

**AMENDED AGENDA
CHILlicothe CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
MARCH 09, 2026
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL BY CLERK

READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING BY CLERK

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY CLERK

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND ALDERPERSON

COUNCIL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

ANYONE WITH BUSINESS CONCERNING CITY GOVERNMENT

PRESENTATION OF BILLS, TRANSFERS AND PAYROLLS FOR PAYMENT AND DISCUSSION

MAYOR HUGHES

Accept – Resignation of Public Works Employee Zackary Simpson

Approve – Viaduct - IDOT Letter

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON SHARP

Approve – Rock Salt Agreement Certification Authority

Approve – Purchase Backhoe Tires

Approve – Additional Expense – Walnut East Well Project

Approve – Priority One Project Bradley Drainage Additional Expense

Approve – Advertising for Full Time Public Works Employee

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON CONNOR

Approve – Independent Consultant Agreement-Patricia Mough

Approve – Engineering Agreement - City of Chillicothe and TWM – IDOT 935k Shared Use Path

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON BREDEMAN

Approve - Application for IDOT Traffic Grant

Approve – Special Event Application – Easter Egg Round Up

CEMETERY & PARKS COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON LEVELL

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON GEHRIG

Discussion – Regarding Bee Keeping

Discussion – Regarding Use, Standing and Parking of Commercial Vehicles

Refer – City Attorney - section 46-91 of the city code regarding Fire
Code in the City of Chillicothe

ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA CLERK

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2026**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session in person March 9, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Michael D. Hughes presiding and with proper notice having been posted.

Mayor Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance, to the Flag of the United States of America, was recited.

Chairman Hughes directed Clerk Byrnes to take roll.

Present:
Mayor Michael D. Hughes
City Clerk Jill M. Byrnes
City Treasurer Andrea Bredeman

Alderspersons Present: Barry Bredeman, Patricia Westerman-Connor,
Brett Cantwell, Michael Crabtree, Courtney Gehrig,
Sandi Levell, Gary Sharp

Alderspersons Absent: Patrick Semtner

Also Present: City Attorney Kevin Day
Attorney Jocelyn Arredondo
Police Chief Jeremy Cooper
Office Manager Denise Passage
Assistant Office Manager Chelsea White
Economic Development Director Amanda Beadles
Superintendent of Public Works Shawn Sutherland
City Engineer Josh Harken

Others Absent: Attorney Taylor Cascia

Chairman Hughes declared a Quorum present

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The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on February 23, 2026 were presented. Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the February 23, 2026 Regular Council Meeting and approve the Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY THE CLERK:

Clerk Byrnes presented the following Committee and Commission Minutes:

- 1. Shademakers – 1/20/2026**
- 2. Finance Committee – 2/11/2026**
- 3. Cemetery & Parks Committee 2/17/2026**
- 4. Zoning Board of Appeals – 2/18/2026**
- 5. Economic Development Committee – 2/20/2026**
- 6. Judicial Committee – 2/25/2026**
- 7. Public Works Committee – 3/4/2026**

Communications by the Clerk:

- 1. City Treasurer's Report – 1/31/2026**
- 2. City Collector's Report – 2/2026**
- 3. City Budget Report – 2/2026**

I am in receipt of a resignation letter dated 2/25/2026 which reads:

This is to notify you that I hereby resign my position on the Zoning Board of Appeals effective this date. Thank you.

Raymond Nicklin

I am in receipt of a resignation letter dated 2/19/2026 which reads:

I Zachary Simpson am resigning as of 2/24/2026 from my Public Works position.

I am in receipt of the Illinois Housing Blueprint. The 2027 Illinois Housing Blueprint, led by the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), will provide an analysis of the state of housing in Illinois, with a particular emphasis on the ways in which Illinois can improve the resiliency and equity of housing markets across the state.

