# July 15, 2025 Cheviot City Council Meeting

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Council President Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer. Roll was then called, and the following members were in attendance:

President of Council	Kerry Smyth
Mayor	Sam Keller
Council Ward 1	David Voss
Council Ward 3	Brian Smyth
Council Ward 4	Lindsay Keeble
Council At Large	Troy Borgmann
Council At Large	Stefanie Hawk
Council At Large	Amy Richter

Former Law Director and President of Council Mark Waters was present to administer the oath of office to Chris Watt, who is filling the seat formerly held by John Hardig, and Ralph Brosious, who is taking over as Treasurer to replace RaeJean Hardig.

Mrs. Rohr joined the meeting.

Minutes of the July 1 meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Smyth, second by Mr. Borgmann.

## Legislation:

**Resolution 25-17 To Approve The 2026 Tax Budget.** Introduced by Mr. Voss, second by Ms. Hawk. There was no discussion. Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Richter. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 25-18 To Authorize The Safety Service Director To Enter Into A Contract To Repave & Replace Storm Sewers On A Portion Of North Bend Road.** Introduced by Mr. Voss, Second by Mrs. Richter. This resolution covers the portion of North Bend Road north of Westwood Northern Boulevard to the section located with the City of Cheviot which is on the west side of North Bend Road near Breustle Avenue. Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Richter. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 25-19 To Oppose House Bill 335 And Urging The Ohio General Assembly To Reject Legislation That Eliminates Inside Millage And Transfers Local Budgetary Authority To The County Budget Commissioners. This legislation is tabled indefinitely.

### **Administrative Reports:**

-Mayor Keller mentioned that being offered to piggyback onto the North Bend Road sewer and repaving project saved a lot of money. He then offered Mr. Watt to introduce his family and talk

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about his desire to serve the citizens in the city as Council Ward 2 Representative. Mr. Brosious was also allowed to time to introduce himself to Council.

-Law Director Rohr had no report, but welcomed Mr. Watt and Mr. Brosious to the team. She added that both John and RaeJean Hardig will be missed.

### **Public Recognition:**

No one from the public wished to address council.

#### Other Business:

- -Mr. Richter spoke about the 250 Celebration coming up next year and different events that will be taking place. She displayed an array of swag being offered for sale to support the celebration, including t-shirts, hats and memorial banners. Also, commemorative bricks are being offered for sale. These bricks will be placed around the new bell tower in front of the administration building.
- -Treasurer's Report for June 2025 was approved with a motion by Mrs. Richter, second by Mr. Voss,
- -Mayor's Court log was received and filed with a motion by Ms. Hawk, second by Mr. Borgmann.
- -Mr. B. Smyth issued a public records request regarding the limit on the mayor's discretionary spending, with regard to the purchase of a new computer program. He is proposing to change that limit from \$50k to \$15k. Following spirited discussion, it was determined that the request could be handled as a line item change in annual appropriations. A meeting of the finance committee will be held on August 19 following the regular council meeting for discussion.

Seeing no further business before this council, Mrs. Richter motioned for adjournment. Mr. Borgmann seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:12PM.

Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of Council

, Third Party Signature

erry Smyth, President of Council