

**February 17, 2026**  
**Cheviot City Council Meeting**

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

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

Minutes of the February 3 meeting were approved with a motion by Ms. Borgmann, second by Mrs. Richter.

The meeting was turned over to the Mayor to administer the oath of office to new police officer, Ethan Bissennette.

Mr. Borgmann read into record his report from the February 3 Finance Committee where administrative pay raises were discussed. Mrs. Richter asked that the language in Ordinance 26-07, being presented for its first reading tonight, be changed to mirror last year's ordinance, which gave the employee's direct manager discretion to offer a raise based on performance not to exceed 4%. Also, Mrs. Richter requested that the ordinance state that this is for the years 2026 and 2027. Mr. Borgmann motioned to receive and file. Mr. Petermann seconded.

**LEGISLATION:**

**Ordinance 26-03** An Ordinance To Amend Section 32.01 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances To Amend Boards And Commissions. This ordinance is tabled until March.

**Ordinance 26-04** To Direct The Auditor Of Hamilton County To Assess Additional Tax Liability. (Relative to grass cutting and sidewalk repair.) Presented for its third and final reading by second reading by Mr. Jackson, second by Mrs. Richter and adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

**Ordinance 26-05** Amend Ordinance 24-19 And To Adopt Updated Standards For Flags On City Public Property. Initially introduced at the January 20 meeting, Mr. Borgmann motioned to suspend the rules. Ms. Borgmann seconded. Motion carried 6-1, with Mrs. Richter voting no. Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Petermann, second by Mr. Borgmann. Motion carried 6-1, with Mrs. Richter voting no.

**Ordinance 26-06** To Create A New Fund; To Add Line Items; And To Declare An Emergency (Cooper's Hawk). Introduced by Mr. Borgmann, second by Mr. Petermann. Mrs. Richter motioned

for suspension of the rules, second by Mr. Petermann. Motion to adopt by Ms. Borgmann, second by Mr. Petermann.

**Ordinance 26-07** To Authorize Pay Raises For Certain Full Time Employees. Introduced by Mr. Borgmann, second by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Petermann motioned to amend the ordinance as requested by Mrs. Richter. Mr. Borgmann will request the changes suggested by Mrs. Richter be made by the Law Director prior to passage. This constitutes the first reading.

**Resolution 26-01** To Authorize The Safety-Service Director To Enter Into An Agreement For Retail Electricity With A Competitive Electrical Service Provider Through The Center For Local Government Electricity Consortium. Introduced by Mr. Morgan, second by Mr. Borgmann. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Petermann, second by Mrs. Richter.

#### **Administrative Reports:**

-Mayor Keller reported that the SORTA resurfacing project on Bridgetown, Nolan and Harding Avenues will begin in the spring. The transfer of the property at 3625 Harrison Ave. from the City to the Community Improvement Corporation has been completed.

-Safety Service Director Braun addressed the electric aggregation for city owned properties. Camellia Court will be repaved once the weather breaks. Community Event grant request has been submitted. A new dump truck needs to be purchased soon. Since it will be purchased through state contract, no resolution will be required. It's possible that some road funds can be used for the purchase.

-Law Director Rohr was absent and left no report.

#### **Old Business:**

-A voice vote was held regarding postponing the council meeting to be held on March 17 to March 24, so it doesn't conflict with St. Patrick's Day celebrations. In favor of moving the meeting date were Mr. Morgan, Ms. Borgmann, Mr. Petermann and Mr. Borgmann. Opposing were Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Richter. Mr. Watt abstained. The clerk noted the change of the meeting date on the calendar on the website.

-Ms. Hawk reminded council members of the ongoing CMIT cyber security training as well as the mandatory Sunshine Law training and financial disclosures to the Ohio Board of Ethics.

#### **New Business:**

-Mr. Morgan recently attended the OKI meeting and reports that the organization now offers grant writing assistance. This service could be used in securing funding for the Harvest Home Park master plan.

#### **Announcements:**

-Mrs. Richter is working on another Hazardous Waste Disposal Event, potentially scheduled for April 11. June 3 is Family Day. Local Caterer Flavor is working with WeThrive and Sable Bender to establish a food pantry.

-Mr. Watt requested to postpone the Zoning Meeting regarding sober living houses to allow him more time for research.

-Mr. Petermann's LRO committee will meet on March 3 at 8pm to discuss parking, snow removal and nuisance animal feedings.

-Mr. Borgmann's Finance Committee will meet on March 24 at 8pm to discuss council wages.

-Ms. Hawk noted that she will not be present at the March 3 meeting.

Seeing no other business before this council, Mr. Watt motioned for adjournment. Mr. Morgan seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:39PM.

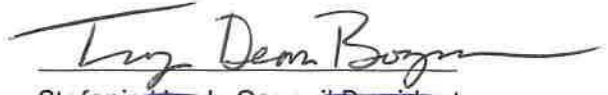
All motions contained herein were passed unanimously unless otherwise noted.



Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council



Third Party Signature



~~Stefanie Hawk, Council President~~

Troy D. Bergmann, President Pro Tem