As of 2/25/2026 all elected officials, committee members and administrative individuals required to complete a Statement of Economic Interest annually were notified. Filers that were previously committed to the website will have their statement notification delivered in the method they chose, either by mail or through email. Any new filers will be sent a notification through the mail. The completed statements are due to the County Clerk's office

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keeping within the city. Mrs. Burlette informed the Council that she has completed the bee keeping course and would like to establish bee keeping on her property.

Nicole Dopler, Rapids City, IL. within the Quad Cities metropolitan area, introduced herself to the Council as a democratic candidate for State Representative, she is the only democratic candidate on the ticket for the primary March 17, 2026. Her background includes working in healthcare since 1996 and her goal is protecting Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security benefits and assuring that public funds support our school system.

Scott Wozniak, 13730 N Wild Flower Rd, is here tonight with his son in hopes that the Council would stay open minded to the idea of bee keeping, including to promote the education of bee keeping, benefits to the environment and eliminate any fear of bees.

Motion Alderperson Crabtree, second Alderperson Gehrig, that the bills as presented be paid and the payrolls and transfers be approved.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Gehrig, Levell, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

MAYOR HUGHES:

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Crabtree, that the Council accept the Resignation of Public Works Employee Zachary Simpson, effective February 24, 2026.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Gehrig, Levell, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

ANNOUNCE:

Alderperson Sharp announced that the Mayor would like to withdraw Agenda Item #2 Viaduct – IDOT letter and will bring it back at a future meeting.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council approve the purchase of rock salt for fiscal year 26-27 through the joint participation program with the State of Illinois, and authorize the Mayor and Superintendent Sutherland to take reasonable and prudent actions necessary to execute any documents for the purchase of the rock salt.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Gehrig, Levell, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Gehrig, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$3,551.58, payable to Princeville Tire for the purchase of four backhoe tires. Payable from the Water/Sewer Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Gehrig, Levell, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council approve an additional expenditure of \$11,279.08, payable to Brocke Well for the completion of the Priority One Walnut East Well Project. Payable from the Water/Sewer Fund, Priority One Project Walnut East Well. The additional expense will make the project go over budget, however; will not go over the appropriation amount.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Gehrig, Levell, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

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ANNOUNCE:

Aldersperson Sharp announced that he would like to withdraw Agenda Item #4 Priority One Project Bradley Drainage Additional Expense, and bring it back to a future meeting, should it be necessary.

Motion Aldersperson Sharp, second Aldersperson Crabtree, that the Council authorize the Superintendent of Public Works to advertise for a full-time public works employee.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Gehrig, Levell, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Motion Aldersperson Connor, second Aldersperson Bredeman, that the Council approve the Independent Consultant Agreement between the City of Chillicothe and Patricia Mough and authorize the Mayor and Economic Development Director to take reasonable and prudent actions necessary to execute any documents for said agreement.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Gehrig, Levell, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Aldersperson Connor, second Aldersperson Gehrig, that the Council approve the Engineering Agreement between the City of Chillicothe, IDOT and TWM for the IDOT 935K Shared Use Path and authorize the Mayor and Economic Development Director to take reasonable and prudent actions necessary to execute any documents for said agreement. Discussion: Amanda Beadles, EDC Director informed the Council that this will be an extension to the existing bike path.

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Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Gehrig, Levell, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson Bredeman, second Alderperson Gehrig, that the Council approve the application for IDOT Traffic Grant (STEP), at no cost to the City.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Gehrig, Levell, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Bredeman, second Alderperson Sharp, that the Council approve the Special Event Request as submitted by Shirley Loser, for the use of City Park on April 4, 2026, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the "Easter Egg Round Up".

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE:

DISCUSSION: Bee Keeping – See discussion under Public Comment. After discussion it was the consensus of the Council to bring back to the next Judicial Committee Meeting (3/25/2026, at 4:30 p.m.) for further discussion.

