

Special Meeting Budget Amendment

The Town of Chester Council held the scheduled special meeting to approve the FY26 Budget Amendment on July 23, 2026, at 5:04 pm.

Members Present: Council Persons, Sonja Dahlen, Rachel Ghekiere, Garrett Graff, Tina Neer, and Jim Sivils

Members Absent: Mayor James Dahlen

Staff Present: Dave Ghekiere (Public Works Director)
Ashley Wickum (Clerk/Treasurer)

Guests:

1. Council President Rachel Ghekiere called the Special Meeting to order at 5:04 pm.
2. Public Comments: No public comment.
3. New Business:
 1. Approval Resolution #04-2027 Budget Amendment FY2026: Clerk Ashley Wickum reviewed the budget amendment for the sewer fund. Tina Neer made a motion to approve Resolution #04-2027 Budget Amendment FY2026. Sonja Dahlen seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting ayes.
4. Tina Neer made a motion to adjourn the special meeting. Jim Sivils seconded the motion. The special meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Submitted by _____ Approved by _____
Clerk Mayor

Special Meeting Budget Building

The Town of Chester Council held the scheduled special meeting to build the FY27 Budget on July 23, 2026, at 5:10 pm.

Members Present: Council Persons, Sonja Dahlen, Rachel Ghekiere, Garrett Graff, Tina Neer, and Jim Sivils

Members Absent: Mayor James Dahlen (arrived during meeting)

Staff Present: Dave Ghekiere (Public Works Director)

Ashley Wickum (Clerk/Treasurer)

Guests:

1. Council President Rachel Ghekiere called the Special Budget Building Meeting to order at 5:10 pm.
2. Public Comments: No public comment.
3. New Business:
 1. FY27 Budget Building: Council reviewed the wage spreadsheet and options. Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Wickum presented the council with a 3% raise for John Kleinsasser, Dave Ghekiere, and Ashley Wickum, a \$1.00/hr raise for Nikki Lindsay, no increase in wages for Russell Seidlitz or Codie Camba, the new wage matrix will be followed for them. All of the individual fund budgets were reviewed by the council. Mayor James Dahlen joined the meeting. The Council would like to move any unspent funds under the Fire Control account to the Fire CIP at the end of the year, as a new fire truck needs to be purchased. They would like to do the same in the water and sewer funds, if the planned equipment purchases are not made, they would like to move the unspent amounts to the funds reserve account for future equipment. Question about insurance, the town currently pays \$992/employee for health insurance; families can be added at the employee's expense. Ashley Wickum is currently the only employee with children added and pays an additional \$744/month. The council would like to know what the Gas Tax money can be used for and if it can be used to repair curbs, Ashley Wickum will investigate this.
4. Sonja Dahlen made a motion to adjourn the special budget building meeting. Garrett Graff seconded the motion. The special budget building meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm.

Submitted by _____ Approved by _____
Clerk Mayor

Special Meeting- Preliminary Budget Meeting

The Town of Chester Council held a Special Council Meeting on July 23, 2026, at 6:12 pm.

Members Present: Mayor James Dahlen, Council Persons, Sonja Dahlen, Rachel Ghekiere, Garrett Graff, Tina Neer, Jim Sivils

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Dave Ghekiere (PWD)
Ashley Wickum (Clerk/Treasurer)

Guests:

1. Mayor Dahlen called the special meeting to order at 6:12 pm
2. Public Comment: None
3. New Business:
 1. Approval of FY27 Preliminary Budget: Sonja Dahlen made the motion to approve the preliminary budget with the discussed wages as presented. Tina Neer seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting ayes.
4. Tina Neer made a motion to adjourn the special meeting. Jim Sivils seconded the motion. The special meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Submitted by _____ Approved by _____
Clerk Mayor