REGULAR MEETING of the City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Missouri was held on **Monday February 26, 2024,** at 5:30 pm p.m.in the Council Chambers located in City Hall at 715 Washington Street**,** Chillicothe, Missouri. Prayer was led by Rev Ken Jameson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kelly. Roll call being answered as follows:

 Mayor Theresa Kelly

 Councilman-At-Large Tom Ashbrook

 Councilman 1st Ward Reed Dupy

 Councilman 2nd Ward Weston Baker

 Councilwoman 3rd Ward Stacey Soper

 Councilwoman 4th Ward Pam Jarding

AMONG THOSE PRESENT included, Robert Cowherd, Amy Hess, Allison Jeffries, Jon Maples, Tom Tingerthal, Toby Calivere, Ken Jameson, Eric Reeter, Gil Gates, Bryan Minnis, Ken Hinton, Lesli Patek, Jerry Noble, Chuck Erke, Tomie Walker, Bridgett Gudgell, Teresa Sykes, Derik Allen, Mary Lou Vandeventer, Cindy Barnes Brobst, Crystal Narr, Matt Hopper, Zach Parks, Dan Wiebers, Kirsten Mouton, and other concerned citizens.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK, second by Councilman Dupy to approve the previous minutes from February 12, 2024. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0: Councilman Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea, and Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

 MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK second by Councilman Dupy to approve the invoices for February 26, 2024, in the amount of $346,898.08. Motion passes with a vote of 5-0: Councilman Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea, and Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

 MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK second by Councilman Dupy to approve the payroll for February 16, 2024, in the amount of $162,147.29. Motion passes with a vote of 5-0: Councilman Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea, and Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK second by Councilman Dupy to approve the CMU Invoices and salaries in the amount of $801,025.84 (includes $93,157.16 in salaries) from the February 6, 2024, Board Meeting, Motion passes with a vote of 5-0: Councilman Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea, and Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK second by Councilwoman Soper to move forward with the New Police Facility Project buy using the Construction delivery method of “Construction Manager at Risk” (CMAR). Motion passes with a vote of 5-0: Councilman Ashbrook – voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea, and Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

The council then heard from the following on their annual service reports:

1. Mary Lou Vandeventer – Fine Arts Council
2. Tomie Walker – Main Street
3. Crystal Narr – Chamber of Commerce
4. Teresa Sykes – Grand River Multipurpose Center

 MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK second by Councilman Baker to approve the request for the Livingston County Humane Society to proceed with Capital Improvements to the animal shelter as long as all state requirements for Prevailing Wage, Bonding Insurance and other requirements are met. Motion passes with a vote of 5-0: Councilman Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea, and Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN SOPER second by Councilman Baker to approve **Ordinance # 2024-10** an ordinance designating a Historical Overlay District for 1111 Trenton Street (St. Columban Catholic Church and Rectory) and 1114 Trenton Street (Bishop Hogan Memorial School Campuses. On a roll call 5-0: Council Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea; Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN BAKER second by Councilwoman Soper to approve **Ordinance # 2024-11** an Ordinance Authorizing a Contract with Aerodynamic Lawn and Tree Cuts LLC., in regard to Tree Trimming Servies & Removal and all acts necessary to carry out the terms of such contract for 3 years at $133,333.33 per year. On a roll call 5-0: Council Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea; Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN JARDING second by Councilwoman Soper to approve **Ordinance # 2024-12** an Ordinance Authorizing a Conditional Sales Agreement with Maxim Golf LLC in regard to the Lease Purchase of Forty (40) 2020 EZGO Lithium Golf cars and all acts necessary to carry out the terms of such contracts for $175,071.78. On a roll call 5-0: Council Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea; Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK second by Councilman Baker to approve **Ordinance # 2024-13** an Ordinance modifying Lagers Benefits for the Public Safety Departments under the Missouri Local Government Employees’ Retirement System. On a roll call 5-0: Council Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea; Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

Bryan Minnis with Maxim Golf, LLC., then discussed the Performance bonus they are now receiving under the current contract. Maxim Golf LLC. would like to create an addendum on the current contract proposing a different performance Bonus program. An addendum will be brought back at a later date to the council for approval.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN DUPY second by Councilman Ashbrook to approve **Ordinance # 2024-14** an Ordinance accepting the Lowest Responsible bid for Mowing Services to include Nuisance Properties, the Police Station, the Police Shooting Range, the Fire Training Center, and any other properties acquired by the city, for the City of Chillicothe, Missouri at $70 per hour for walk behind or zero turn mowing and $125 an hour for tractor mowing of weeds/tall grass. On a roll call 5-0: Council Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea; Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN DUPY second by Councilman Ashbrook to approve **Ordinance # 2024-15** an Ordinance Accepting the Highest Responsible Bid for Cash Haying Operations for a one (1) year contract on Approximately 10 acres, more or less, located at Chillicothe Area Industrial Park North along Route V in the amount of $80 per acre. On a roll call 5-0: Council Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea; Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK second by Councilman Dupy to approve **Ordinance # 2024-16** an Ordinance Accepting the lowest responsible bid for 316 Edgerton Street Demolition (with Possible Asbestos Removal) in Chillicothe, Missouri in the amount of $5,500.00. On a roll call 4-0: Council Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper abstained; Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN BAKER second by Councilman Dupy to approve **Ordinance # 2024-17** an Ordinance to establish a procedure for obtaining public input for certain distributions from the Capital Improvements Fund. On a roll call 5-0: Council Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea; Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: No Comments

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

1. Driver’s Examination office will open in City Hall on Wed February 28, 2024
2. A big shout out to the Street department, Kali and Allison for helping clean out the office and get ready for them to move in.
3. On Wednesday this week, Chief Maples and other officers will tour some other police facilities in the KC metro area.
4. Josh Norris notified here that the demo of the playground at Danner Park will start tomorrow and the project is expected to be completed by the end of April.
5. Good News is that with this beautiful weather we are having the parks and golf course were packed this past weekend.
6. BUDGET< BUDGET< BUDGET. Working hard on this and focusing now on wages.
7. They will soon be setting up a budget workshop.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. No Comment

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

1. Councilman Tom Ashbrook – Need to be setting up a meeting with the homeowners in the Hutchinson Addition about the storm water project. Revenues are up so that should be taken into account on the new budget. HE asked Fire Chief Reeter about the Red Flag warning for the City. Chief Reeter said he could only make this for the City of Chillicothe.
2. Councilman Reed Dupy – No Comment
3. Councilman Weston Baker – No Comment
4. Councilwoman Stacey Soper – there will be a Caucus at the Middle School this Saturday at 10 am. Don’t forget to move your clocks up an hour on Sunday March 10th.
5. Councilwoman Pam Jarding- No Comment.

COMMMENTS FROM CITY AUDITOR:

1.Still working on the budget. Working with department heads to make sure we have everything covered. Working on wages surveys.

COMMENTS FROM CITY CLERK:

1. She will be attending the City Clerk Spring Institute in Columbia from March 10th – 14th.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK, second by Councilman Dupy, to enter into a closed meeting at 8:01 pm with closed record and closed votes to the extent permitted by law Pursuant to “610.021 (3); Hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body;” On a roll call 5-0: Councilman Ashbrook voted yea: Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea; Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK second by Councilwoman Soper to come out of executive session at 8:04 pm. On a roll call 5-0: Council Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea; Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK second by Councilman Dupy to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:05 pm. Motion passes with a vote of 5-0: Councilman Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea; and Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

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Amy Hess, City Clerk

Approved this 11th day of March 2024.

 By:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Theresa Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

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