

**AGENDA
CHILLICOTHE CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
APRIL 28, 2025
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

1. Present – Civic Awards
2. Accept – Resignation Rob Hulsizer – Building Commission Board

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON SHARP

1. Approve – Proposal – Engbrecht Concrete – Repair Cloverdale Inlets
2. Approve – MFT Material Quotes

FINANCE COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON D. WHITE

1. Approve – Fiscal Year 25-26 Budget
2. Approve – Electrical Aggregation – Street Lights & City Accounts

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON CONNOR

1. Approve – Fireworks Donation Agreement
2. Approve – Priority 1 Project Marketing Analytic Data - Alpha Map Agreement

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON JENKINS

1. Approve – Live Entertainment Request – American Legion
2. Approve – Special Event Request – Blessing of the Bikes

CEMETERY & PARKS COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON T. WHITE

1. Approve – Pontem Software – Online Search Hosting

ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA CLERK

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session in person April 28, 2025 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.

Physically Present: Mayor Michael D. Hughes
Treasurer B.L. Bredeman
City Clerk Jill M. Byrnes

Alderspersons Present: Barry Bredeman, Patricia Westerman-Connor,
Courtney Gehrig, Jeff Jenkins, Patrick Semtner,
Gary Sharp, Don White

Alderspersons Absent: Timothy White

Also Physically Present: City Attorney Kevin Day
Attorney Taylor Cascia
Officer Manager Denise Passage
City Engineer Dave Horton
Economic Development Director, Amanda Beadles
Superintendent of Public Works, Shawn Sutherland

Others Absent: Police Chief Jeremy Cooper

Chairman Hughes declared a Quorum present

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The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 14, 2025 were presented. Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson D. White, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the April 14, 2025 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. Chillicothe Police Commission – 3/18/2025**
- 2. Economic Development Committee – 4/15/2025**
- 3. Finance Committee – 4/16/2025**
- 4. Cemetery & Parks Committee – 4/22/2025**
- 5. Public Works Committee – 4/23/2025**
- 6. Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Virtual Meeting 4/24/2025 was cancelled**

Communications by the Clerk:

- 1. City Engineer Report – 4/23/2025**

I am in receipt of the Ground Lease Renewal for the drive-up CEFCU ATM located at 616 N. Fourth Street effective June 5, 2025 for a period of 5 years.

I am in receipt of the 2024 Consumer Confidence Report.

The seventh annual “Back The Blue” Chillicothe Police Appreciation Dinner will be held Thursday May 15, 2025, 6:00 p.m. at Grecian Gardens. Flyers were placed in all Alderperson mailboxes.

I received a phone call today from Pat Mallicoat who wanted to publicly thank both Brandon Berchtold and Andy Brown of the Public Works Department for all their extra time and hard work to make the burial of his family members dignified.

**CLERK BYRNES ANNOUNCED SHE WAS IN RECEIPT OF THE RESULTS OF THE APRIL 1, 2025
CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION WHICH READS:**

We, the undersigned Canvassing Board of the Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners do hereby certify the following is a correct tabulation of the votes cast in the precincts of the County of Peoria, State of Illinois for the Consolidated General Election held on April 1, 2025.

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MAYOR:

Michael D. Hughes: Total=541 votes

Timothy S. White: Total=460

Michael D. Hughes was declared the winner.

The remaining individuals ran unopposed:

CITY CLERK:

Jill M. Byrnes: Total=800 votes

TREASURER:

Andrea Bredeman: Total=794 votes

FIRST WARD:

No Candidate

SECOND WARD:

Barry Bredeman: Total=207 votes

THIRD WARD UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM:

Patrick J. Semtner: Total=160 votes

THIRD WARD 4-YEAR TERM:

Patricia Westerman-Connor: Total=157

FOURTH WARD:

Gary L. Sharp: Total=122 votes

You can find additional information on the 2025 Consolidated General Election website:
www.peoriaelections.gov

