

REGULAR MEETING of the City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Missouri was held on **Monday January 8, 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 Pam Jarding. 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	Weston Baker
Councilwoman 3 rd Ward	Stacey Soper by Webex (weather related)
Councilwoman 4 th Ward	Pam Jarding

AMONG THOSE PRESENT included, Robert Cowherd, Amy Hess, Allison Jeffries (by Webex), Tom Tingerthal, Gil Gates, Terry Rumery, May Turner, Brent Turner, Matt Hopper and other concerned citizens.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN DUPY, second by Councilman Ashbrook to approve the previous minutes from December 27, 2023. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0: Councilman Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea by Webex, and Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK second by Councilman Dupy to approve the invoices for January 8, 2024, in the amount of \$322,816.95. Motion passes with a vote of 5-0: Councilman Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea by Webex, and Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK second by Councilman Dupy to approve the payroll for January 5, 2024, in the amount of \$194,408.46. Motion passes with a vote of 5-0: Councilman Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea by Webex, and Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK, second by Councilwoman Soper to approve the CMU Invoices and salaries in the amount of \$290,860.80 (includes \$93,545.77 in salaries) from the January 2, 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 by Webex, and Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

Mayor Theresa Kelly presented Mary Turner with a plaque of appreciation for the many years she served on the Board of Public Works.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK second by Councilman Baker to approve **Ordinance # 2024-01** an Ordinance approving and accepting the Final Plat of the Chillicothe Area Industrial Park North, a Subdivision in the City of Chillicothe, Missouri. On a roll call 5-0: Council Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea by Webex; Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: No Comments

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

1. Working on the finalization of the invitation to bid for the asphalt work at Danner Park
2. The new Playground Equipment for Danner Park has been delivered and is being stored until the installation can take place.
3. Sorry to say that the Festival of Lights is over, and they will be working on removing the displays as the weather permits over the next few weeks.
4. Department heads are working on their budgets and should have everything ready to submit by the 26th.
5. Upcoming annual reports to be made to the Council will be tourism and animal control.
6. Department heads are communicating and working well with CMU.
7. Thank you to Gil for putting ice melt down this afternoon and shoveling.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR: No Comments

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

1. Councilman Tom Ashbrook – Questioned how much money would lose if the State passed legislation to not charge any sales tax on groceries, no personal property tax and freeze those 65 and older to not increase their property taxes.
2. Councilman Reed Dupy – No Comment
3. Councilman Weston Baker – No Comment
4. Councilwoman Stacey Soper – No Comment
5. Councilwoman Pam Jarding- Asked when we would start receiving the marijuana tax money. Amy Hess reminded her they started collecting in January, they would report it in February, and we should see the first payment hopefully in March. Pam also reminded the employees to stay safe during this winter storm.

COMMENTS FROM CITY AUDITOR: No Comment

COMMENTS FROM CITY CLERK:

1. Reminder that the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet is January 25th and if they plan on attending to get with her asap.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK, second by Councilman Baker, to enter into a closed meeting at 6:00 pm with closed record and closed votes to the extent permitted by law Pursuant to “610.021; (1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorney’s” On a roll call 5-0: Councilman Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea by Webex; Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK second by Councilman Baker to come out of executive session at 6:20 pm. On a roll call 5-0: Council Ashbrook voted yea; Councilman Dupy voted yea; Councilman Baker voted yea; Councilwoman Soper voted yea by Webex; Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ASHBROOK second by Councilman Dupy to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:21 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 by Webex, and Councilwoman Jarding voted yea.

Amy Hess, City Clerk
Approved this 29th day of January 2024.

By: _____
Theresa Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Hess, City Clerk