Council Chambers Regular Meeting November 23, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Council met in regular session with all nine members present: Ames, Corcoran, Fleurima, Gray, Neal, Patrick, Proehl, Tatman and Trutschel. There were two media representatives and thirteen other visitors present, in addition to Mayor Everson, City Law Director Rutherford and City Auditor Feeney.

Pres. Eallonardo led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Fleurima moved and Mrs. Corcoran seconded that the minutes for the regular meeting of November 9, 2015, and the minutes for the special meeting of November 19, 2015, be accepted and approved, as submitted by the Clerk. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Eallonardo declared the motion adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utilities/Transit Committee:

Mrs. Patrick reported on Item #1 to reallocate \$1,191.96 for the replacement of a piece of stolen equipment from the Utilities Department, on tonight's agenda for its second reading. She stated that she will seek to pass this item tonight. Mrs. Patrick reported on Item #2 to authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents in connection with the granting of a permanent easement to Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., on tonight's agenda for its second reading. Mrs. Patrick moved and Ms. Gray seconded that Item #2 be amended by substitution of the new version distributed tonight for the original version, changing this item to an emergency ordinance. All members present voted "yea", and Pres. Eallonardo declared the motion adopted, ruling that this does not constitute a substantial change and that Item #2 will therefore remain at its second reading status tonight. Mrs. Patrick said that this easement is needed so that Glatfelter can complete its changeover to natural gas for its boilers, which are presently coal-fired. She said that the easement is located in the area of the parking lot at the north end of North High Street. Mrs. Patrick indicated that she will seek to pass this item tonight.

Finance Committee:

Mr. Trutschel reported on Item #4 to accept and appropriate \$3,000.00 received from the Ross County Juvenile Court to be used for anti-bullying education, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. Mr. Trutschel reported on Item #5 to extend the Chillicothe Municipal Court Victim Witness Assistance Program and accept grant monies received through the Victims of Crime Act and the State Victims Assistance Act, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. Mr. Trutschel said that he will seek to pass these two items tonight. Mr. Trutschel reported on Item #6 to amend Chapter 163, City of Chillicothe Income Tax, of the Codified Ordinances, on tonight's agenda for its first reading.

Development Committee:

Mrs. Ames reported on Item #3 to appropriate \$38,000.00 for costs incurred for the paving of two parking lots as part of the Carlisle/Adena project, on tonight's agenda for its first reading. She said that she will seek to pass this item tonight.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

Report of Mayor Everson:

Mayor Everson announced that there will be a budget meeting tomorrow evening here in Council Chambers, beginning at 6:00 p.m., to discuss the Water and the Sewer Departments. He said that the next budget meeting will be here in Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, to go over the rest of the budget items, with a final presentation of the budget on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. Mayor Everson expressed his thanks to all those who have participated in this

year's "Light the Park" event. Turning to tonight's Council Agenda, he commented on Item #3, stating that the increase in the cost was due to the fact that the concrete curb stops in the lot on West Main Street crumbled when they were picked up, and all of them had to be replaced. He said that he is aware that this is a contentious issue, but he said that the City's obligations are spelled out in the contract and lease agreement that the City entered into as a necessary part of the Carlisle Building reconstruction project, and he urged passage of this item tonight. Mayor Everson concluded his report by wishing everyone a very happy Thanksgiving.

Report of Auditor Feeney:

City Auditor Feeney commented on Item #6, stating that the changes to the City's Income Tax Code are something that relates to the passage by the Ohio General Assembly of H.B. 5. He said that this item must be passed before the end of the year in order to get our tax code in compliance with state law. He suggested that the Finance Committee have a review session so that Council can go over the changes in greater detail. Mr. Feeney said that after next Tuesday's budget session, he will also touch upon the necessary year end appropriations that must be passed in order to get through the remainder of the year, particularly with regard to the Chillicothe Fire Department. He concluded his report by also urging passage of Item #3, stating that he understands that this is a tough pill to swallow.

