

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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February 19th, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 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 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 February 5th, 2002 were approved. President Keller called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

There was no one in attendance.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal updated Council on the progress of the playground equipment replacement at Harvest Home Park. Mr. Neal also mentioned that he had served as Safety Service Director for the last 10 years, and he discussed how generous the Kiwanis have been over that period of time. He suggested that the City consider a presentation to the Kiwanis to thank them for their generosity. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion *to Authorize and Direct the Safety-Service Director to Advertise for Bids for the City's Purchase of New Internal Mechanisms for Parking Meters; and to Declare an Emergency*; second was by Mrs. Gooch. The motion passes 7-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned RES02-04.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor had no formal report. Mayor Laumann wished to congratulate Ray Kroner for the Award that he was to receive from the Cheviot Eagles on Wednesday, February 20, 2002. He also mentioned that he was working to set a meeting with the Cincinnati Public Schools Board about the renovation of Cheviot School.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters updated Council on the Hamilton County property transfer to the United Dairy Farmers through the City of Cheviot.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray Read the Park and Playgrounds Committee meeting report into record. A motion to receive and file the report was made by Mrs. Zech and the second came from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0. Mr. Murray also mentioned that he spoke with former councilmember Boyd Miller about organizing another Arbor Day Celebration at Harvest Home Park. The Arbor Day Celebration will be held on April 26th at 11 a.m. Mr. Murray asked Mrs. Zech if she could arrange the donation of tree seedlings to be given out on that day. In addition, Mr. Murray suggested the City could make the presentation to the Kiwanis on that same day.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no report. He passed on his thanks to those that helped with the CFA Cheviot Shoot-out Basketball Tournament.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth had no report. He mentioned the letter from Fire Chief Clark that invited members of Council to attend the "Feel the Heat" program.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch read the Finance Committee report into public record. She made one correction to the report. The date listed was incorrect and should have said February 11th. A motion to receive and file the report was made by Mr. Murray and a second came from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Gooch asked for a Finance Committee meeting on Saturday, February 23, 2002 at 9 a.m. at Cheviot City Hall.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker had no report. He mentioned that he attended the Cincinnati Convention Center Forum which was held at the Sharonville Convention Center. He reported that the proposed changes to the hotel tax should not affect Cheviot directly, but that Council should keep an eye on any changes made to the plan to expand the Convention Center.

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

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. Mr. Norman mentioned that he met with members of the City of Harrison, Ohio Main Street Historical Society to discuss how they renovated the down town of Harrison.

Correspondence

An invitation to attend the "Feel the Heat" Program was sent by Fire Chief Clark. The Hamilton County Commissioners office invited all Council members to attend a forum about the expansion of the Cincinnati Convention Center. The Ohio Municipal League invited all Council members to its annual luncheon.

Further Business

A motion to receive and file the Treasurer's Report for January was made by Mr. Murray; second by Mr. Mestemaker. Motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

There was a motion to adjourn by Mr. Morganroth with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council