

Council met in regular session with seven of the nine members present. A. Phillips, Payne, Nickerson, Fairrow, Henderson, Preston, G. Phillips. President Gieringer informed Council of Ms. Nena Park's resignation. He then asked for a motion to excuse Ms. Park and Mr. Proehl. Ms. Preston made the motion and Ms. Payne seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and Pres. Gieringer declared the motion passed.

President Gieringer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Gieringer asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. Ms. Henderson made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr. Greg Phillips seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and Pres. Gieringer declared the minutes accepted.

\*\*\*Ms. Nickerson brought to the attention of council that the minutes at the previous meeting that were amended, were not voted on. President Gieringer requested a motion to accept the minutes that were amended at the last meeting. Ms. Henderson made the motion, Ms. Nickerson seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and those minutes were accepted.\*\*\*

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Finance:** Mr. Anthony Phillips shared that this committee has several things on the agenda for the evening. First is a third reading allowing the City Auditor to transfer appropriated dollars between salaries and fringes within the same department if needed on an emergency basis for 2022. The next is 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. A second reading of an ordinance appropriating funds for various end of year expenses. Mr. Phillips shared that he would request to waive the three-read rule at the appropriate time. The next item is a first reading of a resolution authorizing the tax levies for the city of Chillicothe OH for the fiscal year 2023, as determined by the Ross County Budget Commission certifying said levies to the County Auditor and declaring an emergency. This is an annual resolution required by Ohio law to be passed by October 1<sup>st</sup>, so there will also be a request to waive the three- read rule. Mr. Phillips shared that this committee had a meeting earlier in the evening about a new credit card machine for the income tax department in the amount of \$4000.00. Mr. Phillips brought to everyone's attention an email that was sent earlier in the week from Auditor Spetnagel concerning the 2023 budget meeting schedule.

**Community Affairs:** Mr. Greg Phillips shared that this committee has on item on the agenda for the evening, which is the first reading of an ordinance accepting and appropriating \$26, 936. 33 received from the One Ohio Opioid Settlement. This is to create a separate fund in which to receive and hold those funds. Mr. Phillips also stated that he would ask to waive the three-read rule on this item.

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

**Human Resources:** Ms. Payne shared that this committee had a meeting on 8/29 to discuss Assignment #22-106 (city employee health insurance benefits) and a resolution appointing Dr. Richard Villarreal and Dr. Brandy Spaulding to the Ross County Health Board. Both items are on the agenda, and both will go on to additional reads.

**Parks and Recreation:** Ms. Henderson shared that this committee has three items on the agenda. The first is an ordinance appropriating \$35,000.00 to complete the purchase of a lawn mower, the second is a second reading of a resolution authorizing the City of Chillicothe to apply for the ODNR Urban Canopy Restoration Grant and due to the timeframe, Ms. Henderson will request to waive the three-read rule at the appropriate time. The last agenda item is a resolution allowing 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to be used for the Cigar Band's Chilifest. At the appropriate time, Ms. Henderson will ask for an amendment to add emergency language and to waive the three-read rule. This committee met earlier in the evening about extending DORA limits to some additional downtown business.

**City Services/Transit:** Mr. Fairrow stated that this committee has one item on the agenda for the evening which is a first reading of an ordinance appropriating \$8,350.00 for the purchase of a bush mower attachment for the City's skid steer and declaring an emergency. He will also request to waive the three-read rule at the appropriate time.

**Engineering:** Mr. Fairrow stated that this committee has nothing to report.

**Safety Services:** Ms. Preston shared that this committee has five items on the agenda. The first three are ordinances accepting and appropriating checks from various organizations. The next is an ordinance establishing rates of pay and other economic benefits for non-bargaining employees within the Safety Services Department. Ms. Preston shared that she would ask to waive the three-read rule at the appropriate time. The next is an ordinance appropriating funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 for municipal court dormant account refunds for the remainder of 2022 and declaring an emergency. She will also ask to waive the three-read rule on this item. There was a committee meeting this evening regarding replacement computers for the Chillicothe Police Department. That will be on the next meeting agenda. Ms. Preston shared a request from the American Legion Post 62 to remind everyone that Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> is Constitution Day.

**Utilities:** In the absence of Mr. Proehl there was nothing to report.

### **REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:**

**Mayor Luke Feeney:** In the absence of Mayor Feeney, there was no report.

**Auditor Kristal Spetnagel:** Ms. Spetnagel shared that the auditor's office did have a budget meeting with all department heads and that tentative schedule has been sent out. An overall review of the budget will take place on Monday November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and then it will be added to the agenda.

**Law Director Anna Villarreal:** Ms. Villarreal shared that her office has some changes in their budget and will be working with the auditor's office on that.

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

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

President Gieringer briefed the audience on Council Rule 22 which limits each speaker to a 5-minute presentation per any single subject.

