

AGENDA
CHILLICOTHE CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
July 27, 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

Peoria County Variance – 5106 E Rome Rd – Seiler Property- 1 ½ mile jurisdiction of Chillicothe

FINANCE COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON CRABTREE

Approve – Agreement – Fehr Graham – City Hall Renovation

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON BREDEMAN

Approve – Special Event Request – Gilmore's

Approve – Special Event Request – Cranberry Creek

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON BREDEMAN

Closed Session

- Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (11) – Pending, probable or imminent litigation

Open Session

- Approve/authorization to City Attorney to take necessary and prudent action(s) regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Fire Protection District

ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA CLERK

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
JULY 27, 2026**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session in person July 27, 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

Alderspersons Present: Barry Bredeman, Brett Cantwell,
Michael Crabtree, Sandra Levell, Patrick Semtner,
Gary Sharp

Alderspersons Absent: Patricia Westerman-Connor
Courtney Gehrig

Also Present: City Attorney Kevin Day
Attorney Justin Dunn
Police Sgt. Purcell
Office Manager Denise Passage
Assistant Office Manager Chelsea White
City Engineer Josh Harken
Economic Development Director Amanda Beadles

Others Absent: City Treasurer Andrea Bredeman
Police Chief Jeremy Cooper
Superintendent of Public Works Shawn Sutherland

Chairman Hughes declared a Quorum present

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The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on July 13, 2026 were presented. Motion Alderperson Bredeman, second Alderperson Sharp, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the July 13, 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. Police Commission – 04/21/2026**
- 2. Public Safety Committee – 06/02/2026**
- 3. Public Works Committee – 07/08/2026**
- 4. Finance Committee – 07/15/2026**

Communications by the Clerk:

- 1. City Treasurer's Report – 06/2026**

I am in receipt of a letter dated July 15, 2026, from Aaron Toliver, Senior Railroad Safety Specialist, Illinois Commerce Commission regarding proposed railroad crossing closures. This letter was in your Council agenda packet for review.

I am in receipt of an application to rezone property located at 212 W. Pine St. from a CB1 to a CB1 Special Use. This will be referred to the Plan Commission for a public hearing.

I am in receipt of a letter and petition submitted by Rowana Robles in support of beekeeping in the City of Chillicothe.

I am in receipt of an email from Connie Ware cancelling the Sept 12, 2026 Fall Craft Show.

Motion Alderperson Bredeman, second Alderperson Crabtree, 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:

Mayor Hughes stated both the Sweet Corn Festival and River & Rails were a great success over the past weekend.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ANYONE WITH BUSINESS CONCERNING CITY GOVERNMENT:

Luke Harvey, 13620 Ashton Pkwy., addressed the Council once again, pointing out the recently received petition with over 100 signatures when considering the ordinance allowing beekeeping within the City limits of Chillicothe.

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

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

MAYOR HUGHES:

Motion Alderperson Bredeman, second Alderperson Crabtree, that the Council authorize the Mayor to respond to the Peoria County Variance, regarding a variance requested for a deck at the property located at 5106 E. Rome Road, that is within the 1 ½ mile jurisdiction of Chillicothe, that the City has no objection for the construction of a deck.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Bredeman, second Alderperson Sharp, that the Council approve the agreement between Fehr Graham and the City of Chillicothe for professional Engineering Services for developing bid documents for

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Council returned to Open Session at 7:24 p.m.

Attorney Day announced that Agenda Item #2 under Judicial Committee-Open Session will be withdrawn.

Motion Alderperson Bredeman, second Alderperson Semtner, that the meeting adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor Hughes declared the meeting adjourned.


Jill M. Byrnes
City Clerk

Participation Rules:

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