DISCUSSION: Regarding Use, Standing and Parking of Commercial Vehicles – After discussion it was the consensus of the Council to bring back to the next Judicial Committee Meeting (3/25/2026, at 4:30 p.m.) for further discussion and consensus of the Council was to give direction to Attorney Day to present similar municipality ordinances for review at that meeting.

Motion Alderperson Gehrig, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council authorize the City Attorney to work with the Chillicothe Fire Protection District to determine a fire code for the City of Chillicothe to adopt and draft an ordinance to amend section 46-91 of the City Code.

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Roll Call Vote was:

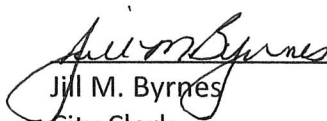
Ayes: Bredeman, Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Gehrig, Levell, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Gehrig, that the meeting adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor Hughes declared the meeting adjourned.


Jill M. Byrnes
City Clerk

Luke Harvey
13620 Ashton Pkwy.
Chillicothe, Illinois
3/2/2026

To the Members of the Chillicothe City Council:

I respectfully request reconsideration of the current prohibition on beekeeping within the City of Chillicothe and propose replacing it with a structured regulatory ordinance.

For context, I am a Certified Master Beekeeper through the University of Montana, a state-registered Illinois beekeeper with twelve years of experience, and the owner and operator of Riverview Road Apiary. My professional background is in biomedical engineering and project management, and I have structured the attached proposal to reflect established best practices and clear administrative standards.

The proposed ordinance does not eliminate oversight. Rather, it replaces a blanket prohibition with defined safeguards, including hive density limits, setback requirements, state registration compliance, maintenance standards, swarm management responsibility, and clear corrective authority for the City. Any colony determined to pose a public safety risk remains subject to re-queening or removal, and the City retains authority to act when immediate safety concerns arise.

Based on current local interest, this change would likely affect a small number of households. To my knowledge, there are already several local beekeepers, and initial participation would reasonably remain limited. The purpose of this framework is to provide clarity and reduce the likelihood of nuisance situations by establishing standards in advance, rather than requiring case-by-case responses.

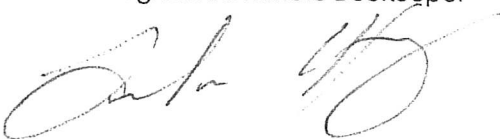
I recognize that research discussions surrounding pollinator ecology continue to evolve. Much of that research addresses high-density or commercial operations. The proposed ordinance applies to small-scale, managed, residential colonies with explicit limits and enforcement provisions appropriate to municipal governance.

The intent of this proposal is to replace a blanket prohibition with a clear, limited, and enforceable regulatory framework that supports responsible beekeeping while preserving the City's authority to protect public health and safety.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully request that the Council review the attached ordinance and place this matter on the agenda for committee discussion.

Respectfully,

Luke Harvey
Certified Master Beekeeper (University of Montana)
Owner, Riverview Road Apiary
State-Registered Illinois Beekeeper

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Luke Harvey', is written over the typed name and title.

Beekeeping.

Purpose—The purpose of this article is to establish certain requirements of sound beekeeping practices, which are intended to avoid problems that may otherwise be associated with the keeping of bees in populated areas.

(a) Definitions.

- a. Apiary - a place where bee colonies are kept. The assembly of one or more colonies of bees at a single location.
- b. Bee - any stage of the common domestic honey bee, *Apis mellifera* Species.
- c. Beekeeping Equipment—Anything used in the operation of an apiary, such as hive bodies, supers, frames, top and bottom boards and extractors.
- d. Colony - a hive and its equipment and appurtenances, including bees, comb, honey, pollen, and brood.
- e. Honey Bee—All life stages of the common domestic honey bee, *Apis Mellifera* species.
- f. Hive - a structure intended for the housing of a bee colony.

(b) Hives. Hives densities may not exceed four (4) hives per 10,000 square feet of lot area. All honey bee colonies shall be kept in hives with movable frames, which shall be kept in sound and usable condition. Hives shall be operated and maintained per this Ordinance, and Illinois State Law.

