

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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March 5th, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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 16th, 2002 were approved. President Keller called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

Mrs. Emily McMahan of 3549 Bruestle Avenue addressed council on three issues. She is concerned about the property at the end of Bruestle Avenue which is owned by Mr. Rack and wanted to know if his recent plans for building had been approved. There was some discussion among the Mayor and Council. It was decided that a monthly report from Mr. Meyer and the Building Commission would clear up the confusion. Mrs. McMahan also wanted to know about what could be done about the trash and stagnate water that is collecting in the valley behind her property. Finally, she inquired about a recent assault on a neighbor. Mr. Morganroth asked her to not continue and that Council would notify her at a later point in time. Mr. Morganroth advised Council that he would discuss what was going on in Executive Session.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal read his report into record. Bids for bituminous materials were opened on Monday, March 4th at 11 a.m. Barrett Paving Materials and P&T Products submitted bids. Mr. Neal recommended Barrett Paving Materials. Blacktop price is up \$1.00 per ton, where Crack Filler is down \$0.50 a gallon. Mr. Neal also reported that construction on Harding Avenue has been renewed. The Cincinnati Water Works expects to begin replacing the water main on Robb Avenue in May. The new playground equipment for Harvest Home Park is expected to ship on March 8, 2002. Mr. Murray asked about the status the Glenmore Avenue water main project. Mr. Neal said it should be completed by April 8th.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor had no formal report. Mayor Laumann discussed the ongoing meetings with the Cincinnati School Board about maintaining Cheviot School in Cheviot, a swing location located in Cheviot and keeping Cheviot School on the 1st priority list. The Mayor noted that the Cincinnati School Board seemed to want to work with Cheviot. The Mayor mentioned that a full-time police officer was leaving Cheviot to take a job with Green Township, and that a second officer might also be leaving. Finally the Mayor mentioned that the Civil Service Commission will be meeting on March 6th to attempt to finalize the new hire for the Fire Department.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Water mentioned that there was a request for information pertaining to the solicitation law that was passed last year. Mr. Waters discussed a United States Supreme Court Case that may affect the City's Solicitation law. The Supreme Court should have an answer by June, 2002. The Law Director also updated council on the Cell Tower Case which was set for court on Friday, March 8, 2002.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray made a motion *To Recognize The Cheviot-Westwood Kiwanis Club For Its Generous Donation To The City Of Cheviot; And To Declare An Emergency*, with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0. The motion was assigned RES02-05. Mr. Murray reported that the recent request by Voice Stream Communications to the building department was to add their Cellular Phone equipment to the existing tower in Cheviot, and that it was not a request for a new tower.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth had no report.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Amend The Appropriations; To Transfer Funds; And To Declare An Emergency*, with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. The motion was assigned as ORD02-06. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion carried 7-0 by roll-call vote. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to Adopt with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Gooch read the Finance Committee report into record. Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file; 2nd by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Mrs. Gooch called for a Finance Committee Meeting on March 13, 2002 in City Hall at 7 p.m. Mr. Mestemaker asked Mrs. Gooch about the rates the City received on it's request to issue a note. After discussion Mrs. Gooch said the committee would discuss this matter with the Auditors Office.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker had no report.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech made a motion *To Adopt The Amendments To The Codified Ordinances Of Cheviot As Published By The American Legal Publishing Corporation; And To Declare An Emergency*. The second came from Mr. Morganroth. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call. The motion was assigned as ORD02-07. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. Morganroth, with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no report

Further Business

A motion to receive and file the Mayor's Court Receipts for February was made by Mr. Murray; second by Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Murray reminded members of Council and the Residents of Cheviot that starting June 29, 2002 all phone calls will require the 10 digit dialing code. An additional area code, 283 will also come into effect for Hamilton County on that day. Mr. Keller reminded all members of Council to fill out their Financial Disclosure Forms and return them to the Ohio Ethics Commission by April 1st.

Correspondence

The Ohio Municipal League invited all members of Council to attend an annual Lunch. Notice was received from the Clerk of Courts regarding Mayor's Court dates in April, May and June.

Council adjourned into executive session at 8:09p.m. Council re-convened at 8:13 p.m.

There was a motion to adjourn by Mr. Morganroth with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.