Report of Law Director Rutherford:

City Law Director Rutherford said that she has worked with the Auditor's Office on the drafting of the revisions to Chapter 163 in order to get the City's Income Tax Code in compliance with H.B. 5. She discussed some of the changes, stating that new city tax forms will be made available to local businesses and to the public on the city's website. She said that as we approach the year's end, she is hoping to go forward with the setting up of a training session for the new term of Council, and especially the new members.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Donna Stevens of Seminole Road spoke to Council about the two cabooses at the head of the City Park, providing a year end report. She said that they are currently trying to obtain estimates for a new roof and a walkway. She expressed her thanks to Councilman Dave Tatman and Councilwoman Beth Neal for the decorations that they put up. She concluded her remarks by providing a detailed summary of the 2015 statistics for the Chillicothe Railway Museum, including the numbers of volunteers, volunteer hours worked, and visitors to date.

Randy Davies of 47 East Main Street, Apartment C, the Executive Director of the Chillicothe Ross Chamber of Commerce, spoke to Council to express thanks for all the efforts to make the City beautiful, especially during the past weekend when local merchants had their annual open house. He said that among the activities were the first ever Snowflake Pageant as well as the downtown open house. Now, Mr. Davies said, the Chamber is looking at areas outside of the downtown area to beautify, such as the North High Street entrance to town. He said that two large wreaths have been placed on each side of the walkway bike path bridge, and that they are hoping to have electric installed next year to light up the wreaths. He urged everyone to remember to "Shop Small on Saturday" this weekend, and concluded by wishing everyone a happy holiday season.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Ames said that she also wishes to thank the forty donors and others who supported the "Light the Park" project, saying that this year they were able to add laser lights at the entrance to Yoctangee Park. She said that the organizers are looking to expand even more next year.

Mr. Trutschel expressed thanks to both Donna and John Stevens for all of the volunteer work that they have donated to the City over the years at the railroad cabooses.

READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION

Ord. No. 119-15 reallocating \$1,196.96 for the replacement of a piece of stolen equipment from the Utilities Department, and declaring an emergency was read for the second time by title only. Mrs. Patrick moved and Ms. Gray seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Eallonardo declared the rule

suspended. All members present then voted "yea" on the item itself, and Pres. Eallonardo declared Ordinance No. 119-15 adopted.

Ord. No. 120-15 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Chillicothe, Ohio, to execute any and all documents in connection with granting a permanent easement to Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., and declaring an emergency was read for the second time by title only. Mrs. Patrick moved and Mr. Proehl seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Eallonardo declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted "yea" on the item itself, and Pres. Eallonardo declared Ordinance No. 120-15 adopted.

Ord. No. 121-15 appropriating the sum of \$38,000.00 for costs incurred for the paving of two parking lots as part of the Carlisle/Adena project, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mrs. Ames moved and Mr. Trutschel seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Eallonardo declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted "yea" on the item itself, except Mr. Proehl, who voted "nay", and Pres. Eallonardo declared Ordinance No. 121-15 adopted by a vote of 8-1.

Ord. No. 122-15 accepting and appropriating \$3,000.00 received from the Ross County Juvenile Court to be used for anti-bullying education, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Trutschel moved and Mrs. Ames seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Eallonardo declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted "Yea" on the item itself, and Pres. Eallonardo declared Ordinance No. 122-15 adopted.

Ord. No. 123-15 extending the Chillicothe Municipal Court Victim Witness Assistance Program, accepting grant monies received through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and the State Victims Assistance Act (SVAA), and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only. Mr. Trutschel moved and Mr. Fleurima seconded that the three reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All members present voted "yea" and Pres. Eallonardo declared the rule suspended. All members present then voted "yea" on the item itself, and Pres. Eallonardo declared Ordinance No. 123-15 adopted.

An ordinance amending Chapter 163, City of Chillicothe Income Tax, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Chillicothe, Ohio, and declaring an emergency was read for the first time by title only.

Mrs. Ames moved and Mr. Fleurima seconded that the regular meeting be adjour	ned. All
members present voted "yea" and Pres. Eallonardo declared the motion adopted.	Adjourned at
7:58 p.m.	

Clerk of Council	President of Council