

Council Chambers
Regular Meeting
May 10, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Council met in regular session with eight of the nine members present: Phillips, Payne, Nickerson, Tatman (via Zoom), Gillum, Shoemaker, Corcoran and Proehl. Ms. Lewis was absent. Also, in attendance were one media representative and six other visitors, in addition to City Auditor Spetnagel, Law Director Villarreal and Safety- Service Director Jeff Carman.

Oscar Mikus and Garrett Anders, both Eagle Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 14, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Nickerson moved and Mr. Shoemaker seconded that Ms. Lewis be excused from the evening's City Council meeting. All members present voted "yea", and President Arnold declared the motion adopted.

Ms. Payne moved and Ms. Nickerson seconded that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 26, 2021 be accepted and approved, as submitted by the Clerk. All members present voted "yea", and President Arnold declared the motion adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety Service Committee:

Ms. Gillum reported that the Safety Service Committee had Item # 3 on the agenda, which is an Ordinance amending Ordinance #13-21 with regard to MARCS radio-related expenses. She stated that at the appropriate time she would ask for Council to waive the three-read rule so that this legislation could be passed tonight.

Development Committee:

Ms. Nickerson stated that the Development Committee has Item #1 on the agenda, which is the first reading of an Ordinance appropriating \$20,091.34 from the HUD Revolving Loan Fund for use toward funding a CHIP Grant Owner Rehabilitation Project. She indicated that this item would be going onto the next reading at the next meeting.

Finance / Technology Committee:

Mr. Proehl reported the Finance Committee did not have any items on the agenda and that he did not have any other items for discussion as well.

Engineering Committee:

Mr. Shoemaker stated that the Engineering Committee had Item # 2 on the agenda, which is an Ordinance approving placement of Chillicothe Athletic Center signage inside the City right-of-way on Banyas Boulevard for 1245 Western Avenue. He stated that at the appropriate time he would ask for Council to waive the three-read rule so that this project can be completed.

Utilities Committee:

Mr. Tatman reported that the Utilities Committee did not have any items on the agenda. He said he took a tour of the Sewer Plant and mentioned that he feels all members of Council should do the same to see for themselves the amount of repair needed at that facility.

Community Affairs Committee:

Mr. Phillips stated that the Community Affairs Committee had Item #4 on the agenda, which is a first reading of a Resolution designating the City of Chillicothe as a Purple Heart City. He stated that at the appropriate time he would ask to waive the three-read rule so that the official process can get started.

Human Resources Committee:

Ms. Payne stated that the Human Resources Committee did not have any items on the agenda and that there was nothing to report at this time.

Parks & Recreation Committee:

Ms. Corcoran reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee had Item #5 on the agenda, which is the first reading of a Resolution granting use of the City Park and surrounding streets for the Feast of the Flowering Moon. She stated that at the appropriate time she would ask Council to waive the three-read rule so that this legislation may be passed tonight.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

Report of Mayor Feeney:

Jeff Carman, the Director of Safety & Services reported on Mayor Feeney's behalf. He stated that the Administration supported Item #2 and that the individuals involved in the completion of the project have been very patient throughout the process. He also stated that they supported Item #3 so that the Fire Department can get the squad up and running, and that they supported Items #4 and #5 as well. Mr. Carman mentioned that large item pick-up is taking place this year and that residents can call the Service Department for the schedule as well as visit the City of Chillicothe's website and/or FaceBook page to view it.

Report of Auditor Spetnagel:

City Auditor Spetnagel reminded everyone that the tax deadline is May 17th and people are welcome to stop by their office to get help submitting their City taxes if necessary. She also stated that if anyone would like to have their address included on the City Yard Sale map to please call their office to get it added. Auditor Spetnagel said that she is anticipating half of the payment of the most recent distribution of COVID funds by the end of the week, and they are still waiting on direction on how it can be spent.

Report of Law Director Villarreal:

City Law Director Villarreal stated that her office has been staying very busy. She said that they have had problems with staffing as a result of not having a Conflict Attorney. She added that they are having to dismiss cases and it is becoming a real problem.

Report of President Arnold:

President Arnold stated that it was nice to finally have a meeting in Council Chambers and that there have been a lot of improvements made to help make this happen. He said that there are still a few more things to address but that everything should be up, running, and operational very soon.

President Arnold stated that Mayor Feeney had provided him with two new appointments to the Design Review Board that are Mayor appointed and Council approved positions. The two new DRB appointees are Stacie Porter and Craig McGarvey. They will each serve a two-year term which will run from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

Ms. Gilum moved and Ms. Nickerson seconded that Ms. Porter and Mr. McGarvey's appointments to the Design Review Board for the 2021-2022 term be approved. All members present voted "yea", and President Arnold declared the motion adopted.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Melody Lapczynski of 355 Brennan Road spoke briefly and provided additional supporting letters for Chillicothe becoming a Purple Heart City from local businesses and elected officials.

COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS AND CALENDAR

President Arnold announced that there were no new committee assignments since the last meeting.

The next Council meeting will be Monday, May 24th at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION

An Ordinance appropriating \$20,091.34 from the HUD Housing Revolving Loan Fund for use toward funding CHIP Grant Ownership Rehabilitation Project was read for the first time by title only.

Ord. No. 24-21 approving placement of Chillicothe Athletic Center signage inside the City right-of-way on Banyas Boulevard for 1245 Western Avenue and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Shoemaker moved and Mr. Proehl seconded that the three-reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All eight members present voted “yea” and President Arnold declared the rule suspended. All eight members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and President Arnold declared Ordinance No. 24-21 adopted.

Ord. No. 25-21 amending Ordinance #13-21 with regard to Chillicothe Fire Department MARCS radio-related expenses and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Ms. Gillum moved and Mr. Phillips seconded that the three-reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All eight members present voted “yea” and President Arnold declared the rule suspended. All eight members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and President Arnold declared Ordinance No. 25-21 adopted.

Res. No. 08-21 designating the City of Chillicothe as a Purple Heart City and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Phillips moved and Ms. Payne seconded that the three-reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All eight members present voted “yea” and President Arnold declared the rule suspended. All eight members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and President Arnold declared Resolution No. 08-21 adopted.

Res. No. 09-21 granting use of the City Park and surrounding streets from Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. through Monday, May 30, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. for preparation, operation and clean-up of the Annual Feast of the Flowering Moon and providing for coordination of its events with the City Parks and Recreation Department and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Ms. Corcoran moved and Ms. Gillum seconded that the three-reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All eight members present voted “yea” and President Arnold declared the rule suspended. All eight members present then voted “yea” on the item itself, and President Arnold declared Resolution No. 09-21 adopted.

President Arnold inquired if there was a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Gillum moved and Ms. Nickerson seconded that the regular meeting be adjourned. All eight members present voted “yea” and President Arnold declared the motion adopted. Adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President of Council