

**AGENDA
CHILLICOTHE CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

September 14, 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

City Engineer – Courtney Allyn – Fehr Graham

Approve – Appointment Alderperson Bredeman -Judicial Chairman

Approve – Appointment of Alderperson Semtner – Judicial Committee

Accept – Resignation of Alderperson Bredeman – Mayor Pro-Tem

Approve – Appointment of Alderperson Connor – Mayor Pro-Tem

Recommendation – Ward Two Alderperson – Alexander Meier

Update - PFAS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON SHARP

Approve – Sidewalk Program Applications

Approve – Moving Water Priority 1 (One) Project Scada Upgrade forward

Approve - Invoice: Britton Electronics & Automation, Inc.

Approve – Moving Water Priority 1 (One) Project Pumpouse Upgrade forward

Approve – Proposal from G.A. Rich & Sons for the 8” insta valve

Approve – Proposal New View for Boat Dock/Ramp Pillar maintenance

Approve – Payment request for C&G Concrete Construction Co. Inc. for 2026 ADA Sidewalks Program – ARPA Funds

Approve – Proposal D&D for Spray Patching

Refer – City Engineer requesting a cost estimate for a preliminary well site investigation/filtration system

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON BREDEMAN

Approve – American Legion – Live Entertainment – Noise Extension

Discussion – Fence – Detention Area – Bradley

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON BREDEMAN

Approve – Ordinance – Rezoning 417 Walnut

Approve – Ordinance – Rezoning 212 Pine

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE – ALDERPERSON SEMTNER

Approve – City Communications Policy

ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA CLERK

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session in person September 14, 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 Treasurer Andrea Bredeman
City Clerk Jill M. Byrnes

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

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

Others Absent:
Police Chief Jeremy Cooper
City Engineer Courtney Allyn

Chairman Hughes declared a Quorum present

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The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on August 24, 2026 and Special Council Meeting on August 27, 2026, were presented. Motion Alderperson Bredeman, second Alderperson Sharp, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the August 24, 2026 Regular Council Meeting and August 27, 2026 Special Council Meeting 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 – 07/21/2026
2. Zoning Board of Appeals – 08/19/2026
3. Judicial Committee – 08/26/2026
4. Public Works Committee – 09/08/2026

Communications by the Clerk:

1. City Treasurers Report – 07/2026
2. City Budget Report – 08/2026
3. City Collector's Report – 08/2026
4. City Engineer Transition Report – 08/28/2026

I am in receipt of a letter dated 8/25/2026 from the IEPA indicating the city's water system exceeded a Treatment Technique Trigger, therefore requiring the city to complete a Level 1 Assessment and return to the IEPA by September 24, 2026. This test has been completed and submitted to the IEPA.

I am in receipt of a letter of resignation from Alderperson Bredeman which reads:
I deeply appreciate the opportunity Mayor Hughes has given me to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. However, due to increasing work commitments and my children's extracurricular activities, I am unfortunately no longer able to continue in this role.

Motion Alderperson Bredeman, second Alderperson Connor, 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

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Courtney Allyn entered the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Mayor Hughes introduced her as the new City Engineer, Fehr Graham Engineering, replacing Josh Harken.

Motion Alderperson Connor, second Alderperson Levell, that the Council accept the resignation of Alderperson Bredeman as Mayor Pro Tem.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Bredeman, second Alderperson Levell, that the Council concur with the Mayoral appointment of Alderperson Connor as Mayor Pro Tem.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Mayoral Announcement:

I would like to recommend that Alexander Meier be considered as Ward Two Alderperson to fill the unexpired term of Alderperson Gehrig. Mr. Meier introduced himself to the Council.

Mayoral Announcement:

At this time Superintendent Sutherland will give an update regarding PFAS.

Superintendent Sutherland informed the Council he had requested another sample kit from PACE Laboratories, once received he will be performing the test and update the Council once results are received.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council approve the following applications for the 2026 Sidewalk Program:

Judy DiBernardino	1007 Santa Fe	\$2,000.00
Arthur Frazier	601 Sweetbriar	\$1,987.20
Gray Crull	530 Bradley	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Total		\$5,987.20

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Balance in program	\$14,072.00
Requested	\$5,987.20
Balance remaining	\$8,084.80

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Cantwell, that the Council approve the Water Department Priority One Project for Scada Upgrade in the amount of \$20,000.00 as an approved project.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council approved an expenditure not to exceed \$12,465.00, payable to Britton Electronics & Automation Inc., for work at well 1 TP1 WL 50389, tower installation, cable routing, grounding and safety, tower connection, conductors/electrodes spacing, testing and verification. Payable from the Water Fund – Priority One Project Scada Upgrade.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Cantwell, that the Council approve the Water Department Priority One Project for Pump House Upgrade in the amount of \$90,000.00 as an approved project.

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Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$11,780.00, payable to G.A. Rich and Sons for the installation of an 8" insta valve to be put on an 8" transite water main. Payable from the Water Fund – Priority One Project Pump House.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Levell, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$8,000.00, payable to New View Landscaping & Tree Service to prepare and paint the boat dock pillars. Payable as follows:

TIF Business \$5,540.00

General Fund – Parks \$2,460.00

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Bredeman, that the Council approve an expenditure of \$29,150.00, payable to C & G Construction Company Inc., for the first pay request for the 2026 ADA Sidewalk Program. Work completed was on Bradley Avenue in conjunction with the drainage project. Payable from the ARPA Grant Funds.

Note: Reference November 25, 2024 - Approve – ARPA Project Bradley Drainage

Reference October 28, 2024 – Approve – ARPA Project Bradley Drainage

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Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Cantwell, that the Council accept the proposal from D & D Asphalt Solutions, in the amount of \$23,944.80 for the 2026 Spray Patching. Payable from the Motor Fuel Tax Account.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: None

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderperson Sharp, second Alderperson Levell, that the Council request the City Engineer to prepare a proposal to explore the costs associated with developing a new well site and filtration system.

Roll Call Vote was:

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

Nays: Sharp

Chairman declared motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Motion Alderperson Bredeman, second Alderperson Levell, that the Council approve the Request for Live Entertainment in their outdoor pavilion, and a noise extension for October 3, 2026 to 1:00 a.m., as submitted by the American Legion as follows:

October 3, 2026	1:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.	Bleeder, Shining Realm, Coolzey, Frog Lamp
October 11, 2026	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Duo Sly Dog
October 18, 2026	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Duo Not Pretty
October 25, 2026	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Duo Sly Dog

Motion Carried Via Voce vote.



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