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

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICAITONS FROM THE MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS:

Alderperson Jenkins informed the Council there will be a 4th of July Fireworks Fundraiser this Saturday at the Casting Club at 11:00 a.m. Alderperson Semtner informed the Council at this time there was no update on Teamster negotiations. Alderperson Semtner reported negotiations were ongoing however the meeting scheduled for May 1, 2025 has been cancelled and will be rescheduled. Alderperson Connor recognized the Public Works staff on the recent cemetery clean-up. Mayor Hughes announced that golf cart stickers are now available.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS:

Alderperson D. White requested Mayor Hughes reconsider forming a Buildings Committee for the purpose of discussing City Hall renovations. Finance Committee Chairman D. White does not feel there is ample time to discuss both the Finance Committee agenda items and City Hall renovations in the same meeting. Alderperson Sharp agreed. Chairman D. White referenced the lengthy asbestos removal report that he feels needs to be discussed in a separate meeting. Mayor Hughes agreed to consider the addition of a Buildings Committee.

ANYONE WITH BUSINESS CONCERNING CITY GOVERNMENT:

None

Motion Alderperson D. White, second Alderperson Jenkins, that the bills as presented be paid and the payrolls and transfers be approved.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Connor, Gehrig, Jenkins,
Semtner, Sharp, D. White

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

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MAYOR HUGHES:

Mayor Hughes presented the 2024 Civic Achievement Award to Dave & Ginny Molleck of The Chillicothe Hometown Voice and Limelight Communications. (See attached)

Mayor Hughes presented the 2024 Civic Volunteer Award to Mame High. (See attached)

Motion Mayor Hughes, second Alderperson Gehrig, that the Council accept the resignation of Rob Hulsizer from the Building Commission Board, effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: **Bredeman, Connor, Gehrig, Jenkins,
Semtner, Sharp, D. White**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council accept the quote from Engbrecht Concrete in the amount of \$19,750.00, for the repair of four inlets on Cloverdale Road. Payable from the Road & Bridge Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: **Bredeman, Connor, Gehrig, Jenkins,
Semtner, Sharp, D. White**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson D. White, that the Council accept the quotes from aggregate and asphalt material for 2025 as follows:

Advanced Asphalt Co. Bit	Patching Mix (Cold Patch)	\$145.00 per ton
Galena Road & Gravel	Aggregate Material	\$ 38.00 per ton
Vermillion Quarry	White Rock	\$ 9.00 per ton

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R.A. Cullinan Bituminous Patching (Prop Mix)	\$165.00 per ton
Advanced Asphalt Co. Bit Patching (Cold Patch)	\$120.00 per ton
Galena Road & Gravel Aggregate Material	\$ 10.25 per ton
RiverStone Group Vermillion Quarry White Rock	\$ 7.00 per ton

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: **Bredeman, Connor, Gehrig, Jenkins,
Semtner, Sharp, D. White**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson D. White, second Alderperson Jenkins, that the Council approve the General Fund, Road & Bridge Fund, Water/Sewer Fund, TIF Fund and Miscellaneous Funds Budgets for the City's Fiscal Year commencing May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026, as presented.

Discussion: Office Manage Passage explained the changes to the budget. In Road & Bridge Fund there was an unexpected expense to repair 4 inlets on Cloverdale Road for approximately \$19,750.00 that was not anticipated at the time the budget was reviewed, therefore; the expenses in the Road & Bridge Fund were increased by \$20,000.00. There was a legislation change that requires all retail sales sourced outside of Illinois and made to Illinois customers by retailers with nexus to Illinois are subject to destination-based Sales Tax instead of Use Tax. The City received the first Use Tax with the said change and the Use Tax was \$12,000.00 lower than expected and Sales Tax only increased by \$1,700.00. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee the revenue in the General Fund for Use Tax was lowered by \$100,000.00 and Sales Tax increased by \$100,000.00. Both revenue sources will be monitored throughout the year.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: **Bredeman, Connor, Gehrig, Jenkins,
Semtner, Sharp, D. White**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderperson D. White, second Alderperson Gehrig, that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with the lowest supplier as follows:

