

**AGENDA
CHILLICOTHE CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
MARCH 23, 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

Present – Civic Awards

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON SHARP

Approve – Final Payment – Cloverdale Road Improvement

FINANCE COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON CRABTREE

Approve – Priority One General Fund Project – Technology Upgrade

Approve – Purchase of Server

CEMETERY & PARKS COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON LEVELL

Approve – Repair Damage Headstone

Approve – Hiring Part Time Seasonal Employee – Keegan Adcock

Approve – Hiring Part Time Seasonal Employee – Kenny Davis

ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA CLERK

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 23, 2026**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session in person March 23, 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, Michael Crabtree,
Courtney Gehrig, Sandra Levell,
Patrick Semtner, Gary Sharp

Alderspersons Absent:
Brett Cantwell, Patricia Westerman-Connor

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

Others Absent:
Attorney Taylor Cascia, City Engineer Josh Harken

Chairman Hughes declared a Quorum present

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The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on March 9, 2026 and Special Council Meeting on March 16, 2026 were presented. Motion Alderperson Semtner, second Alderperson Gehrig, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the March 9, 2026 Regular Council Meeting and the March 16, 2026 Special 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. Economic Development Committee – 3/10/2026**
- 2. Finance Committee – 3/11/2026**
- 3. Cemetery & Parks Committee – 3/17/2026, on the agenda for this meeting one of the seasonal hires was listed as Kenny Davis, the prospective hire is actually Kenny Dennis the minutes presented have been amended and approved by the committee chair.**
- 4. Public Works Committee – 3/18/2026 was cancelled.**

Communications by the Clerk:

- 1. Amended City Treasurer's Report – 1/31/2026**

Motion Alderperson Bredeman, second Alderperson Gehrig, that the petitions and communications as presented by Clerk Byrnes be accepted and placed on file.

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS:

None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ANYONE WITH BUSINESS CONCERNING CITY GOVERNMENT:

None

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

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Crabtree,
Gehrig, Levell, Semtner, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

MAYOR HUGHES:

Presentation of the 2025 Civic Awards: EDC Director Beadles along with Mayor Hughes presented the 2025 Civic Achievement Awards to the following recipients: (See attached) Civic Achievement Award – Kim Corrington, Commander of the American Legion Post #9 Civic Volunteer Award – Brian Fislar

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council approve the final payment in the amount of \$67,666.03, payable to Illinois Department of Transportation, for the Cloverdale Road improvement. Payable from the Road & Bridge Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Crabtree,
Gehrig, Levell, Semtner, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson Crabtree, second Alderperson Gehrig, that the Council approve the Priority One Project Technology Upgrade as an approved project, in the amount of \$35,000.00

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Crabtree,
Gehrig, Levell, Semtner, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderperson Crabtree, second Alderperson Levell, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$28,438.00, payable to Pearl Technology, for the purchase and installation of a new server at City Hall. Payable from the General Fund Priority One Project Technology Upgrade.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Crabtree,
Gehrig, Levell, Semtner, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

CEMETERY & PARKS COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson Levell, second Alderperson Crabtree, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$650.00, payable to Otto's Monument, for the repair of two damaged headstones in the cemetery. Payable from the General Fund.

Note: City has received \$650.00 as restitution from the Circuit Court for the cost.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Crabtree,
Gehrig, Levell, Semtner, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Levell, second Alderperson Sharp, that the Council approve the hiring of Keegan Adcock, for a part-time seasonal employee, at an hourly rate of \$17.00, subject to pre-employment testing.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Crabtree,
Gehrig, Levell, Semtner, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Levell, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council approve the hiring of Kenny Dennis, for a part-time seasonal employee, at an hourly rate of \$17.00, subject to pre-employment testing.

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Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes:

**Bredeman, Crabtree,
Gehrig, Levell, Semtner, Sharp**

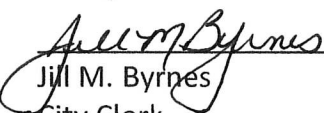
Nays:

None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Gehrig, that the meeting adjourn at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Hughes declared the meeting adjourned.



Jill M. Byrnes
City Clerk

2025 Civic Achievement

The City of Chillicothe Council Members created the Civic Achievement Award to recognize individuals in the business community who step out and perform a measure of service that exemplifies quality of civic pride and responsibility.

This year's Civic Achievement Award honoree embodies the very best of community spirit through both leadership and service. Always willing to go the extra mile, they are a familiar and dependable presence at city events like Downtown Thursdays, the Sweet Corn Festival, and Nikolausmarkt. Their organization is a vital community hub—supporting local fundraisers, hosting live music, and creating a warm, welcoming space for residents to gather. Their dedication not only enhances our events but also strengthens connections and leaves a lasting, positive impact on the City of Chillicothe.

The **2025 Civic Achievement Award** goes to **Kim Corrington**, Commander of the **American Legion Post #9**.

2025 Civic Volunteer

The City of Chillicothe Council Members created the Civic Volunteer Award to be given to an individual that has selflessly shown effort in civic activities and pride toward our community.

This year's Civic Achievement Award honoree embodies community pride:

- They have an enthusiasm for preserving and sharing Chillicothe's history
- This person has shared stories of Chillicothe's past: its people, its places, and its defining moments
 - Through articles in the Chillicothe Hometown Voice and on the
 - Social media group Chillicothe, IL – Our Town
- They have been a champion for the Chillicothe Historical Society promoting fundraising opportunities and encouraging membership growth
- They spent many hours researching in preparation for the Ghost in the Park alumni event

This person volunteers countless hours to making a difference in our community and continuing to make our town a great place to live in.

The **2025 Civic Volunteer award** goes to **Brian Fislar**.