

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

April 21, 2026

Meeting was called to order immediately following the regular council meeting.

Present were all members of council, Mayor, Safety Service Director, President of Council, Police Chief, Office Admin and Police Clerk.

Topic of discussion was the parking enforcement within the city. Some Councilmembers wished to explore switching to 4-Hour parking throughout the business district as it is currently in the municipal parking lots. within a four-hour period policy which would be traced by license plate, while others favor the current system of paying to park in one place, then paying again at any other location.

Police Chief Patton provided the steps the police officers would have to take in order to enforce 4-hour parking policies. It would be a labor intensive process and would demand additional manpower. It would require multiple street chalkings and photos to provide evidence of overstaying the limit and would also lead to significantly more cases being seen in Mayor's Court for parking violations. The Police Clerk and Office Admin both supplied information including parking rates in other municipalities and the number of tickets issued to expired meters.

The Office Amin explained the new Proximity Pay system that can be used instead of paying a meter directly. It is an online payment and is tracked by license plate and that payment is good for any parking meter in the city for the time window. Users will receive a text reminder shortly before their time is up and can add more time from their phone. Since it has been implemented, there has already been an increase in compliance.

Councilman Borgmann suggested that parking meters hurt local businesses. However, it was also noted that there are a lot of residential units above commercial spaces throughout the business district and without meters it is likely that residential tenants will monopolize the parking closest to their buildings. This led to other discussion of other issues impacting the Business district such many vacant buildings and how to attract more people to Cheviot, which are currently under consideration in council committees.

No change to parking policy was determined at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48.

Respectfully submitted

Jenny Eilermann  
Clerk of Council