Terry Williams, 47 ½ E. Main Street, Mr. Williams asked which committee agenda item #10 came out of and when were the committee meetings held.

\*\*\*Ms. Payne answered that the item came out of the Human Resources committee and there was a committee meeting held on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Assignment #22-088. \*\*\*

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Ms. Nickerson shared that she was curious about any development concerning the committed legislation. Ms. Preston answered that she has been in conversation with the Law Director's office and both pieces of legislation are being worked on. Ms. Nickerson asked if any more discussion would be had, and Ms. Preston informed her that the items were committed for review by the Law Director's office and would come back onto the agenda at the reads that they were committed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Greg Phillips shared an update on the wall at the intersection of Limestone Blvd. and Western Ave. That area is city property and falls under the Parks and Rec department. The situation is being dealt with

by the insurance company and there will be an opportunity for bids on the repair of the wall. The time capsule which was put inside the wall at its erection in the mid-80's has been removed.

### **READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION:**

Third reading of 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. All members in attendance voted "yea" concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Ord. #57-22 adopted.

Third reading of an Ordinance appropriating \$35,000.00 to complete the purchase of a lawn mower for the Parks and Recreation Department. All members in attendance voted "yea" concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Ord. #58-22 adopted.

Third 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. All members in attendance voted "yea" concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Ord. #59-22 adopted.

Second reading of an Ordinance accepting and appropriating \$492.31 received from the Chillicothe Country Club as payment for having a City Fire Inspector and fire truck in attendance at their members only fireworks display. President Gieringer declared this item would move to the next agenda.

Second reading of an Ordinance accepting and appropriating a reimbursement check from the State of Ohio Attorney General's office in the amount of \$420.00. President Gieringer declared this item would move to the next agenda.

Second reading of an Ordinance accepting and appropriating a reimbursement check from Dana Transport, Inc. in the amount of \$954.32. President Gieringer declared this item would move to the next agenda.

Second reading of an Ordinance appropriating funds for various end-of-year expenses. Mr. Anthony Phillips 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. #60-22 adopted.

Second reading of an Ordinance establishing rates of pay and other economic benefits for non-bargaining employees within the Safety Services Departments and declaring an emergency. Ms. Preston made a motion to waive the three-read rule, Mr. Fairrow seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and Pres. Gieringer declared the motion passed. All member voted "yea" concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Ord. #61-22 adopted.

Second reading of an Ordinance appropriating funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Municipal Court dormant account refunds for the remainder of 2022 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 in attendance voted "yea" concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Ord. #62-22 adopted.

Second reading of an Ordinance appropriating funds to cover an increase in costs of city-wide property and casualty insurance policies and declaring an emergency. Pres. Gieringer declared this item would move to the next agenda.

Second reading of a Resolution authorizing the City of Chillicothe to apply for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Urban Canopy Restoration grant program. Ms. Henderson 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 in attendance voted "yea" concerning the legislation and Pres. Gieringer declared Res. #22-22.

First reading of a Resolution approving the 2023 health insurance benefits proposal for city employees. Pres. Gieringer declared this item would move to the next agenda.

First reading of a Resolution authorizing the tax levies for the city of Chillicothe OH for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2023, as determined by the Ross County Budget Commission certifying said levies to the County Auditor and declaring an emergency. Mr. Anthony Phillips made a motion to waive the three-read rule, Mr. Fairrow seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea". All members in attendance voted "yea" concerning the legislation and Pres Gieringer declared Res. #23-22 adopted.

First reading of a Resolution confirming the appointments of Dr. Richard Villarreal and Dr. Brandy Spaulding to the Ross County Health District Board. Pres. Gieringer declared this item would move to the next agenda.

First reading of a Resolution expressing cooperation and granting use of a certain portion of East Second Street to the Cigar Band for its Chilifest event. Ms. Henderson requested to amend the legislation to add emergency language, Ms. Nickerson seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and Pres. Gieringer declared the motion passed. Ms. Henderson made a motion to waive the three-read rule, Mr. Greg Phillips seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and President Gieringer declared the motion passed. All members in attendance voted "yea" concerning the legislation and President Gieringer declared Res. #24-22 adopted.

First reading of an Ordinance appropriating \$8,350.00 for the purchase of a bush mower attachment for the City's skid steer and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fairrow made a motion to waive the three-read rule, Ms. Henderson 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. #63-22 adopted.

First reading of an Ordinance accepting and appropriating \$26,936.33 received from the One Ohio Opioid Settlement, establishing a separate fund (252) to track settlement revenue and expenditures, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Greg Phillips made a motion to waive the three-read rule, Ms. Nickerson 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. 64-22 adopted.

Pres. Gieringer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Henderson made the motion, Mr. Fairrow seconded. All members in attendance voted "yea" and Pres. Gieringer declared the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.