

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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January 18, 2005

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:32 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

Mayor	Samuel D. Keller
President of Council	James E. Morganroth
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Safety Service Director	Steven O. Neal
Council 1 st Ward	Michael J. Murray
Council 2 nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3 rd Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council 4 th Ward	Debra A. Gooch
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker

The minutes of January 4, 2005 were approved. President Morganroth called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

No one wished to address Council.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal explained that the Emergency Siren which is located at Cheviot School will end soon because it needs to be removed for the construction at Cheviot School to progress. The City can not afford to replace it, and the Hamilton County Emergency Management Division will not assist in paying for the replacement. Mr. Neal then reported that the Hamilton County Storm Water District sent a letter to Mayor Keller that explains that the HCSWD will begin to charge Cheviot residents \$2.16 per year to pay for future improvements to the storm water management system. Mr. Neal does not believe that this is right, as Cheviot is primarily combination sewers which are not apart of the HCSWD. He has asked the Law Director to review this to see if the HCSWD can levy this fee on Cheviot residents. There was much discussion about this topic.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters informed Council that a hearing was held by the Ohio Liquor Control Board on Monday, January 10 to hear the City's objection to the transfer of a liquor license for Roswell's Bar. The ruling should be returned with-in 30 to 90 days. Mr. Murray asked if Mr. Waters had heard what the status of the liquor license renewal of Stewart's Irish Pub in which the City of Cheviot objected. Mr. Waters said that he had not heard at this time, but that the decision is due any day.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller pointed out a correction to the Treasurer's Report for the month of December, 2004. Mayor Keller took a minute to remind the public that the tax levy vote is on February 8, 2005. He explained that the levy would be used to help keep services operating at current levels. He pointed out that February 8th is Fat Tuesday. Mayor Keller asked anyone interested in working at the polls on February 8, should attend a meeting on February 2 at Cheviot City Hall at 6:30 P.M. Mayor Keller informed Council and the public that the Cheviot Eagles would be honoring Mr. James Morganroth with their annual Civic Appreciation Award on Wednesday, February 16, 2005 at the Cheviot Eagles Lodge on Glenmore Avenue from 6-10 P.M.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report. He mentioned that SORTA, which runs METRO bus is going to cancel Sunday bus service. He suggested visiting www.sorta.com or www.sorta.org for more information.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report. He explained that there were 3 Water In Basement corrections made in the City of Cheviot in 2004. A total of \$76,000 was spent to correct these problems. He also reminded the public that the CFA shootout would begin on Friday, January 21 at the Cheviot Fieldhouse from 5-10 P.M.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus reported that the Cheviot Civil Service Commission is currently accepting applications for the Police Department. There will be a Police employment test on Saturday, February 5. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion *To Amend Sections 33.16 And 33.28 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinance; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mrs. Gooch. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. This was assigned as ORD05-03. Mrs. Zech made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch explained that there would need to be an amendment made in February for the Auditors office. She informed Council that she will be out of town the first meeting of February. She asked residents to please vote for the tax levy. Mr. Morganroth asked Mrs. Gooch to hold a meeting before she goes out of town to discuss what the public works fee should cost.

Council at Large – Mr. Mestemaker had no report.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech called a meeting of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee to work on zoning codes. The meeting will be Wednesday, January 26, 2005 at 7 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall. Mrs. Gooch called a meeting of the Finance Committee for January 26, 2005 at 6 P.M at Cheviot City Hall.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. He also suggested that the public support and attend the CFA Cheviot Shootout.

Further Business

Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the corrected December 2004 Treasurer's Report with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence

There were 2 Building Department Reports. The Clerk also reminded the members of Council that the Financial Disclosure Forms for the Ohio Ethics Board must be mailed by April 15, 2005.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

James E. Morganroth
President of Council