

AGENDA
CHILLICOTHE CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
August 10, 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

Presentation – Shademakers – Catch the Beauty Awards

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON SHARP

Approve – Invoice – Core Main

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON GEHRIG

Approve – Special Event Request: Cindy Scime – Semi-Annual Sale-Food Truck

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON GEHRIG

Approve –Closed Session Minutes

Approve – Ordinance – C-3 Service District Special Use – Consumer fireworks

Approve – Ordinance – Micromobility Devices

Discussion – Plan Commission Recommendation – Ordinance – Beekeeping and Apiaries

Approve – Ordinance – Beekeeping and Apiaries

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 actions(s) regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Fire Protection District**

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 August 10, 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:
Brett Cantwell, Patricia Westerman-Connor,
Michael Crabtree, Courtney Gehrig, Sandra Levell,
Patrick Semtner, Gary Sharp

Aldersperson Absent:
Barry Bredeman

Also Present:
City Attorney Kevin Day
Attorney Taylor Cascia
Office Manager Denise Passage
Assistant Office Manager Chelsea White

Others Absent:
City Treasurer Andrea Bredeman
Police Chief Jeremy Cooper
City Engineer Josh Harken
Superintendent of Public Works Shawn Sutherland
Economic Development Director Amanda Beadles

Chairman Hughes declared a Quorum present

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The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on July 27, 2026 were presented. Motion Alderperson Semtner, second Alderperson Sharp, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the July 27, 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. Bike Path Task Force – 05/07/2026, 07/30/2026**
- 2. Police Commission – 06/16/2026**
- 3. Zoning Board of Appeals – 07/15/2026 cancelled due to lack of quorum**
- 4. Cemetery & Parks Committee – 07/21/2026**
- 5. Shademakers Committee – 07/21/2026**
- 6. Public Works Committee – 07/22/2026**
- 7. Judicial Committee – 07/29/2026**
- 8. Plan Commission – 08/04/2026**
- 9. Public Works Committee – 08/05/2026**

Communications by the Clerk:

- 1. City Budget Report – 07/2026**
- 2. City Collector's Report – 07/2026**

I am in receipt of an application to rezone property located at 417 W. Walnut from a C-2 to an R-1, this has been sent to the Plan Commission for a hearing date to be determined. This was in your Council Agenda Packet for review.

I am in receipt of a letter dated 8/5/2026 from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency which reads: This right-to-know notice is hereby issued by the IEPA under Section 25d-3(a)(2)(B) of the IEPA Protection Act to the owner and operator of the Chillicothe Community Water System. Two Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances analytes listed below were detected in your water supply above the Class I potable groundwater quality standards in 35 IL Adm. Code 620. This was in your Council Agenda Packet for review.

I am in receipt of a thank you note which reads: Honorable Mayor Mike Hughes & Alderpersons,

We appreciate your donation for the backpack school supply program. Thank you for helping us help others in our community. We appreciate all you do for the Chillicothe area. Darlene Kumpf, President Community Needs.

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

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PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS:

None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS:

Aldersperson Semtner informed the Council that advertisement for the Code Enforcement Officer position is closed, 44 resumes have been received and HR Chairman Semtner will communicate with fellow HR Committee members to set a meeting date. Aldersperson Connor informed the Council that the EDC Committee meeting will be rescheduled to 8/17/2026.

ANYONE WITH BUSINESS CONCERNING CITY GOVERNMENT:

Michelle Brian, 920 Wilnot addressed the Council with concerns of the City water quality based on the IEPA letter that was presented in Communications by the Clerk. Ms. Brian also expressed concern for children playing in or near the detention pond located on Bradley Ave., and requested more support from the Public Works department for yard waste clean-up to individuals to do not have the transportation or physical ability to transport their yard waste to Moffitt Park. Mayor Hughes suggested all concerns be further discussed in Public Works Committee.

