

## **MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO**

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May 7, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 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 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Michael J. Murray
Council 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	James E. Morganroth
Council 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward	Debra A. Gooch
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker

Mr. Murray suggested that a correction be made to the April 16, 2002 minutes. The credit for painting the train at Harvest Home Park was to be given to Jimmy Fraiser, not to Gary Nelson and Rich Goddard. President Keller called for the reports that would be presented. Mr. Keller explained that the Council meeting began late because of the use of City Hall as a polling place. The Council meeting was held off until after the polls closed so that it would not interfere with those wanting to vote.

### **Recognition of the Public**

No one wished to address Council.

### **Safety Service Director's Report**

Mr. Neal mentioned that there have been complaints that it is hard to hear several members of Council at during the meetings. Council Clerk and Cable Access Coordinator Mr. Zech responded that he would correct this problem for the next meeting. Mr. Neal reported that the new parking meters have been installed, the slide at Harvest Home Pool has been installed, that the Tot Lot at Harvest Home Park is complete, and that the maintenance department is currently emptying the pool to inspect it before the summer pool season. He mentioned that on Friday the grinding of Mozart and Harding Avenues will begin. Mr. Neal reported that the contractor has informed the Cincinnati Water Works that Robb Avenue would not be completed by June 29<sup>th</sup>, the date of WestFest. Mr. Neal wrote a letter to the director of the Water Works expressing how upset the City of Cheviot was that the project was running over schedule. The Water Works responded that they will finish the area where WestFest will be held before June 29<sup>th</sup>. They also agreed to pave the width of the area that they are replacing the main on. The City will create a punch list for them to complete before the project is completed. Mr. Neal wanted to stress to the citizens that this is not the City's error, but the error of the Cincinnati Water Works.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Laumann had no report. The Mayor wanted to comment that he looked at the Hamilton County Auditor's website and he noticed that the Cheviot Tax Levies that passed last November were the lowest per capital tax levies that have been on the ballot.

### **Law Director's Report**

Mr. Waters had no report.

### **Committee Reports**

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray made a motion *To Express Appreciation To The Cheviot Maintenance Department For The Work Performed In The Installation Of The New Children's Playground Equipment In The*

*"Tot Lot" Of Harvest Home Park.* Mrs. Gooch seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned as RES02-07. Mr. Murray discussed the success of the Arbor Day celebration that was held at Harvest Home Park. He wished to thank Mr. and Mrs. Zech, Mr. and Mrs. Morganroth, Mr. Boyd Miller, and the faculty and staff of St. Martins and Cheviot schools. Mr. Murray called for a combination Parks and Playgrounds and Finance Committee meeting at Harvest Home Park in the Barn on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M. to discuss the wages of the lifeguards, the proposed craft person program, and to re-visit the basketball court situation. Mr. Murray wanted to mention the Cheviot Action Partnership Teen Dance on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Cheviot Field House from 7:30 - 11 P.M. In addition the Cheviot Action Partnership will be hosting a Free Movie in the park on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> at dusk at Harvest Home Park. The organizers of WestFest will be hosting a meeting on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Western Hills Racket Club at 11 A.M. Mr. Murray also mentioned that the pool passes are now on sale at Cheviot City Hall. If purchased before May 24<sup>th</sup>, there is a discount included in the purchase price. The pool will open June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2002. The Mrs. Gooch asked about the Teen Dance, she wanted to know what age the children had to be. Mr. Murray suggested that 6<sup>th</sup> graders and older should be admitted. Mr. Keller asked Mr. Neal about the lighting for the basketball court at Harvest Home Park. Mr. Neal said that he is still working on it.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth had no report. He gave a verbal report for the meeting of Police and Fire that was held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Prior to the council meeting, the Police and Fire committee met with Mrs. Sherry Hardwick to get some questions answered.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch had no report. Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Transfer \$5500 From The General Contingency Fund 101.715.270.1 To The Waste Collection Service Fund Account 503.025.1 To Pay The Bin Service Expense For Recycling; And To Declare an Emergency.* Mr. Morganroth made the motion to adopt with a second from Mrs. Gooch. The motion passed 6-0 and was assigned as RES02-08. Mrs. Gooch wanted to thank Mr. Neal and Tommy Braun for their prompt response to her call about the leaking roof at the Cheviot Field House. She asked Mr. Neal about the property on the corner of Harrison and Marydell Avenues. Mr. Neal said that the matter has been turned over to the Building Department. Finally, Mrs. Gooch mentioned that she attended a meeting pertaining to the Cheviot Road and North Bend Road corridor study. They will study the corridor for 20 months and make a recommendation. She stated that group needed some information from the Cheviot Police Department. Mr. Neal reported that they were working on it. There was much discussion pertaining to the corridor study.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker was not in attendance. Mr. Norman reported that Mr. Mestemaker wanted a meeting on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M of the Public Works Committee. The meeting was to discuss Recycling.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no formal report. Mrs. Zech gave a verbal report about the meeting that was held prior to Council. She stated that the Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee were working on the early stages of a Cell Tower Ordinance.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman read a Building and Annexation Committee meeting report into record. A motion to receive and file was made by Mr. Norman with a second by Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0. Mr. Norman also called for a very quick Building and Annexation Committee meeting following the Council meeting.

### **Further Business**

Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the Mayor's Court receipts for the month of April, 2002. Mrs. Zech seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

**Correspondence**

The July and August Court Dates will be Monday, July 22, August 12, and August 26 at 6:00 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall. The Clerk will begin to distribute the Ohio Municipal League Bulletins to all members of Council. Finally, Cable Access will run any message for a non-profit, church, or government agency on the Cable Access Channel free of charge. Information about the event should be sent to [cable@cheviot.org](mailto:cable@cheviot.org), or mailed to City Hall.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Morganroth with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

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Ryan T. Zech  
Clerk of Council

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Samuel D. Keller  
President of Council