

**March 18, 2014**  
**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 silence. 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 2	Dennis Dinkelacker
Council Ward 4	Bill Clark
Council At Large	Kitty Zech
Council At Large	Jeff Baker
Council At Large	Amy Richter

Mr. Sunderhaus' absence was excused with a motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Richter. Motion carried with a 6-0 voice vote.

Several minutes were allowed for council members to read over legislation that will be voted on later in the meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes from the Feb. 18 meeting was made by Mrs. Zech, with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. Motion carried with a 6-0 voice vote.

The Clerk read into record Fire Chief Bob Klein's monthly reports from January and February.

The Clerk read into record the Building Report submitted by Bill Spurling.

Mr. Martin read into record his report from the Internal Affairs Committee meeting of 3/11. Motion to receive and file was made by Mr. Martin with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. Motion carried with a 6-0 voice vote.

Mr. Clark read into record his report from the Parks and Playgrounds committee on 3/11. Motion to receive and file was made by Mr. Clark, with a second by Mr. Baker. Motion carried with a 6-0 voice vote.

Mrs. Slaughter welcomed the Boy Scouts from Troop 601. They attended tonight's meeting as they work toward their Citizenship in the Community merit badge. Those in attendance were: Jared Wohlfrom, Ethan Pfaffinger, Henry Ebling, Rob Adams, and leaders Jeff Wohlfrom, Ralph Rust and Michael Landers.

Ordinance 14-9 Annual Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2014, Ending December 31, 2014. Introduced by Mr. Dinkelacker, with a second by Mr. Martin. Motion carried with a 6-0 voice vote. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Baker with a second by Mrs. Richter. Motion carried with a 6-0 roll call vote. Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Clark with a second by Mr. Baker. Motion carried with a 6-0 roll call vote.

Resolution 14-8 To Accept The Recommendation Of the Tax Increment Review Council Regarding The Community Reinvestment Area Agreements For The Cheviot Savings Bank And The Family Dollar Store; And To Declare An Emergency. Introduced by Mr. Baker, with a second by Mrs. Zech. Resolution passed with a 6-0 voice vote.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Keller publicly thanked Mr. Braun, Mr. Dinkelacker and the Finance Committee, all of council and Chiefs Klein and Lally for all of their hard work on getting the Annual Budget squared away.

Safety Service Director: Garbage truck loader/packer goes out for bid this Friday, March 21. Bid opening April 7. .

Law Director: Reviewing the ordinance to prohibit junk businesses in the City. Also working on tax exemption for City owned properties.

Public Recognition: Mr. Neal was present to discuss his concerns about recycling costs for curbside service. He was invited to attend the next meeting during which this will be discussed.

New Business: 1 property maintenance report received. Ohio Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control sent a reminder that and recommendations regarding revocation of a license must be submitted before June 1, 2014.

Mayors Court receipts were approved. Motion to receive and file made by Mrs. Zech with a second by Mr. Clark.

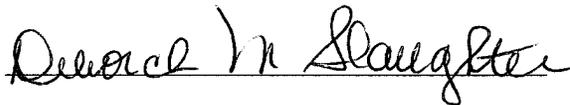
Committee Meetings: Tues, March 25, 7PM Internal Affairs to discuss booth placement at WestFest. Building Committee, 8PM to discuss blighted, vacant, and foreclosed properties.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Clark at 8:30 with a second by Mrs. Richter. Motion carried with a 6-0 voice vote.



Jenny Eilermann

Clerk of Council



Deborah M. Slaughter

President of Council

CITY OF CHEVIOT  
STATE OF OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 14 - 9

**TO AUTHORIZE THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE RESURFACING OF THE TENNIS COURTS AT THE CHEVIOT FIELDHOUSE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the tennis courts at the Cheviot Fieldhouse are in need of resurfacing; and

**WHEREAS**, the expense to resurface the tennis courts will likely exceed \$25,000; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the projected expense, the project is subject to the competitive bidding requirements;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHEVIOT, STATE OF OHIO, TWO-THIRDS OF ALL MEMBERS THEREOF CONCURRING, THAT:**

Section 1. The Safety-Service Director is authorized and directed to advertise and solicit bids for the resurfacing of the tennis courts at the Cheviot Fieldhouse, according to the specifications on file in his office.

Section 2. Upon receipt of the bids, the Safety-Service Director shall submit them to this council for the determination of which bid is the lowest and best.

Section 3. This resolution shall be an emergency measure for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Cheviot and shall take effect immediately. The emergency is necessary in order to allow the city to keep its recreational facilities in good repair.

  
Deborah M. Slaughter  
President of Council

April 1, 2014  
Date passed

  
Samuel D. Keller  
Mayor

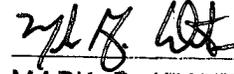
4/1/14  
Date approved

Attest:



Jenny M. Eilermann  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



MARK G. WATERS  
LAW DIRECTOR

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

I, Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of the Council of the City of Cheviot, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, or a succinct summary, was published in the *Western Hills Press*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cheviot, Ohio, in accordance with Section 731.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, on the following dates :

- 1) 4/9, 2014, and
- 2) 4/16, 2014.



Jenny M. Eilermann  
Clerk of Council

**Cheviot City Council  
Building & Annexation Committee Meeting Report  
Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup> 2014**

**Committee Members Present: Jim Martin, Amy Richter, Dennis Dinkelacker and Chairman Jeff Baker**

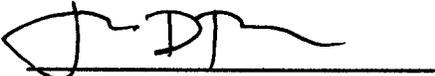
**Others Present: Council President Debbie Slaughter, Council Persons Bill Clark, Jim Sunderhaus and Kitty Zech, Police Chief Joe Lally and residents Lynn Melzer, Linda Bernhardt, Zach Joseph and John Snape**

**The meeting was called to order at 8:12 by Chairman Baker. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a potential Vacant Property Ordinance. Everyone present reviewed and discussed other cities' ordinances including Chicago IL, Youngstown OH, Dearborn MI and St Paul MN. After much discussion it was agreed that the following line items were the most important to the city of Cheviot. 1. Date property vacated. 2. Securing all openings 3. Maintaining and providing proof of liability insurance. 4. Abiding by all Cheviot Building Dept codes and 5. Limit plywood to no more than 2 months. It was also discussed that the the fee to register vacant properties should be \$100 and the fine for not registering vacant properties be \$50 per day.**

**Mr. Clark recommended a grace period for the fee and registration and also mentioned that we should contact these cities to see how the ordinance is working for them. Mr. Sunderhaus mentioned the problem with determining when the grace period should start. Mrs. Slaughter recommended that we find out how the city of Cincinnati enforces their ordinance as well as having a public hearing on the matter.**

**Considering that there is pending litigation in other areas it was determined by the committee to discuss the pending ordinance with Law Director Mark Waters. Once we get an opinion as to pending litigation and a draft of an ordinance the committee will meet again review and discuss further. The meeting adjourned at 9:08pm**

Respectfully submitted,



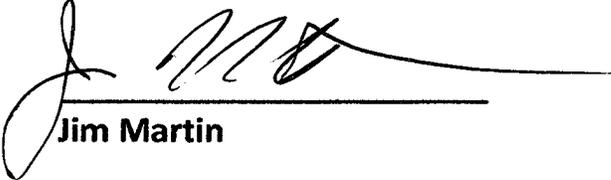
**Jeffrey D Baker Chairman**



**Dennis Dinkelacker**



**Amy Richter**



**Jim Martin**