

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

March 21, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 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 (arrived late)
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	Boyd T. Miller
Council at Large	Kathleen Zech
Council at Large	Kathleen M. Goedl

A motion to excuse Mr. Mestemaker was made by Mr. Miller with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by a voice vote. The minutes of the February 15, 2000 meeting were approved. Mr. Keller called for reports from Council and read a list of ordinances and resolutions to be presented.

Recognition of the Public

There was no one at this time. Mr. Benjamin Stenger was in the chambers to observe the council meeting as part of his merit badge project.

Mr. Mastruserio called for an executive session to discuss matters pertaining to wage negotiations. There was a second by Mrs. Goedl and a third by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Council adjourned into executive session at 7:44 p.m. Council re-convened at 9:00 p.m.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal read his report into the record. On February 22nd, bids were opened for bituminous materials. Barrett Paving Materials and Valley Asphalt submitted bids. Low bid was Barrett Paving Materials and an ordinance has been drawn by the Law Director. Mr. Neal stated that crack filler is up 75% this year due to fuel costs. Street bids will be opened on April 12th. Kessen Avenue is being bid as an alternate. A motion to introduce an ordinance *To Authorize And Direct The Safety-Service Director To Advertise For Bids For Property, Casualty, Automotive, And Blanket Liability Insurance Coverage; And To Declare An Emergency* was made by Mrs. Goedl; second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-03. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Miller with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made Mr. Mastruserio with a second by Mr. Morganroth. That motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote and ORD00-03 was adopted. A motion to introduce an ordinance *To Authorize The Safety-Service Director To Accept The Bid Of Barrett Paving Materials For Street Repair Materials; And To Declare An Emergency* was made by Mrs. Goedl; second by Mr. Miller. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-04. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Mastruserio with a second by Mr. Miller. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. That motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote and ORD00-04 was adopted. Mr. Neal read into the record a report from Police Chief Voss.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor gave all members of Council a copy of appointments to the Boards and Commissions in the city.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters has a meeting scheduled for March 22nd with Chief Clark and Chuck Mitchell regarding the Lt. Siciliano back wage issue.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 -- Mr. Mastruserio read a Public Works Committee report into the record. Mr. Mastruserio stated that the Clean Up, Paint and Beautify Week would be the first two weeks in June. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Mastruserio with a second by Mrs. Goedl. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. There was a motion to introduce a resolution *To Authorize The Transfer Of The Franchise And Cable Television Systems Of Cheviot To Time-Warner / AOL; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mr. Mastruserio with a second by Mrs. Goedl. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES00-05. There was general discussion on what to do with paint cans during the Clean Up, Paint and Beautify Week.

Ward 2 -- Mr. Dinkelacker received several calls regarding speeders on Lovell Avenue. There was general discussion regarding the possibility of putting in speed humps on certain streets in the city, similar to what is being used on some streets in Cincinnati.

Ward 3 -- Mr. Morganroth called a Police and Fire Committee meeting to be held on Saturday, March 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Ward 4 -- Mr. Miller announced that there would be an Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 28th at 1:00 p.m. at the back shelters at Harvest Home Park. Mr. Miller received a letter from Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship regarding digging up seedlings on April 5th from 7:00 p.m. until dark. Anyone interested in participating can call either Mr. Miller or call 861-TREE.

Council at Large -- Mr. Mestemaker -- No report.

Council at Large -- Mrs. Zech had no report. There will be a Laws, Rules and Ordinance committee meeting on Tuesday, March 28th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a vicious dog ordinance, DUI laws, and parking on lawns in the city.

Council at Large -- Mrs. Goedl read a Schools Committee report (regarding the transfer of Cheviot School from CPS to the Oak Hills Local Schools) into the record. There was a motion to accept the report made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion passed 5-1 by voice vote, Mr. Miller being the dissenting vote. There was general discussion and Mr. Miller changed his vote to yes. The findings of the committee will be on file at City Hall. Mrs. Goedl read a Finance Committee report into the record. There was a motion to accept the report made by Mr. Mastruserio with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. There was discussion regarding House Bill 204. A motion to introduce an ordinance *To Establish Funds Or Accounts For The Washington Avenue Improvement Project And For The Cable Coordinator Salary; And To Declare An Emergency* was made by Mrs. Goedl; second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 5-0-1 by voice vote with Mrs. Zech abstaining. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-05. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mrs. Goedl. That motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote and ORD00-05 was adopted. A motion to introduce *The Annual Appropriation Ordinance For The Period Ending December 31, 2000; And To Declare An Emergency* was made by Mrs. Goedl; second by Mr. Morganroth. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-06. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Mastruserio with a second by Mrs. Goedl. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mrs. Zech. That motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote and ORD00-06 was adopted. Mr. Morganroth thanked Mrs. Goedl for her hard work in preparing the appropriations. There was a motion to introduce a resolution *To Authorize The Transfer Of \$60,000.00 From The General Contingency Fund (101.715.270.1) To The Police And Fire Disability Cash Fund (701.025.1); And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES00-06.

Further Business -- none.

Correspondence -- The clerk reminded residents that Census 2000 forms were mailed and should be filled out and returned by April 1, 2000. There was a motion to receive and file the Mayor's Court Receipts Report for February made by Mr. Mastruserio with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. There was a motion to receive and file the January Treasurer's Report made by Mr. Miller with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. There was a motion to receive and file the February Treasurer's Report made by Mr. Miller with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Notice was received from the Clerk of Courts regarding Mayor's Court dates in April, May and June. A letter was received from the Cheviot-Westwood Kiwanis Club regard the 2000 Harvest Home Parade. A parade application was turned over to Mr. Neal. The theme for this year's fair is "Salute To The 4-H Clubs". A letter was received from the Ohio Department of Commerce regarding liquor license renewals in the city. The clerk discussed this with Chief Voss.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. Council adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council

Michael J. Murray
Clerk of Council