Council Chambers
Regular Meeting
July 27th, 2026
7:00PM

Council met in regular session with all members in attendance: Bennett, Payne, McQuirt, Barnes, McKeever, Demint, Preston, Dunn, Creed.

Ms. Dunn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Development: There was no report given.

Finance/Tecnology: Mr. Creed reported that this committee held a meeting concerning 26-054 and has 2 items on the agenda.

HR: Ms. Payne reported that this committee has one item on the agenda and that a special committee meeting was held concerning compensation review. Another compensation review committee meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on August 10th.

Parks and Recreation: Mr. Barnes reported that the new graffiti wall in the park is completed.

Safety Services: There was no report given.

Utilites: Mr. McKeever reported that this committee held a meeting on July 22nd.

City Services: Mr. McQuirt reported that this committee held two meetings earlier in the evening concerning 26-057, 26-039.

Community Affairs: There was no report given.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Auditor: Ms. Spetnagel reported her office has two items on the agenda and will hold a budget review at 6pm on August 10th.

Law Director: Ms. Villarreal reported that the Law Director's office is very busy and asked for prayers for Mr. Anistaci concerning the passing of his father.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Matthew _____, 183 S. Paint Street, shared his appreciation for the bike lanes in Yoctangee Park.

Lesha Malone, Whole Life Counseling Central Center, shared her concerns with Human Trafficking in the area. Shared info and resources, asking Council to be aware and updated.

Kyle Skaggs, 267 W. 5th Street, shared his concerns surrounding a data center in Chillicothe.

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OLD BUSINESS:

There was no report given.

PETITONS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK:

There was no report given.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Moss gave an update/recap of the Ohio Municipal Clerks Annual Institute.

READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION:

First reading of an Ordinance to appropriate $100,000.00 to the income tax refund line and authorize the transfer of $25,000.00 back to the general fund to reimburse the proportionate share of income tax refunds, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Creed made a motion to waive the three-read rule, Ms. Preston seconded. All members in attendance voted “yea” and Pres. Shoemaker declared the motion passed. All members in attendance voted “yea” concerning the legislation and Pres. Shoemaker declared Ord. 36-26 adopted.

First reading of an Ordinance authorizing the City Auditor to create Fund No. 999, to be known as the Payroll Clearing Fund for the City of Chillicothe, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Ms. Payne made a motion to waive the three-read rule, Ms. Bennett seconded. All members in attendance voted “yea” and Pres. Shoemaker declared the motion passed. All members in attendance voted “yea” concerning the legislation and Pres. Shoemaker declared Ord. 37-26 adopted.

First reading of a Resolution declaring the necessity of submitting to the electors of the City of Chillicothe the question of imposing an additional 0.2% municipal income tax for the exclusive purpose of street paving, repairs, and improvements, directing that the question be placed on the ballot at the general election to be held November 3, 2026, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Creed made a motion to waive the three-read rule, Ms. Dunn seconded. All members in attendance voted “yea” and Pres. Shoemaker declared the motion passed. All members in attendance voted “yea” concerning the legislation and Pres. Shoemaker declared Res. 08-26 adopted.

Ms. Bennett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. McQuirt seconded. All members in attendance voted “yea” and Pres. Shoemaker declared the meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.