

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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June 3, 2003

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:34 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Mr. Keller asked those in attendance to remember Howard Wiehe, a former Council member and Council President in their prayers. 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
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

Mrs. Zech made a motion to excuse Mr. Mestemaker with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The minutes of May 20, 2003 were approved. President Keller called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

Ralph Rust of Boy Scout Troop 601 was in attendance to work on his Communications and Citizenship Badge.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal was not in attendance and he did not forward a report. Mr. Waters mentioned that Mr. Neal had forwarded a list of 5 properties which had severely overgrown weeds. He asked if a resolution could be prepared to allow the City to go after the owners of these properties. Mr. Waters said that he was unable to produce the resolution since the request was made a few hours before the meeting started. There was much discussion. The Mayor requested that the resolution be passed by title so that the City can begin action on the problems. Mr. Waters suggested a special meeting since the resolution would be too complicated to pass by title. There was much more discussion. It was decided that there would be a special meeting on Tuesday, June 10th at 6:00 P.M. to expedite this Resolution. It was decided that the City should look into passing an ordinance which deals with overgrown weeds so that it doesn't have to rely on the State Code. Mr. Waters read the bids that the City received for the 2003 street improvements. Mr. Murray made a motion *To Accept The Bid Of Adleta, Inc. For The Cheviot 2003 Street Improvement Project; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mrs. Gooch. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD03-13. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Zech made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Laumann did not have a formal report, but he did mention that the collective bargaining agreements were complete.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters had no formal report.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray read a report of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee into the record. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. Mr. Murray made a motion *To Set The Compensation For Personnel Working At The City Swimming Pool For The 2003 Season; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mrs. Gooch. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned as ORD03-14. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to adopt with a second from Mrs. Gooch. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Then, Mr. Murray made a motion *To Change The Rates For The Rental And Usage Of The Fieldhouse And Harvest Home Park Facilities*. Mr. Dinkelacker made the second. The motion passed 6-0 and was assigned as ORD03-15. This concluded the first reading of the ordinance. Mr. Murray mentioned that the pool opened this week and there was a meeting of the Cheviot Block Watch on Thursday in the Cheviot Police Department.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth had no formal report.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch had no formal report. Mrs. Gooch did make a motion *To Transfer Funds; And Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Morganroth. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES03-09.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech mentioned that Mr. Mestemaker attended a meeting pertaining to some changes in government funding. He will be providing information to Council at a lower date.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no formal report. Mrs. Zech called for a meeting of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee on Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30 P.M. immediately following the Special City Council Meeting. The meeting is to discuss some changes that may come from an Ohio House bill, the tall grass problem, and the total number of animals permitted per household. Mrs. Zech then made a motion *To Authorize The Offering Of Alternate Health Care Insurance Coverage To The Three Collective Bargaining Units Representing The Unionized Workers Of The City Of Cheviot; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Morganroth. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned as ORD03-16. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Dinkelacker made the second and the motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to adopt. Mr. Norman made the second. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. He called a meeting of the Building and Annexation Committee on Tuesday, June 10 at 7:00 P.M. immediately following the Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee meeting.

Further Business

Mr. Morganroth made a motion with a second from Mr. Murray to receive and file the Mayor's Court receipts for the month of May, 2003. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

Mr. Dinkelacker informed the public that Mayor Laumann had received a plaque for his numerous years of service to the Western Hills Veterans Council at the Memorial Day Celebration.

Correspondence

There were 2 Ohio Municipal League bulletins and a letter from the Cincinnati Law Library Association that notified Council that the City was in violation of Ohio Revised Code 731.231, which dictates that all municipalities must have a recent copy of its codified ordinances on record with the county law library. The Clerk of Council agreed to resolve the matter.

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 8:07 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council