City owned accounts: 36 months term length for electrical supplier

City owned street lights: 37 months term length for electrical supplier

Note: Current rates	Potential new rates
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City owned accounts \$0.10062	\$0.08958
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City owned street lights \$0.06554	\$0.06417
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Discussion: Alderperson D. White states that these prices fluctuate daily, it will continue to be monitored and the City will be given the best price at the time, effective December 2025.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes:	Bredeman, Connor, Gehrig, Jenkins, Semtner, Sharp, D. White
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Nays:	None
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Chairman declared motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson Connor, second Alderperson Jenkins, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$2,500.00, payable to Chillicothe 4th of July, for a donation for fireworks, payable from General Fund – Economic Development Department.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes:	Bredeman, Connor, Gehrig, Jenkins, Semtner, Sharp, D. White
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Nays:	None
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Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderperson Connor, second Alderperson Jenkins, that the Council approve the General Fund Economic Development Priority One Project Marketing Analytic Data in the amount of \$10,000.00 as an approved project and approve an expense of \$5,995.00 payable to NextSite LLC. for the purchase of an AlphaMap Software License, payable from the General Fund Priority One Project Marketing Analytic Data.

Discussion: ED Director Beadles explained that the license will provide event data to any Chillicothe business pinned on the map and help businesses better market their product.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Connor, Gehrig, Jenkins,
Semtner, Sharp, D. White

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson D. White, that the Council approve the Request for Live Entertainment in the outdoor pavilion/beer garden, as submitted by the American Legion, on May 11, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., for the live band "Eddies Broken Halo"

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Bredeman, Connor, Gehrig, Jenkins,
Semtner, Sharp, D. White

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson D. White, that the Council approve the Notice for Special Event on Public Property, as submitted by Amy Holocker, Moon Tower, for the parking lot between Pine and Walnut, with open containers on May 3, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to midnight, for a "Blessing of the Bikes" event.

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.

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CEMETERY & PARKS COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson Bredeman, second Alderperson Jenkins that in the absence of Alderperson T. White, Alderperson Connor be allowed to present his agenda items.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: **Bredeman, Connor, Gehrig, Jenkins,
Semtner, Sharp, D. White**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Connor, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$1,310.00, payable to Pontem Software for the renewal of the Online Burial Search Annual Support Software and Maintenance for the cemetery. Payable from the General Fund.

Roll Call Vote was:

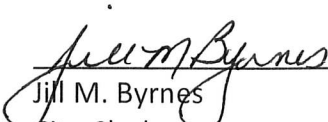
Ayes: **Bredeman, Connor, Gehrig, Jenkins,
Semtner, Sharp, D. White**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Jenkins, second Alderperson D. White, to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor Hughes declared the meeting adjourned.


Jill M. Byrnes
City Clerk

2024 Civic Achievement

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

At the request of the community, this business stepped forward to meet an important need. While many news outlets were scaling back or closing, this company took a bold risk and, in June 2022, launched the inaugural edition of a special publication. This new venture not only highlighted local businesses but also celebrated positive community stories and events. Since then, the business has worked tirelessly alongside local authors, businesses, and residents to deliver a positive and uplifting press presence for the Chillicothe community.

The **2024 Civic Achievement Award** goes to **Dave and Ginny Molleck** of **The Chillicothe Hometown Voice & Limelight Communications**.

2024 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 person is a model Civic Volunteer. They:

- help with the VFW Memorial in Veteran's Triangle
- plan and assist with the VFW Cruise-in event
- assist with Shademaker's decorations
- Volunteer with the Senior Lunch at Pearce Community Center
- Consistently shop local and support our local businesses

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

The **2024 Civic Volunteer award** goes to **Mame High**.