read rule. Item number 10 is an ordinance accepting and appropriating \$150,000.00 from the 2019 CDBG Formula Allocation Grant to assist in

funding the Buckeye Street sidewalk and Mary Lou Patton Park facilities project. Mr. Fairrow will request to add emergency language and waive the three-read rule on this item.

City Services/Transit: In the absence of Mr. Fairrow, there was no report given for this committee.

Safety Services: Ms. Preston stated that this committee has 5 items on the agenda. Item number 3 is the 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 corporation limits of the City of Chillicothe, OH. The plan for this legislation is to have an amendment to fix some numerical errors in the legislation and Ms. Preston will also ask for a motion to commit the legislation back to committee. Item number 6 is the first reading of an ordinance appropriating \$5,600.00 for the Administration of Fire Department examinations and declaring an emergency. Item number 8 is an ordinance authorizing the Municipal court to apply for a VOCA grant and SVAA grant, accepting said grants if awarded and declaring an emergency. Item number 9 is the first reading of an ordinance appropriating \$64,000.00 to fund the Police Department's lease of Axon body cameras, tasers, and evidence storage services and declaring an emergency- this is a 3-year rotating lease. Ms. Preston commented on the criminal trespass legislation: her intent at the last meeting was to table the legislation and let it die on the table, at the appropriate time Ms. Preston will request to rescind the votes to table the legislation and then will have a committee meeting to put the item back on the agenda and the intent is to table the legislation and to let it die on the table at the first Council meeting in November.

Utilities: Mr. Proehl stated that there was no report for this committee.

Ms. Preston welcomed Mr. Jamie Brown to Council.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Mayor Luke Feeney: Mayor Feeney shared that a new transit program was launched this year and the city just passed 25,000 trips in this new system since January and this weekend the city will pass 5,000 trips with the trolley. The police department just won the contest for the best-looking cruiser in Ohio. Finally, the online Engage Chillicothe program has now 250 registered users.

Auditor Kristal Spetnagel: Ms. Spetnagel shared that this office has nothing on the agenda and nothing to report. A new budget schedule meeting will take place Monday October 17th at 6pm.

Law Director Anna Villarreal: In the absence of Ms. Villarreal, Mr. Miller stated that he was available for commentary or questions about any pending legislation.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Preston briefed the audience on Council Rule 22 limiting each speaker to 5 minutes with a total of 15 minutes per any single subject.

Ms. Nickerson made a motion to suspend the Rule 22, Mr. Brown seconded. Members voting "yea" were G. Phillips, Nickerson, Brown, and Proehl. Members voting "nay" were Henderson, Preston, and A. Phillips. Pres. Pro-Tem declared the motion passed and Rule 22 suspended.

Jason Link, 17 Mead Drive, Mr. Link wanted to be clear that he has sent 2 emails since the last meeting and did not receive responses on those two emails. He did receive a response back from President Gieringer and Clerk Moss. Mr. Link shared that he has been here too many times to talk about livestock. He shares information with Council about how many 5-10 acres plots are in the city and how many 10 + acre plots. He goes on to explain what he has researched about how much space an animal needs and how he feels the legislation is discriminatory. He is confounded that a second read was approved and voted on two weeks ago when the legislation contained errors. Mr. Link asks for an open conversation and a committee meeting with people involved from an Ag/livestock perspective. He requests as much notice as possible for when the committee meeting will take place so that the people who have interest can be there.

Stacy Overly, 218 Woodside Drive, Mr. Overly shares his concerns over what is happening behind the Deer Run condominiums and the 150 head of cattle being housed just 150 feet from his back patio. He also brings up water flow issues. He has brought it to the attention of the zoning board and wanted to be on record for sharing it at Council.

Andy Hill, 420 Overlake Drive, Mr. Hill shares that he is on Senior Fair Board and shares his concerns and thoughts on the livestock legislation. He shares the amount of time that each 4h animal project takes. He also brings up some wording changes that he believes need to be made.

John Thacker, 990 Columbus Street Apt. 307, Mr. Thacker shares that he is a high proportion of the 5000 riders on the trolley. He also addresses his support of the nominees for the Health District Board. Mr. Thacker asks about the improvements on Buckeye Street and Mary Lou Patton Park.

***Ms. Henderson shared that Mr. Fairrow would be the contact for that question. ***

***Mayor Feeney shared that the projects should be completed next year, and the Mary Lou Patton project is a resurfacing and drainage project for the parking lot. ***

Mr. Thacker requests the plexiglass in chambers be removed.

Terry Williams, 47 ½ E. Main Street, Mr. Williams shares that he wants to speak about the livestock and the criminal trespass. He shares that he was the 2001 Pike County Fair King and that 4H is an essential part of a lot of our youth development in this city. He hopes that the legislation goes through good scrutiny in committee. Concerning criminal trespass, he shares that he sent a communication to council concerning the struggle he had on Council taking an action on committed legislation. He shares a concern with a communication he received as a part of a public records request. The communication is an email between Ms. Preston, Pres. Gieringer and the Law Director Villarreal. He shares that people cannot be imprisoned for sleeping in the park if alternative shelter is not given. From the email he did some research on Wadsworth Oh which is comparable to Chillicothe, and they implemented similar legislation, but that city has 9 places to house homeless persons. Chillicothe has 1 that holds 53 individuals. He states that solutions are needed now because winter is coming.