(c) Signage. Each hive shall be conspicuously marked with the owner's name, telephone number; in addition to state requirements.

(d) Location and Setback. Apiaries and hives are permitted in all zoning districts. All hives shall be located in the side or rear yard only, at least ten feet from any adjoining property line with the back of the hive facing the nearest adjoining property. On undeveloped lots, the required district front yard setback must be observed. Setbacks, spacing and orientation must be indicated on a site plan, with 2 feet by 3 feet per hive. Rooftop hives shall comply with building safety codes.

(e) Water. Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available to the bees at all times during the year so that the bees will not congregate at swimming pools, pet watering bowls, bird baths or other water sources where they may cause human, bird or domestic pet contact. The water shall be maintained so as not to become stagnant. The water shall be in a location that minimizes any nuisance created by bees seeking water on neighboring property.

(f) Maintenance. Each beekeeper shall ensure that no bee comb or other materials are left upon the grounds of the apiary site. Upon their removal from the hive, all such materials shall promptly be disposed of in a sealed container or placed within a

building or other bee-proof enclosure. All associated items, including screening, must be maintained in good condition.

- (g) Queens. In any instance in which a colony exhibits aggressive behavior, including unprovoked stinging or pursuing individuals beyond normal defensive behavior, it shall be the duty of the beekeeper to re-queen or remove the colony.
- (h) Swarm Control. Beekeepers shall manage colonies to reduce swarming and shall make reasonable efforts to retrieve swarms originating from their managed colonies when notified.
- (i) Conduct and Registration Requirements
 - a. It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain an apiary or to keep any colony on any property in a manner that threatens public health or safety, or creates a nuisance. Any colony determined by the City to pose a public safety risk shall be subject to corrective action, including re-queening or removal.
 - b. A person shall not locate or allow a hive on property owned or occupied by another person without first obtaining written permission from the owner or occupant.
 - c. Each beekeeper shall be registered with the State of Illinois, and submit proof to the City of Chillicothe prior to the establishment of a hive. Any hive not registered with the State of Illinois shall be considered in violation of this Ordinance.
 - d. Hives shall be operated and maintained per this Ordinance, and Illinois State Law.
 - e. The provisions of this section shall not prevent the City from destroying bees or a bee colony in the event that there is an immediate need to protect the public safety. Such circumstances will occur when there is (1) a bee colony not residing in a hive structure intended for beekeeping, or (2) a dangerous swarm of bees that poses an immediate risk to the safety of humans or (3) a colony residing in a standard or manmade hive which, by virtue of its condition, has obviously been abandoned by the beekeeper.

To the Mayor and Members of the Chillicothe City Council,

My name is Matt Briggs, and I am a longtime resident of the Chillicothe area who has been involved in many parts of our community over the years. I currently serve on the local school board and have also been active with organizations such as the IVC Band Boosters and Cub and Boy Scouts. I am writing today as a private citizen to express my support for updating the city's ordinance to allow responsible, regulated beekeeping within the community.

I have been a hobby beekeeper in rural Chillicothe for the past seven to eight years. Through this experience, I have developed a deep appreciation for the role bees play in pollination, food production, and environmental health. Beekeeping has been both personally rewarding and a valuable way to better understand agriculture and nature.

One of the most meaningful parts of this hobby has been sharing it with others, especially children. I have demonstrated beekeeping for Scout groups, neighborhood kids, my own children, and other family members. Every time, the response is the same — kids are curious, excited, and eager to learn. Beekeeping offers a hands-on learning experience that brings science, responsibility, and environmental awareness to life in a way that truly sticks with them.

I have also been fortunate to learn from experienced local beekeepers who set a strong example for how this hobby should be practiced. Luke Harvey of Riverview Road Apiary has been a mentor to me in beekeeping and is one of the most knowledgeable and responsible individuals I know in this field. His dedication to education and outreach reflects the type of stewardship that helps ensure beekeeping is viewed positively and practiced thoughtfully within a community.

