

REGULAR MEETING of the City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Missouri was held on **Monday April 24, 2023**, 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. John Davis. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kelly. Roll call being answered as follows:

Mayor	Theresa Kelly
Councilman-At-Large	Tom Ashbrook
Councilman 1 st Ward	Reed Dupy
Councilman 2 nd Ward	Wayne Cunningham
Councilwoman 3 rd Ward	Stacey Soper
Councilwoman 4 th Ward	Pam Jarding

AMONG THOSE PRESENT included Roze Frampton, Robert Cowherd, Allison Jeffries, Amy Hess, Tom Tingerthal, Terry Rumery, Jon Maples, Toby Calivere, Dowell Kincaid, Matt Hopper and other concerned citizens.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK, second by Councilwoman Soper to approve the previous minutes from April 10, 2023 and April 12, 2023. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0: Councilman Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Cunningham voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea, and Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK, second by Councilman Dupy to approve the invoices for April 24, 2023, in the amount of \$304,078.11. Motion passes with a vote of 5-0: Councilman Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Cunningham voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea, and Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK, second by Councilman Cunningham to approve the payroll for April 14, 2023, in the amount of \$167,931.02. Motion passes with a vote of 5-0: Councilman Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Cunningham 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 \$881,271.02 (includes \$96,959.15 in salaries) from the April 21, 2023, Board Meeting. Motion passes with a vote of 5-0: Councilman Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Cunningham voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea, and Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN DUPY, second by Councilman Ashbrook to approve **Ordinance 2023-52**, an ordinance authorizing a contract with SMICO Contracting Group LLC in regard to the 2023 Sewer rehabilitation Project and all acts necessary to carry out the terms of such contract. Motion passes with a vote of 5-0: Councilman Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Cunningham voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea, and Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

City Administrator Roze Frampton led a discussion on adding the Recreational Marijuana

3% sales tax to the August ballot. An ordinance and Ballot language will be presented at the next meeting on May 8th.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Dowell Kincaid asked the Chief of Police if the crime rate has increased since the selling of recreational marijuana became legal. The Chief of Police answered significantly in the amount of DWI's (drugs).

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

1. Congratulations to Wayne Cunningham who was sworn into office before the meeting this evening.
2. Welcome to Stacey Soper the newest member to Council for the 3rd Ward.
3. Work has begun on 2nd street and will soon be in full swing.
4. We will be receiving the Chip and Seal documents tomorrow for this year's project..
5. There has been some work in the Hutchinson Addition in regards to the Storm Water project. The flags that were put out can now be pulled. This is going to be an extensive project and it is projected for the Fall of 2023 and go into 2024.
6. The street department has been out filling potholes and such.
7. Added the Nov 2020 assessment of our streets to the council tablets just for review.
8. There was a petition to the courts for a recount for Council member for the 1st ward. There will be a hearing on Thursday April 27, 2023 at 9 am. If the judges orders a recount we have been notified that the Election Authority plans on holding the recount on Monday May 1, 2023 at 9 am. But for now the city is proceeding with the Run Off Election on June 6, 2023.
9. The sales of the Wabash was to be finalized today, April 24, 2023.
10. Muddy Creek Bridge is once again clogged with logs and debris. Looking into options to fix this problem.
11. She will be attending her first City Administrator Spring Conference from May 3-5.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. Welcome Stacey Soper
2. Spent part of last week visiting my sisters out of state but glad to be home to her favorite place, Chillicothe, MO.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

1. Councilman Tom Ashbrook – Asked if we could get a Hotline set up for complaints. He also inquired about the city's parking lot next to Wabash and what options there would be for more parking and working with Motive Rail on the matter. He also asked if we were liable for the people that are using the old Railroad bridge outside of town. It was suggested that we get signs made that say "DO NOT USE THIS BRIDGE".
2. Councilman Reed Dupy –No Comment
3. Wayne Cunningham – Welcome to Stacey and he knows she will do a good job.
4. Councilman Stacey Soper – She thanked everyone for welcoming her and is looking forward to serving.
5. Councilwoman Pam Jarding –Welcomed Stacey.

COMMENTS FROM CITY AUDITOR: Just catching up after finishing the budget and working on the last quarterly reports.

COMMENTS FROM CITY CLERK:

1. Informed the Council that in their packets there is information on the MML Elected Officials Conference in Columbia on June 8-9, please let her know if you would like to attend one or two days and she will make arrangements.
2. There is also MML Northwest Regional Meeting on May 22 in St Joe from 11:30 -2:00. It is a luncheon meeting and Richard Sheets will be discussing Legislative updates. Please let her know if you would like to attend so we can make arrangements.
3. Bids for the Police cars is Due May 1st so she will be bringing that information to the next council meeting.
4. The second meeting of May should be in the 29th, however, that is Memorial Day and per our ordinance it is to fall on the following day which will be Tuesday May 30th. No one seemed to have any conflicts with this date.
5. She put together a Council Member Information book for each member. It includes a lot of helpful information including phone #, e-mail addresses and much more.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK, second by Councilman Dupy, to enter into a closed meeting at 6:45 p.m., with closed record and closed votes to the extent permitted by law Pursuant to “610.021 (2), and (3), “leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor; hiring, firing, discipling 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 Cunningham voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea; Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

Also in attendance: Mayor Kelly, Roze Frampton, Amy Hess, and Robert Cowherd

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK second by Councilman Dupy to come out of executive session at 6:56 pm. On a roll call 5-0: Council Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Cunningham 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 6:56 pm. Motion passes with a vote of 5-0: Councilman Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Cunningham voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea, and Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

Amy Hess, City Clerk
Approved this 8th day of May 2023.

By: _____
Theresa Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Hess, City Clerk