

September 15, 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
Safety Service Director	Steve Braun
Council Ward 1	Dan Morgan
Council Ward 4	Hugo Petermann
Council At Large	Troy Borgmann
Council At Large	Nick Jackson
Council At Large	Amy Richter

Mr. Petermann motioned to excuse Ms. Borgmann's absence, Mr. Morgan seconded. Councilmember Chris Watt was absent at roll call. He joined the meeting at 7:40PM. Law Director Rohr was absent at roll call, but arrived at 7:37. Mayor Keller was out of town.

Cheviot School associates Mrs. Tammy Solomon Gray and Mr. O. Collier were in attendance to give a report on the school. The state report card shows the school gained a full star during the previous school year and now has a 3.5 Star Rating with improvement in reading and math. A high rate of absenteeism continues to be a challenge, but it is improving. It was noted that the state does not differentiate between excused and unexcused absences, so chronic illness and doctor appointments count toward the total absenteeism rate. Students with good attendance are offered incentives to continue positive behaviors. The school continues to offer programs to keep students engaged after school hours. All students are welcome to participate in free meals offered at the school each day.

Jay Erdman and Greg Kissell were present to give updates on the fundraising efforts of St. Martins Church, primarily the project of restoring the stained glass windows. They shared that the church has been successful in raising almost all of the over \$2 million needed to restore the historic stained-glass windows and the work is now underway to have them restored. People are invited to tour the church and see the progress following weekly mass.

Motion to approve the minutes from the 9-1-2026 meeting was made by Mrs. Richter, second by Mr. Petermann.

Reports of Standing Committees: Mr. Petermann read into record his report from the Laws, Rules & Ordinances committee, held on August 18. The focus of the meeting was to address loitering and creating a do-not-knock list. Mr. Petermann motioned to receive and file, second by Mrs. Richter.

Public Recognition on Agenda Items: None.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 26-12 An Ordinance To Amend Sections 156.02, 156.03 and 156.04 Of Chapter 156 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances To Amend Community Investment Area. Mr. Borgmann read the ordinance by title. Mr. Petermann motioned to adopt, second by Mr. Morgan.

Ordinance 26-13 To Authorize An Agreement Between The City Of Cheviot And The Board Of Hamilton County Commissioners Relative To The Improvement Of Washington Avenue, And To Declare An Emergency. Motion to introduce was made by Mr. Morgan, second by Mr. Borgmann. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Richter, second by Mr. Borgmann. Motion to adopt made by Mrs. Richter, second by Mr. Jackson.

Administrative Reports:

- Safety Service Director Braun reports that Hamilton County is developing its 2027 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, a five-year roadmap to help guide investments in jobs, workforce development, infrastructure, business growth and quality of life improvements. Two public engagement sessions will be held on September 23, 3-5pm and 6-8pm at Hamilton County Central Campus, 1701 Patricia McCollum Way, Blue Ash. People Working Cooperatively is looking for volunteers for its annual Prepare Affair on November 21.

-Law Director Rohr needs clarification on the requested legislation regarding public consumption of marijuana products. Mr. Petermann called a meeting of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances committee for October 6 at 8pm for discussion. The Law Director and Police Chief will be in attendance at that meeting. The discussion will focus on determining what constitutes public consumption, whether gummies and other edibles will be included as well as THC infused drinks.

Public Recognition On Other Issues:

Old Business:

-Council President Hawk asked how the legislation is coming along regarding parking, vacant building and rental registration. The legislation is in-process but a date has not been set for when it will be ready as other items of legislation have come up requiring more immediate attention. Mrs. Richter stated that the legislation to preserve historical archives is at a stalemate while members of the historical society cannot agree on a reasonable amount of time for the items to be saved. Thank you to Dan and Troy for installing the bricks around the bell tower.

New Business:

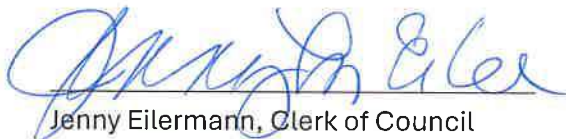
Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report from August 2026 was received and filed.

Announcements.

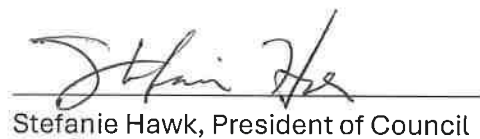
-Spooktacular is October 16 & 17. Some extra help would be appreciated as the girl scout troop who run the games in the lodge will be operating with a skeleton crew.

Seeing no further business before this council, Mr. Borgmann motioned for adjournment.
Mr. Petermann seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:57PM.

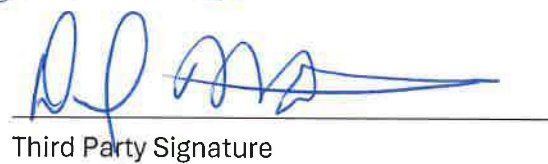
All motions contained herein carried unanimously unless otherwise noted.



Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council



Stefanie Hawk, President of Council



Third Party Signature