I respectfully encourage the Council to consider updating the current ordinance to allow regulated beekeeping within the city. I believe this would provide educational opportunities for young people, promote environmental awareness, and support responsible local agriculture, while reflecting the values of a community that encourages learning and stewardship.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Matthew Briggs
15223 N Ivy Lake Rd
Chillicothe, Illinois
mrbvideos@gmail.com



Luke Harvey <lwharvey2001@gmail.com>

Beekeeping

1 message

Cameron Parr <cameron.parr@countryfinancial.com>
To: "lwharvey2001@gmail.com" <lwharvey2001@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 9, 2026 at 4:26 PM

Luke,

Please pass along to our City of Chillicothe council that I am in favor of responsible Beekeeping practices within the city limits of Chillicothe. My family has deep roots in farming and agriculture and I feel that it is important to support efforts to provide sustainable agricultural production. I feel the outline that you provided describing sound Beekeeping practices is very comprehensive & responsible.

Sincerely,

Cam Parr



March 3, 2026

Dear Ms. Byrnes,

We are coming up on the end of year four of the Library Bees, so we thought this would be a great opportunity for an update on how things are going with our hive.

After our proposal was accepted by the City Council in summer 2022, we had quite a bit of planning and preparing to do. The hive was installed and we received our bees in spring 2023. We centered our summer reading program around the bees with our "Buzz into a Book" theme. We included bee storytimes, prizes, and pollinator walk & talk programs. We also held several informational programs for various ages that year. We welcomed a new group of bees in spring 2024. This group is doing great, and we have had several batches of honey since they were installed.

We are happy to report that we have not had a single negative incident. We have staff and patrons utilizing the patio area almost daily when the weather allows and there have been no issues. We continue to have questions and interest in the hive, the bees continue to thrive and are producing honey each season. Did you know the honey tastes a little different and is a slightly different color each season? It is fascinating!

We continue to work with Luke Harvey of Riverview Road Apiary to maintain the health of our beehive. Luke visits our hive several times throughout the year to check on the hive, the bees, and the area surrounding the hive. He also bottles the honey when it's ready, which we offer to the public for a small donation.

As we all know, bees are vitally important to the environment. Bees are responsible for pollinating so many of our crops in central Illinois, including pumpkins, apples, berries, tomatoes, and more.

The Chillicothe Library is thrilled that we are able to support the environment while educating the community. Thank you for this amazing opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alyce".

Alyce Jackson, Director

Scope

The Chillicothe Public Library District desires to install a single beehive on the library property that will be managed and maintained by a professional beekeeper. The intended outcome of this initiative is to educate and inform the community on the importance of pollinators, while helping to stabilize a rapidly declining bee population.

Rationale

Public libraries are dedicated to providing knowledge, and responsible for the dissemination of such; not just through the printed word, but also through actions. This ideology is the principal motivation for long-range initiatives the library has adopted that are closely aligned with the United Nations *Sustainable Development Goals* (SDG). These goals are the blueprint for a sustainable future.

CPLD's first SDG initiative involved swapping inefficient fluorescent lighting for LED fixtures. That single project helped reduce our annual energy consumption by 48.7% in the first year.

The second SDG project addressed the need to reduce our Traditional Energy Consumption (TEC), and in turn our carbon footprint. To meet this aim the library installed 120 kW rooftop solar array that offsets our TEC by approximately 60%. The benefits generated since the installation in April can be seen through the generation of 56.56 Megawatts (56,000 kW) of electricity, the avoidance of 234,279 pounds of carbon emissions, and the equivalence of 1,770 trees planted.

