

February 3, 2015
Minutes of City Council, Cheviot, Ohio

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Meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by President Slaughter with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer. Roll was called and the following were found to be in attendance:

Mayor	Sam Keller
President of Council	Deborah M. Slaughter
Law Director	Mark Waters
Safety Services Director	Tom Braun
Council Ward 1	Jim Martin
Council Ward 3	Jim Sunderhaus
Council Ward 4	Bill Clark
Council At Large	Kitty Zech
Council At Large	Leslie Roden

Councilmember Richter, who was not present for roll call, joined the meeting at 7:35.

Motion was made by Mr. Clark to excuse Mr. Dinkelacker's absence. Motion was seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried with a 6-0 voice vote.

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 20 meeting was made by Mrs. Zech, with a second by Mrs. Richter. Motion carried with a 6-0 voice vote.

Ordinance 15-1 To Amend Section 35.63 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances. Motion to introduce was made by Mrs. Zech, with a second by Mrs. Richter. Motion carried with a 6-0 voice vote. The purpose of the ordinance is to bring our original ordinance, adopted in 2000 up to current standards concerning the ability for the Safety Services Director to contract expenditures up to \$15,000. The ordinance would increase that amount to \$50,000, which is now standard, accord to Ohio Revised Code. This constitutes the first of three readings required before passage.

Ordinance 15-2 To Transfer Funds; To Amend The 2015 First Quarter Budget Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency. Motion to introduce made by Mr. Sunderhaus, seconded by Mr. Clark. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Sunderhaus, seconded by Mrs. Richter. Both motions carried with a 6-0 vote. Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Sunderhaus, seconded by Mrs. Richter. Motion carried with a 5-1 roll call vote, Mr. Martin being the sole "no" vote. This ordinance authorizes the transfer of \$6000 from the GTF (General Contingency Fund) to the Waste Collection Service Fund to cover the cost of recycling. Also, three budget line items were increased.

Mayor's Report: No formal report

Safety Service Director: Bids are out for the firetruck. No response from NatureWorks yet. Mr. Braun suggests the Parks & Rec Committee meet soon to determine rates for the upcoming season so that brochures can be printed and made available to people coming in to files their tax returns. The fire department end of the administration building has sunken 1/16", in spite of repairs done a few years back. It is unclear at this time what is causing the building to shift. There is a firm who offers a ground penetrating radar diagnosis. The plaque installed at the water fountain on the baseball field at Cheviot Fieldhouse is being moved to the fieldhouse. Filed for two tax exemptions for city owned parking lots. Bills received for taxes on the Morebattle building.

Law Director: Mr. Waters is still working to clear the title on the Morebattle Building. Once the title is corrected and the deed is filed, the City has full authority over its disposition.

Mr. Jerry Venneman, a resident of Homelawn Avenue, addressed council to see if he can have his trash collection fees amended since the two family home he owns is now being used as a single family home.

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A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Venneman will contact Mr. Braun later this week to see what resolution can be reached.

Mrs. Zech motioned to receive and file Mayor's Court receipts from January 2015. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Richter, and carried with a 6-0 voice vote.

The Clerk reminded all who have not already done so that the Ohio Ethics Commission full disclosure filings are due April 15.

Upcoming Committee meetings include: Tuesday Feb. 10, 7PM, Utilities to discuss waste fee rebate; 7:30 Parks & Recreation to discuss pool rates for 2015; 8:00 Laws, Rules & Ordinances to discuss expenditure limits; 8:30 Finance to discuss annual appropriations

On February 24, a Committee Of The Whole meeting will be held at 7PM, to discuss fiscal sustainability, and another as-yet not named committee.

Seeing no further business, Mrs. Zech motioned for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Richter, and carried with a 6-0 voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.



Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of Council



Deborah M. Slaughter, President of Council