

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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February 18, 2003

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:33 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Mayor Laumann requested that Council remember Hilda Schottelkotte, wife of former Mayor Schottelkotte, who passed away recently. 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 at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker

Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to excuse Mrs. Gooch, Mr. Morganroth, and Mr. Dinkelacker with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 4-0 by voice vote. The minutes of February 4, 2002 were approved pending a correction to the address of Stormy's Bar which was incorrectly stated by Mr. Neal. President Keller called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

State Representative Steve Driehaus made an appearance at Council since Columbus was snowed in and the meetings were cancelled for the day. He advised Council of the financial situation of the State, and how some proposed legislature could affect Cheviot. He said that he would keep the City of Cheviot informed of what is coming out of the finance committees in Columbus. Mayor Laumann commended Mr. Driehaus for keeping Cheviot up to date. There was some additional discussion.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal reported that Council will need to increase the SCMR fund for Road Salt by \$15,000. According to his best recollection, Cheviot had now undergone 23 snow events this season. At this point in time, 918 tons of salt have been used. Most seasons, Cheviot uses 600-700 tons of salt. Mr. Neal mentioned that there is 500 tons of salt on order. Currently there is only 100-200 tons left. Mr. Neal had advised Mrs. Gooch of the need, and since there were not enough members of Council in attendance, he said that the request can be passed at the next Council meeting. Mr. Neal wanted to commend the Cheviot Maintenance Department for their hard work this season. Mrs. Zech also praised the Maintenance Department for their hard work.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Laumann started by echoing Steve Neal's comments in complimenting the Cheviot Maintenance Department. He also thanked Mrs. Zech, Mr. Neal, and Mr. Waters for their assistance with wage negotiations. He stated that they are currently working with the Police and Fire Departments and that a final offer has been issued to the Police. They are thinking the offer over. The Mayor also reported that he has met with the architects that are responsible for the renovation of Cheviot School. He announced that the concept plans look good. Mayor Laumann reminded everyone that the Cheviot Eagles Association would be hosting its Civic Appreciation Awards Dinner on February 19th at 6 P.M. This year's recipient will be Marilyn Holt, a former Cheviot Council member, a member of the Cheviot Zoning Board of Appeals, and active member of the Cheviot-Westwood Business Association.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters announced that the extra three pages that were missing from the court transcripts had been filed and that the brief for the appeal case was due on March 6, 2003. Mr. Waters also gave notice that he received a request from the Monfort Supply Company to have the City vacate the right-of-way on Bruestle Avenue. Mr. Waters suggested that the City Council can re-affirm that the City needs to hold the

property or the City can agree to vacate the property. This issue was placed in the Streets, Sidewalks, and Lights Committee. Mr. Mestemaker requested that Mr. Waters give him a copy of the Ohio Revised Code which pertains to this issue. Mr. Keller offered that Council would be willing to provide any help that Mr. Mestemaker would need.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report. He did announce that the City of Cheviot would celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 25th, 2003 at 11 A.M. in Harvest Home Park. He informed the public that currently he is working on the preliminary plans for the event. State Representative Steve Driehaus will be in attendance for the event.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker was not in attendance, but he left a report thanking Council Clerk Ryan Zech and his crew of Cheviot Cable Access volunteers for their hard work and great production of the 2003 CFA Cheviot Shootout Basketball Tournament. Mr. Keller echoed Mr. Dinkelacker's comments. Mr. Dinkelacker also mentioned in his report that he has begun speaking with a few developers about redeveloping some of the vacant properties in Cheviot, especially along Bridgetown Road. Mr. Murray mentioned that the CFA Cheviot Shootout Finals are Friday, February 21, 2003 at 6 P.M. at the Cheviot Fieldhouse.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth did not leave a report.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch did not leave a report. Mrs. Zech mentioned that Mrs. Gooch did request a meeting of the Finance Committee on Tuesday, February 25th at 6:30 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker had no formal report. Mr. Mestemaker did mention that he spoke with Pam McDonald at Time Warner Cable to set up a meeting with her to resolve the long standing issues with Cable Access. Mr. Mestemaker called for a meeting of the Public Utilities Committee on Thursday, February 27th at 6:30 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall. He also called a meeting of the Streets, Sidewalks, and Lights Committee to immediately follow the Public Utilities meeting for the purpose of discussing the proposal of Monfort Supply.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no formal report. Mrs. Zech made a motion *To Amend Section 36.02 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 4-0 by voice vote and was assigned ORD03-04. This concluded the first reading of the Ordinance.

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

Further Business

Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to receive and file the January, 2003 Treasurer's Report. Mr. Murray made the second and the motion passed 4-0.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Murray with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 4-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.