Linda Hoover, 319 Renick Ave, Ms. Hoover shares the most immediate need in Chillicothe is emergency shelter. A shelter to help with the current problem is ideally open around the clock so that people who work off-shifts can have a place to go and stay. She also mentions needing services to come to the shelter to help people with different job and personal needs. She states that this issue is getting state and national attention. "We have to do a better job.... Everybody has an idea. Let's bring all the ideas to the table and come up with the best solution for this town."

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Preston made a motion to rescind the votes on the criminal trespass legislation. Ms. Nickerson seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and Pres. Pro-Tem Preston declared the motion passed.

Ms. Preston made a motion to accept the amendments to the livestock legislation. Greg Phillips seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and Pres. Pro-Tem Preston declared the motion passed.

Ms. Preston made a motion to commit the livestock legislation back to committee. Ms. Nickerson seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and Pres. Pro-Tem Preston declared the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business brought up for discussion.

PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Moss received a public correspondence letter from Mr. Terry Williams and that is attached at the end of the minutes.

READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION:

Third reading of a Resolution approving the 2023 health insurance benefits proposal for city employees. Members voting "yea" were G. Phillips, Nickerson, Preston, A. Phillips, Proehl, and Brown. Ms. Henderson abstained from voting. Pres. Pro-Tem Preston declared Res. #26-22 adopted.

Third reading of a Resolution confirming the appointments of Dr. Richard Villarreal and Dr. Brandy Spaulding to the Ross County Health District Board. All members in attendance voted "yea" and Pres. Pro-Tem Preston declared Res. #27-22 adopted.

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, OH. Pres. Pro-Tem declared this item as committee legislation.

Second reading of an Ordinance appropriating \$4,000.00 for the use toward the purchase of a credit card machine and monthly credit card machine service charges for the remainder of 2022. President Pro-Tem Preston declared this item would move to the next agenda.

First reading of an Ordinance appropriating \$70,000.00 for the purchase of a new boiler for the City of Chillicothe Administration building and declaring an emergency. Mr. Greg Phillips made a motion to waive the three-read rule and Ms. Henderson seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and the motion passed. All members in attendance voted "yea" concerning the legislation and Pres. Pro-Tem Preston declared Ord. #71-22 adopted.

First reading of an Ordinance appropriating \$5,600.00 for the Administration of Fire Department Examinations and declaring an emergency. Ms. Preston made a motion to waive the three-read rule and Mr. Phillips seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and the motion passed. All members in attendance voted "yea" concerning the legislation and Pres. Pro-Tem Preston declared Ord. #72-22 adopted.

First reading of a Resolution expressing cooperation and granting use of a certain portion of Paint Street for the M.A.D.E. Drug Free Rally and declaring an emergency. President Pro-Tem Preston declared this item would move to the next agenda.

First reading of an Ordinance authorizing the Chillicothe Municipal Court to apply for the Ohio Attorney General's Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant and the State Victim's Assistance Act (SVAA) Grant to extend the Chillicothe Municipal Court Victim Witness Assistance Program, accepting said grants if awarded, and declaring an emergency. Ms. Preston made a motion to waive the three-read rule, Mr. Proehl seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and the motion passed. All members in attendance voted "yea" concerning the legislation and Pres. Pro-Tem Preston declared Ord. # 73-22 adopted.

First reading of an Ordinance appropriating \$64,000.00 to fund the Police Department's lease of Axon body cameras, tasers, and evidence storage services 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 the motion passed. All members in attendance voted "yea" concerning the legislation and Pres. Pro-Tem Preston declared Ord. # 74-22 adopted.

First reading of an Ordinance accepting and appropriating \$150,000.00 from the 2021 CDBG Formula Allocation Grant to assist in funding the Buckeye Street sidewalk and Mary Lou Patton Park facilities project. Mr. Greg Phillips made a motion to add emergency language, Mr. Brown seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and the motion passed. Mr. Greg Phillips made a motion to waive the three-read rule, Ms. Henderson seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and the motion passed. All members in attendance voted "yea" concerning the legislation and Pres. Pro-Tem Preston declared Ord. # 75-22 adopted.

First reading of a Resolution granting use of Yoctangee Park and certain city streets for the annual Jaycee's Halloween Parade on Saturday October 29th, 2022, and declaring an emergency. President Pro-Tem Preston declared this item would move to the next agenda.

First reading of a resolution expressing cooperation and granting use of a certain portion of Paint Street to the "Greenies" nonprofit organization for its Polar Plunge community event and declaring an emergency. President Pro-Tem Preston declared this item would move to the next agenda.

Ms. Preston asked for a motion to adjourn, Ms. Henderson made the motion, Ms. Nickerson seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.