

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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January 21, 2003

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

Mayor	J. Michael Laumann
President of Council	Samuel D. Keller
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 E. Morganroth
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker

Mrs. Gooch called ahead and informed Council that she was unable to attend due to illness. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to excuse with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The minutes of January 7, 2002 were approved. President Keller called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

No one was in attendance.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal reported that the City had been using a lot of road salt due to the recent number of snow falls. He wanted to thank the Maintenance Department for the good work that they have been doing with the snow removal. Mr. Neal also reported that the recent cold spell have caused a few water mains to burst. He informed Council that the Cincinnati Water Works had been notified of the breaks on Northbend Road, Puhlman Road, and the two on Wilmar Drive. He said that the work on replacing the water main on West St. Martins is coming along and that it should be finished in the next few weeks. Work on replacing the water main on Robb Avenue has been resumed as well.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Laumann reported that he, Mr. Waters and Mrs. Zech were meeting with the F.O.P. for the first negotiation session on Wednesday, January 22. He also noted that the Fire Fighters Union had sent notice to negotiate with the City. Mayor Laumann also wished to congratulate Mr. Neal for his award from the Cheviot Fireman's Association. Mr. Neal received the Ring Award for Outstanding Member of the Year for all his assistance to the Cheviot Fireman's Association.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters reported that his brief for the appeals case was due on Friday, January 3, 2003 but that he asked for an extension when he realized the records that were sent from the Court Reporter were missing three pages.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report, but he wanted to inform the public that the 22nd annual Cheviot Fireman's Association Grade School Basketball Tournament was beginning on Friday, January 24, 2003. The games begin at 5 P.M. with the last game starting at 10 P.M.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth had no formal report.

Ward 4 – Mrs. Gooch left no report. Mr. Norman made a motion *To Direct The City Auditor To Close Certain Budgetary Funds; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Murray made the second. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD03-03. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker had no formal report. He did want to thank the Police Department and Steve Neal for arranging more patrols and more monitoring of the intersection of Washington Avenue and Westwood Northern Blvd. Mr. Mestemaker also announced that he was going to try to contact Time Warner Cable to resolve the outstanding agreements that the company made to the City of Cheviot. Mr. Keller passed on the information pertaining to the last time the City met with Time Warner Cable to Mr. Mestemaker.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no formal report.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report.

Further Business

Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to receive and file the 2002 Treasurer's Report and the 2002 Tax Commissioners Report. Mr. Dinkelacker made the second and the motion passed 6-0. Mr. Keller reminded members of Council to fill out the Ohio Ethics Commission Financial Disclosure Statement.

Correspondence

There was a newsletter from the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission. There were several items of correspondence from the Mill Creek Watershed Council. The Ohio Ethics Commission sent out the Financial Disclosure Statements to be filled out and filed by April 15, 2003.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Morganroth with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council