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

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

MAYOR HUGHES:

Aldersperson Connor announced the winners of the 2026, 33rd Annual "Catch the Beauty Contest" as follows:

Commercial: Faraway Mercantile, Amber Rusk 213 W. Walnut Street

Residential: Larry Dell, Linda Potter, 209 Prairie Springs

All Around: John & Paula Dietrich, 523 Pine Street

Backyard Beauty: Mel & Tammy Davis, 1505 N. Sixth Street

Special Feature: (Flamingo) Hallie Shirley & Jordan Lada, 822 Truitt Ave

Most Honorable Mention: Evergreen Living Facility, Rosene Schielein, 404 Stillwater

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Aldersperson Connor presented the All Around award to Mr. Mrs. Dietrich as there were unable to be present at the Sweet Corn Festival.

An honorary yard rock was given to Sweet Finds to replace the original one that was lost in the fire of their building.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Motion Aldersperson Sharp, second Aldersperson Levell, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$6,867.30, payable to Core & Main, for the purchase of materials needed to install an 8" valve and other supplies to maintain the water system. Payable for the Water/Sewer Fund – Water Department.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Motion Aldersperson Gehrig, second Aldersperson Crabtree, that the Council approve the Special Event Request, submitted by Cindy Scime, Little Shop of Hoarders, for the use of parking spaces at 941 Second Street, on Saturday August 29, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for two Food Trucks, "Semi Annual Sale".

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE:

Motion Aldersperson Gehrig, second Aldersperson Crabtree, that the Council approve the following Closed Session minutes:

Council Minutes: 3/24/2025, 4/14/2025, 5/12/2025, 5/27/2025, 6/9/2025, 7/14/2025, 7/28/2025, 8/11/2025, 10/13/2025, 10/27/2025, 11/24/2025, 1/26/2026, 2/23/2026.

Committee Minutes: EDC 8/15/2022, HR 6/10/2025, Public Safety 8/5/2025, Joint Finance/EDC 9/23/2025, HR 11/13/2025, HR 1/27/2026, HR 1/29/2026, HR 2/6/2026, Joint Finance/HR 2/11/2026.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderperson Gehrig, second Alderperson Sharp, that the Council approve Ordinance 26-08-09, an Ordinance Regarding Special Uses within the C-3 Service District. (Consumer Fireworks Sales).

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Gehrig, second Alderperson Connor, that the Council approve Ordinance 26-08-10, an Ordinance Regarding the uses of Micromobility Devices within the municipal boundaries.

Discussion: Attorney Day informed the Council that to date the legislature is on the Governor's desk, however, not yet signed. The motion will be amended to state that the ordinance will be effective once signed as determined by legislature.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

DISCUSSION: Plan Commission's recommendation – Ordinance Beekeeping and Apiaries.

Luke Harvey, 13620 Ashton Pkwy

Kelly Harvey, 13620 Ashton Pkwy

Michelle Brian, 920 Wilmot

Jake Simmermon, 420 W. Elm Street

Kyle Fouts, 423 W. Chestnut

All spoke in support of Beekeeping in the City of Chillicothe.

After discussion is was the consensus of the Council to thank the Plan Commission for their input on the Beekeeping Ordinance, however accept the terms of the Ordinance as written with the exception of modifying the setback, (as stated in the original draft Ordinance applicable setback and zoning requirements for the applicable district) to 10 feet.

Motion Alderperson Crabtree, second Alderperson Semtner, that the Council approve Ordinance 26-08-11, an Ordinance Regarding Nuisances and Licenses for Apiaries and Beekeeping, with the modification of setback to 10 ft.

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Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Gehrig, second Alderperson Crabtree, that the Council Adjourn into Closed Session at 8:00 p.m., for Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2/C –11 – Pending, Probable, Pending Litigation and to allow Attorney Day, Attorney Cascia, Office Manager Passage, & Assistant Office Manager White to attend.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Alderperson Levell exited the Council Chambers at 7:58 p.m.

Council returned to Open Session at 8:36 p.m.

Motion Alderperson Gehrig, second Alderperson Cantwell, that the Council authorize the City Attorney to take the necessary and prudent action(s) to draft and negotiate a written amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Fire Protection District.

Roll Call Vote was:

Ayes: Cantwell, Connor, Crabtree,
Gehrig, Semtner, Sharp

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Crabtree, second Alderperson Gehrig, that the meeting adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

Mayor Hughes declared the meeting adjourned.


Jill M. Byrnes
City Clerk

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