Our current SDG focuses on creating sustainable, healthy green spaces. We intend to achieve this through expanding our native grass and wildflower areas, as well as by incorporating clover into the library's lawn space. The benefits of this objective include helping us reduce water consumption, and carbon emissions related to mowing, along with providing life-sustaining resources for our threatened pollinators – especially bees.

Bees are vitally important to the agricultural economy, yet due to persistent environmental threats their populations continue to decline. A lack of understanding about bees among the community is an additional threat. Few are aware that bees are responsible for pollinating apples, melons, cranberries, pumpkins, squash, broccoli, zucchini, blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, avocado, apricots, cherries, peaches, nectarines, tomatoes, okra, coffee, strawberries, sunflowers, and almonds. With many of these foods grown locally, supporting bee populations also supports our local agri-businesses.

Request

It is with this knowledge, and concern for the protection of our environment, that the Chillicothe Public Library District requests permission from the City of Chillicothe to install a beehive on library property. This hive would be located within our enclosed patio area.

This location is approximately 50' from both Bradley Ave. and Sycamore Street sidewalks, and is not impacted by public water access restrictions. This location is only accessible by the public from inside the library, although two exterior doors can be used to exit the patio space.

The standard hive will start with a single box measuring L21.5" x W17.75" x H9.625" that will expand to no more than 55" in height after individual honey storage boxes are added. The library is working

closely with Riverview Road Apiary who will oversee the installation, management and maintenance of the proposed hive.

The hive will be constructed from polystyrene and set in the garden area of the patio as pictured below.



The single proposed hive can generate up to 5-gallons of honey each year. A potential plan for the honey would be to suggest donations for small bottled samples, and use funds collected to offset future beekeeping management and maintenance fees. An alternative idea would be to simply divide the honey among library staff and board of trustees.

Conclusion

Like other pollinators, bees are a vital piece of a healthy ecosystem yet their populations remain threatened by habitat loss and pesticide use. The library believes that by adding beekeeping on library grounds we can help support the environment, we can educate our community, and we can stay true to the library's mission to be exemplary stewards of our natural resources.





IL HOUSING BLUEPRINT

THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN ILLINOIS

The 2027 Illinois Housing Blueprint, lead by the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), will provide an analysis of the state of housing in Illinois, with a particular emphasis on the ways in which Illinois can improve the **resiliency and equity** of housing markets across the state.



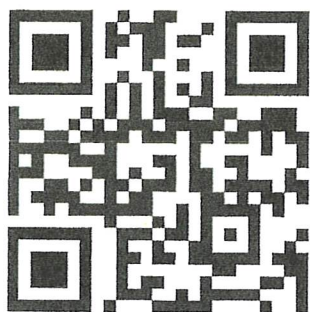
The Illinois Housing Blueprint will align diverse data sets with community input to determine how various factors interact across community types, including:

- affordability and preservation
- development costs
- housing and aging
- local implementation capacity
- supportive housing

The Blueprint will provide a tool for municipalities, state agencies, nonprofits, and local leaders across the state to better understand how housing fits into the economic fabric of their region and to support targeted, community-specific policy and investment decisions.

We need your help to learn more about the housing needs and goals of your community. **Please help us by filling out this survey and distributing it throughout your network.** We will use this important information to guide our planning process.

Take and help distribute
our Blueprint Survey



Sign up for updates on our
community listening sessions



PUBLIC COMMENT:

Meeting: City Council Meeting Date: 3/9/2026

Time: 7:00 p.m. Place/Room: City Hall

Name	Address	Phone
1. Amber Rutledge	412 Fulton St ^{Hegleville}	309-310-4592
2. Luke Hansen	18620 Ashton Pl NW	709-229-9873
3. Chris Moberg	301 James Ln Henry, IL	309 238 4270
4. Haak Robles	815 N F th St	309-589-4905
5. Amy Burlette	412 N 2 nd St	956 451 3000
6. Nichol Dopler	Rapid City	307 428-9232
7. Scott Wozniak	13730 N. Wildflower Rd	309-922-0099
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