

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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March 20, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 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 1st Ward	Michael N. Mastruserio
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

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

Recognition of the Public

None.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal reported that bids were opened on March 13th for bituminous materials for the Maintenance Department. One bid was received, that being from Barrett Paving Materials. There was a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Authorize The Safety-Service Director To Accept The Bid Of Barrett Paving Materials For Street Repair Materials* made by Mr. Mastruserio with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD01-05. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Zech with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote and ORD01-05 was adopted. Mr. Neal announced that beginning April 1st, yard waste collection goes to the summer schedule being the day after the regular waste collection. Mr. Neal touched on manhole problems in the city. He is still waiting on Cincinnati Waterworks to begin work on Washington Avenue. He spoke about the City Street Improvement Project.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Laumann announced that Kevin Gannon was promoted last week to the rank of Lieutenant in the Fire Department.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters gave another update on the Metricom agreement with the city. He stated that last week he attended a seminar in Columbus that was hosted by the State Employment Relations Board (S.E.R.B) regarding Civil Service Commission matters. He also has the city's sexual harassment policy almost complete. Mr. Waters spoke about an estate where the fire department was named as a beneficiary. There are no estate assets to be distributed. The State of Ohio has passed legislation regarding the underage possession of tobacco. There was a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Establish Three New Line Items For The 2001 Annual Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mr. Mastruserio with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD01-06. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Zech with a second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mrs. Gooch. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote and ORD01-06 was adopted.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 – Mr. Mastruserio thanked the Finance Committee for inserting money in the appropriations to upgrade the lighting and for security cameras at Harvest Home Park. He thanked Council and Mrs. Goedl for picking up the slack in his committees during his illness. The clerk announced that on March 7th, the Cheviot Civic Association donated \$500.00 to the city to use at Harvest Home Park. Mr. Neal was present to receive the donation on behalf of the city.

Ward 2 -- Mr. Dinkelacker asked Mr. Neal if he knew when the crosswalk at Homelawn and School Section would be painted. Mr. Neal said that it will be after the weather breaks. He will also contact the Hamilton County Engineer's Office regarding this. Mr. Dinkelacker called an Annexation, Building and Planning Committee meeting for Wednesday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. He asked that the City Engineer and the Building Commissioner be present at that meeting. The Law Director would also like to attend. Mr. Keller announced the second reading of ORD01-04 (the Land Use Ordinance).

Ward 3 – Mr. Morganroth had no report.

Ward 4 – Mrs. Gooch - no report.

Council at Large – Mr. Mestemaker received an email from a former resident regarding holding another clean-up day in the Business District this spring.

Council at Large – Mrs. Zech had no report.

Council at Large – Mr. Morganroth presented the following for Mrs. Goedl - There was a motion to introduce *The 2001 Annual Appropriation Ordinance; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mr. Mastruserio with a second by Mrs. Gooch. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD01-07. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Zech with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote and ORD01-07 was adopted. There was a motion to introduce a resolution *To Transfer Funds; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES01-04. Mayor Laumann asked that the appropriate committee meet and come up with a rate of compensation for the newly created position of housing inspector and also for the temporary position of sidewalk inspector so that the proper ordinances can be drawn. These positions will begin the first of May.

Further Business – There was a motion to receive and file the Treasurer's Report for February 2001 made by Mr. Dinkelacker with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. There was a motion to receive and file the Mayor's Court Receipts Report for February 2001 made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mrs. Gooch. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence – A notice from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control was received regarding a stock ownership transfer at the Smoking Monkey Lounge.

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 8:16 p.m.

Michael J. Murray
Clerk of Council

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council