

January 6, 2026
Cheviot City Council Meeting

Page 1 of 3

Council President Stefanie Hawk 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:

Mayor	Sam Keller
President of Council	Stefanie Hawk
Safety Services Director	Steve Braun
Law Director	Kimberlee Erdman Rohr
Council Ward 1	Dan Morgan
Council Ward 2	Chris Watt
Council Ward 3	Eileen Borgmann
Council Ward 4	Hugo Peterman
Council At Large	Troy Borgmann
Council At Large	Nick Jackson
Council At Large	Amy Richter

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

Department Reports:

-Police Chief Patton had submitted a year end report for 2025. The report was received and filed with a motion by Mr. Peterman, second by Mr. Morgan.

Legislation:

RESOLUTION 26-02 An Ordinance To Amend Section 31.01 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances To Amend Meeting Time. Introduced by Mr. Peterman, second by Mr. Morgan. This constitutes the first reading.

Another resolution which had been prepared by the Law Director regarding placing new representatives to certain boards and commissions is being tabled at this time.

Administrative Reports:

-Mayor Keller delivered his state of the city report, touching on the following highlights: the completion of the Harrison Avenue Road Diet project, following by additional roadway work, securing the funding from Hamilton County to purchase the Cappel's building, for which ownership had been transferred to the City in 2022. The property was then marketed and sold as a suitable development project. Renovation of the property is currently under. Police, fire and public works were also up for contract negotiations and Mayor feels confident that the city can remain competitive with surrounding jurisdictions, as employee retention remains a challenge. He asked that Council consider equal pay raises for administrative staff. This will be reviewed in committee.

Congressman Warren Davidson will be in town on January 16 at 9:30am to view the recently dedicated bell tower.

-Safety Service Director Braun stated that pre-construction meeting is being held this week for the Harding Ave and Homelawn Avenue resurfacing project. No start date has been determined yet.

-Law Director Rohr delivered a recap of her office's annual activity, noting that no lawsuits were filed against or by the City, no moneys were collected by her office, no objections to liquor license applications or renewals were filed, Mayor's Court had multiple guilty convictions, and procedures continue to be modernized. She spoke extensively about the Sunshine Laws, and encouraged all elected members to complete their training soon.

Public Recognition on Other Issues:

-Kevin Leidecker openly thanked the city for its cooperation in helping with the Santa's Village event held in early December. The next Cheviot Community Foundation meeting will be held January 21 at City Hall.

Other Business:

-Treasurer's Report for November 2025 was approved with a motion by Mr. Peterman, second by Ms. Borgmann.

-Mayor's Court Receipts for November 2025 to be approved at the next meeting.

-President Hawk called for a vote to approve the council rules with some changes, including the following appointments: Mrs. Richter will be Cheviot Historical Society representative; Mr. Braun will be the OKI rep, Mr. Hackson will be the LSDMC rep. Council voted unanimously to approve these recommendations.

-The following committee meetings were announced: Police and Fire (Borgmann) to discuss the purchase of a new firetruck, Wednesday, January 28 at 1PM; Finance Committee (Borgmann) to discuss wage increases for administrative employees February 3 at 8:30PM; Zoning Committee (Watt) to discuss Sober Living houses, February 17 at 8PM. Additional meetings for parking changes (LRO, Peterman), Irresponsible feeding of stray animals (LRO Peterman), although dates for these meetings have not been set. Also on this year's to-do list is the recodification of ordinances.

-Mr. Peterman will be absent from the February 20 meeting.

-The clock dedication will be held February 1.

-Mrs. Richter encourages all members to invite their constituents to apply for the Paint The Town event, being held in June. Deadline for applications is in February.

-Mrs. Richter explained Family Day to all new council members and encourages all to become involved.

Seeing no further business before this council, Mrs. Richter motioned for adjournment, second by Mr. Peterman. Meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.

All motions mentioned herein carried by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.



Jenny M. Eitermann, Clerk of Council



President of Council



, Third Party Signature