

**Minutes of City Council Meeting, Cheviot, Ohio
January 17, 2012**

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The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:35PM with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. Roll call was taken and the following were found to be in attendance:

Mayor	Samuel D. Keller
President of Council	Deborah M. Slaughter
Law Director	Mark Waters
Council Ward 1	Ryan Zech
Council Ward 2	Matthew D. McGowan
Council Ward 3	James F. Sunderhaus
Council Ward 4	Bill Clark
Council At Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council At Large`	Amy Richter
Council At Large	Jeff Baker

Minutes of the January 2 meeting were approved, received and filed with a 7-0 voice vote.

Department Reports

President Slaughter read the December Fire 'Department report into record.

President Slaughter read the minutes of the Council of the Whole meeting which was held on January 10. the report was approved, received and filed with a 7-0 voice vote.

Copies of both reports are on file with the Council Clerk.

Ordinances and Resolutions

-Resolution 12-1 To Authorize The Safety Services Director To Accept The Bids Submitted To The City Of Cheviot Under Its Gas And Electric Aggregation Programs. Resolution was introduced by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Sunderhaus. Introduction voice vote 7-0.

-Ordinance 12-2 To Adopt A Plan Of Urban Redevelopment In Accordance with Section 721.28 Of the Ohio Revised Code; And To Authorize The Mayor To Execute The Transfer Of Real Estate Necessary To Carry Out The Plan Of Redevelopment. Ordinance was introduced by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Clark, and carried with a 7-0 voice vote. . This constitutes the first of three readings of this ordinance.

Reports

Mayor Keller provided his State of the City Address, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk. Also, a letter from the Recreation Commissioner recommends an increase in fees for city facilities. The matter was referred to the Parks and Playgrounds Committee.

Safety Services Director Tom Braun's report states that the energy RFP is out to 8 providers. The due date is 1/25. Mr. Braun has applied for a grant for upgrades to the outdoor facilities at Cheviot Fieldhouse. Nine applications have been received at City Hall for the Paint The Town program. The investment grade audit for the EECBG grant is progressing.

Law Director Mark Waters' State of the City Address included discussion of two pending lawsuits, including Rack v City of Cheviot, and the Federal lawsuit against our Police Department which is being handled by insurance counsel. Sale of the easement at Family Dollar was the only money collected. The Records Commission needs to meet soon to determine

what police records can be saved or donated and which can be destroyed. The JEDD is progressing and Mr. Waters will make sure it happens as quickly as possible, but with Cheviot's best interests. There was discussion about automating mayor's court payments through a third party vendor, however additional research is required.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Charles Norman addressed Council with his State of the City report. Highlights of the report: JEDD revenue was \$9879.55.; Ohio Estate Tax revenue was \$185,401.38; the City received approximately \$26,000 from the State of Ohio's Local Government Fund. In 2011, the City switched banking partners and moved all City accounts to First Financial Bank. Interest earned in 2011 among all accounts was \$2184.75. The City has no CD investments.

Public Recognition

Lindsay Maurer from Paint The Town discussed 2012's event. She hopes to receive 120 applications from residents by February. There is a push to get the word out to all residents, including council members making calls on homeowners whose homes have been recently cited for maintenance issues.

Other Business

Mr. Zech called a Parks and Playgrounds meeting for Jan. 24 at 6:30 to discuss rates
Mayors Court receipts for December 2011 received and filed.
Treasurer's Report for October 2011 received and filed.
Treasurer's Report for November 2011 received and filed.
Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Clark. Meeting adjourned at 8:27PM.

Jenny M. Eilermann
Clerk of Council

Deborah M. Slaughter
President of Council