

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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April 01, 2003

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:32 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Mr. Keller reminded Council and those in attendance to remember our troops in Iraq. 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 March 18, 2002 were approved. President Keller called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

Sally Warner of 3161 Golden Avenue (Eastside of Cincinnati) addressed Council to ask for a Resolution to support a new Bond Issue for the Cincinnati Public Schools. Cincinnati Public Schools has Issue 3 on the May 6th ballot to try and pass the levy which failed in November of 2002. The school district wants to pass the bond issue now to take advantage of the low interest rates and to try and get matching state funds which will expire in August, 2003. Mayor Laumann offered the Cincinnati Schools the use of his name in support. Mr. Keller put the request into the Schools Committee.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal reported that yard waste pick-up will start April 1st and residents can expect for it to be picked up the day after the normal trash pick up day. He reported that Meyerfeld and Taft have both had the water main replacement completed. The water main replacement continues on Robb Avenue. The contractor that is working on Robb is the same one that took an unusual long period of time to complete the water main replacement on Glenmore Avenue. Mr. Neal wrote a letter to the Cincinnati Water Works to complain about the unusually long amount of time the repair is taking. He stated that once again, the Cincinnati Water Work is the reason the project has taken so long. They now expect to resurface the road in 2 weeks. There was much discussion pertaining to the water main work on Robb. Mr. Neal announced that the water main replacements have been completed for the year. The curbs and aprons are being installed on West St. Martins.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Laumann mentioned that the labor negotiations are still on-going, but that things with the Fire Department look to be finished soon.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters reported that he will not be able to represent the City of Cheviot in the appeals case pertaining to the impound of a car due to the fact that he works for the County Prosecutor's Office. He was asked by the county to step aside, so he has contracted former Cheviot Law Director, Bob Mecklenborg to represent the City. Mr. Mecklenborg offered to work at a reduced rate of \$100 an hour, which is an exceptional discount. Mr. Waters expects the case to take 3 to 5 hours.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 – Mr. Murray had no formal report. He mentioned that the trees for Arbor Day will be picked up within the next few days. He sent letters to Cheviot School and St. Martins School to invite them to the Arbor Day celebration. Mr. Murray invited the public to attend. Finally he announced that the new banners for the business district have arrived and have been installed. He said that they are very appropriate for the current time with their patriotic theme. He thanked Lou from Time Warner Cable for putting up the banners, and Kathy Goedl and Bonnie Perrino from the CWBA for their time and getting the banners.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker announced that he had called MSD pertaining to the Phase II storm water plan. Mr. Dinkelacker is still waiting for a reply from MSD.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth had no formal report. Mr. Morganroth mentioned that the flags in front of City Hall were flying at half staff to honor the recent loss of a Cincinnati Firefighter. Mr. Morganroth asked Mr. Neal to continue to fly the flags at half staff to honor those military men and women that are currently in Iraq. Finally Mr. Morganroth announced that he would be bowling for Junior Achievement on Saturday, April 5th.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch had no formal report. She called for a meeting of the School Committee on Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall to discuss the resolution that the Cincinnati School Board has requested.

Council at Large – Mr. Mestemaker read a report of the Streets, Sidewalks, and Lights Committee into the record. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to receive and file the committee report. Mrs. Zech made the second and the motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Murray made a motion *To Authorize And Direct The Safety-Service Director To Advertise For Bids For The Street Improvement Project For The Year 2003; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES03-06. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion *To Deny A Request To Vacate The Public Right Of Way At The Western End Of Bruestle Avenue; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Norman made the second and the motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned as RES03-07. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion *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* with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD03-07. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Gooch made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion *To Approve The Collective Bargaining Labor Contract With The Fraternal Order Of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. (Police Officers And Sergeants), For The Years 2003 – 2006; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mrs. Zech made the second. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD03-08. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker which passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to adopt with a second from Mrs. Gooch. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Mestemaker thanked Mr. Zech for the updated contact list. Mr. Zech thanked Mr. Murray and Michele Braun for their help with updating the list.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no formal report. She told Mr. Neal that the banners looked good, and she thanked him for putting up the flags in the business district. Mr. Murray thanked Mrs. Zech for helping get the trees. Mr. Keller thanked Mrs. Zech for filling in to do the wage negotiations.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. He called a meeting of the Building and Annexation Committee on Thursday, April 10th at 6:30 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall. He also mentioned that he heard on the news that the United States Special Forces had rescued one of the American Prisoners of War. Mr. Keller announced that Mr. Norman has been accepted to Chase Law School and that he will begin at the end of this summer.

Further Business

Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the March 2003 Mayor's Court Report. Mrs. Gooch made the second and the motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence

The Ohio Municipal League sent a bulletin which was placed in each Council member's box. Mr. Zech reminded Council that the Ohio Ethics Commission forms are due on April 15th. Mr. Keller commented that the new banners look good. He thanked the CWBA for the new banners and he commented that they couldn't have come at a more appropriate time.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Morganroth with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council