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President of Council

**April 7, 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:

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

Councilmember Troy Borgmann's absence was excused with a motion by Mr. Watt, second by Ms. Borgmann.

Minutes from the March 24 meeting were approved with a motion by Mrs. Richter, second by Mr. Petermann.

County Auditor Jessica Miranda was in attendance to address council with an overview of the functions of the Hamilton County Auditor's Office. Discussions within her presentation concerned rental properties and programs to reduce tax costs to homeowners (ie, Homestead Exemption, Owner Occupied residences). Ms. Miranda encouraged residents to reach out to elected officials at the state level to elicit updates to the current methods.

Mr. Petermann read into record his report from the March 3 Laws, Rules & Ordinances Committee, wherein there was discussion of snow removal after a snow event. He motioned to receive and file. There was a second by Mrs. Richter. An additional meeting was called for May 5, where requested updates to current legislation will be discussed.

**LEGISLATION:**

**Ordinance 26-03** An Ordinance To Amend Section 32.01 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances To Amend Boards And Commissions. Introduced by title by Mrs. Borgmann, second by Mr. Petermann. This constitutes the first reading

**Administrative Reports:**

-Mayor Keller announced some of the new board members and provided all of council with a complete list of those appointees by email. Locations for The Welcome To Cheviot signs discussed at the last meeting have been determined. The 15 Welcome signs will be paid for by the

City. The 15 I Heart Cheviot signs will be paid for by the historical society. The old signs will be given to the historical society. Brent Craig will be retiring from Public Works this week. Until a replacement is hired, Kevin Vassar will be acting superintendent of the Public Works Department. The City is looking to hire some seasonal help. Candidates must be at least 16 years old with a valid drivers license. The positions will be in Public Works for a range of duties. Applications are available online or at City Hall. Mrs. Richter suggested posting the available positions onto the Center For Local Government, as it is included in our membership. The Mayor agreed.

-Mr. Braun reports that street construction is back in full swing. Harding Ave will start soon, as well as Nolan and Bridgetown. The new firetruck has been ordered. Expect delivery in 12-18 months.

-Law Director Rohr had no report.

### **Public Recognition on Other Issues:**

-Mrs. Lynn Melzer of Herbert Avenue brought some issues up with council, one being a tree downed in a neighbor's yard. It is a rental property. The management company has not been able to be reached. The tree has damaged the tenant's deck and garage and poses additional damage if pieces of the tree break off and fall on a neighboring garage. It is posing a safety hazard. There was much discussion. Mrs. Melzer also brought up a retention basin at a nearby church that needs some attention as it is causing flooding in her yard during heavy rainfall. Mrs. Melzer will contact the owners of the property before pursuing other avenues.

### **Old Business:**

-Ms. Hawk located legislation on file regarding nuisance animals and asked the law director if that would be the basis for some updated legislation. (Ordinance 139.07 maintaining a nuisance, regarding mess created by keeping or feeding animals)

### **New Business:**

-Police Chief Patton has requested funds from the forfeiture fund to cover the cost of some new vests as the old ones. Council chose not to discuss this in committee and requested that Mrs. Rohr prepare legislation to approve the purchase.

-Treasurer's Report from February 2026 was received and filed with a motion by Ms. Borgmann, second by Mr. Morgan.

-Upcoming meetings include Council of the Whole, April 21 at 8PM for parking meter info; Zoning May 5 at 8PM to discuss vacant buildings; May 5 at 8:30 PM Laws, Rules & Ordinances will discuss snow removal; June 2, 8 PM Internal/External Affairs to discuss rental property registration.

-Problems are beginning again at Harvest Home Park relative to garbage being left behind at non-rental sites. A solution would be to remove all grills and picnic tables.

-Tall grass citations will be coming soon. Mayor asks that violations be reported so they can be dealt with. Anything over 10 inches is considered a violation.

### **Announcements:**

- Mr. Jackson stated that an LSDMC report will be coming soon

-Mr. Watt reported new day camps for adolescents are being offered at the YMCA. One is a music camp, another is a production camp. Camps run daily through June and July.

Seeing no other business before this council, Mrs. Richter motioned for adjournment. Mr. Morgan seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 9:21PM.

All motions contained herein carried unanimously unless otherwise noted.



Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council



Stefanie Hawk, President of Council



Third Party Signature