

# **MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO**

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February 6, 2001

The meeting 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	J. Michael Laumann
President of Council	Samuel D. Keller
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Council 2nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3rd Ward	James E. Morganroth
Council 4th Ward	Debra A. Gooch
Council at Large	Kathleen Zech
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker
Council at Large	Kathleen M. Goedl

There was a motion to excuse Mr. Mastruserio made by Mr. Mestemaker with a second by Mrs. Goedl. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. The minutes of the January 16 meeting were approved. Mr. Keller called for reports from Council.

## **Recognition of the Public**

Members of Boy Scout Troop 420 in Miamitown, Troop 24 in White Oak, & Troop 850 were recognized.

## **Safety Service Director's Report**

The clerk read a report of Mr. Neal (a copy of which is on file) into the record. Mr. Neal requested that Council pass legislation to authorize him to advertise for bids for bituminous materials. An application has been filed with the U.S. Department of Justice on a grant program called "Bulletproof Vest Partnership". A new city dump truck will be in operation shortly. Mr. Neal requests a meeting with the Park Committee to discuss the upcoming pool season. A letter has been sent to Cinergy requesting the hookup of the new crosswalk signal at the North Bend entrance of Harvest Home Park. The gas bill for the fieldhouse last month was over \$3,900.00 while the city hall building was \$2,100.00 over the previous month. The quarterly appropriations may need to be amended.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Laumann apologized for not being at the two meetings in January. The mayor addressed the issue of re-hiring a temporary part-time sidewalk inspector. He also touched on the issue of hiring a temporary part-time housing inspector to work with the Building Department to look at the condition of housing in the city and enforce the city's minimum housing ordinance. Mrs. Goedl asked that the business district be included in the minimum housing inspection.

## **Law Director's Report**

Mr. Waters announced that the Civil Service Commission has scheduled a written promotional examination for the Lieutenant vacancy in the Fire Department for Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. An individual who recently passed away named the city as a beneficiary in a will. There are no assets in the estate available for distribution, so the city will not be receiving any funds from this estate. Mr. Waters will sign the necessary document(s), on behalf of the city, waiving the notice of probate and send it back to the attorney.

## **Committee Reports**

Ward 1 – Mrs. Goedl said that the issues Mr. Mastruserio wanted brought up on Council were addressed in the mayor's report.

Ward 2 -- Mr. Dinkelacker read a Sewers Committee report into the record. There was a motion to receive and file the report made by Mr. Dinkelacker with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote.

**Committee Reports (continued)**

Ward 3 – Mr. Morganroth read a Streets & Sidewalks Committee report into the record. There was a motion to receive and file the report made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. A motion to introduce a resolution *To Authorize And Direct The Safety-Service Director To Advertise For Bids For Street Improvement Project For The Year 2001 And To Declare An Emergency* was made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mrs. Goedl. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES01-01.

Ward 4 – Mrs. Gooch had no report. She thanked all the committee heads for keeping her informed of issues while she was under the weather.

Council at Large -- Mr. Mestemaker had no report.

Council at Large – Mrs. Zech read a Laws, Rules & Ordinance Committee report into the record. There was a motion to receive and file the report made by Mrs. Zech with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Mrs. Zech made a motion to introduce for its first reading an ordinance *Amending Section 31.04 [Term Of Council Members] and Section 35.20 [Term Of President Of Council] Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances, Extending The Term Of Council Members And President Of Council From 2 To 4 Years As Directed By The Voters In The Election Of November, 2000*. There was a second by Mr. Morganroth. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD01-03. Mrs. Zech commented on the report from the police department regarding the decline of crime in Cheviot in 2000. She also announced that the city has received the FOLIO System from American Legal Publishing and the Cheviot Code of Ordinances is now available on the internet. A link has been placed on the Cheviot website.

Council at Large -- Mrs. Goedl announced the second reading of ORD01-02, *To Establish The Full-Time Tax Clerk As A Salaried Position; To Establish The Salary And Benefits Of The Full-Time Tax Clerk And The Deputy Tax Clerk For The Years 2001-2002; To Establish The Rate Of Pay Of The Tax Commissioner; And To Establish The Rate And Hours Of Part-Time Tax Help*. There was a motion to introduce a resolution *To Authorize The Transfer Of Funds To The W.C.S.F. Cash Fund; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mrs. Gooch. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES01-02. Mrs. Goedl asked that all department heads have their appropriation requests to her by March 1<sup>st</sup>. She announced that the new banners have been put up in the business district.

Further Business – Mr. Keller received an invite from Concerned Citizens of Westwood to attend a town hall meeting on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Westwood 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church at 3011 Harrison Avenue, across from Walgreens. The meeting is open to any other official who wishes to attend. There was a motion to receive and file the Mayor's Court Receipt Report for January 2001 made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. There was a motion to receive and file the Treasurer's Report for December 2000 and the Tax Office Collections Report for 2000 made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence – A notice of a liquor license transfer was received from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control regarding Cheviot IGA. The Clerk read the Mayor's Court dates through May 2001.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Mr. Mestemaker with a second by Mr. Morganroth. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. Council adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Michael J. Murray  
Clerk of Council

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Samuel D. Keller  
President of Council