

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

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June 15, 2004

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

Mayor	Samuel D. Keller
President of Council	James E. Morganroth
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 F. Sunderhaus
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

The minutes of June 1, 2004 were approved. President Morganroth called for the reports that would be presented.

### **Recognition of the Public**

Ron Swartz of 3832 Meyerfeld addressed Council about speeding in the section of Meyerfeld between Wardall and the Cheviot-Westwood Post Office. He comments that most of the offenders are employees of the Post Office. Mr. Swartz is looking for assistance from Council to address the problem of speeding. Mr. Neal stated that he has spoken with the Post Office manager about this. There was much discussion. Mayor Keller asked Mr. Swartz to report the known speeders to the Post Office manager. Mayor Keller also stated that he would place the speed monitor sign on the street. There was much discussion.

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

Mr. Neal reported that the playground at Harvest Home Park was mulched this week. The cost of this was handled by the Cheviot-Westwood Kiwanis and the Cheviot-Westwood Community Association. They each contributed \$1,000 to the cost. Carrie has not been out for bid because the City is waiting on the Cincinnati Water Works to approve the water main replacement plan. Mr. Neal reported that the Pool is open for business. He reported that since Council changed the way the City can take care of tall grass; over 40 properties have been given notice. The City of Cheviot has cut 9 properties so far, and 1 has been cut 2 times. Mr. Neal wanted to know if the bill for the cutting of tall grass can be sent via regular mail to corporate property owners. He also wanted to know if a corporation can be cited. There was much discussion. Mr. Waters answered that the letters can be sent to corporations and that regular mail can be used. Mr. Murray wanted to know if grass that has been discharged into the street is a form of littering or if there is a way to force them to clean it up. Mr. Morganroth clarified that this is a form of littering and that it covers grass. There was much discussion about this topic.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Keller reported that he met with schools committee and that Mrs. Gooch will address this in her report. He announced that he also met with the Recreation Commission. These meetings were called to address the request of Cheviot Elementary School to use the Cheviot Memorial Fieldhouse during the school renovations. Mayor Keller reported that he received a contract with the Hamilton County General Health District. The contract has been approved with a small increase of \$200 over last year. This is a 3.5% increase. Mayor Keller requested a meeting of the Streets, Sidewalks and Lights Committee to discuss the proposed changes to the Metro bus routes in Cheviot. Originally Metro was planning changes to Routes 6, 21, and 39 but now Metro now does not plan to change Route 6. He reported that he received a letter from a Mr. James McCullah who sent him pictures of the Cheviot Hotel in London, United Kingdom. Mr. Morganroth asked Mayor Keller when the tax budget for the City is due. The tax budget is due July 20, but Mr. Murphy has asked for an extension which would give him an additional 10

days. Finally Mayor Keller thanked Mrs. Gooch and Mrs. Zech for taking care of the many requests of the CCLT.

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

Mr. Waters mentioned that the Dog Limitation Ordinance took effect on June 1, 2004. The City has already sited one owner. The person in question has hired a lawyer who wants to challenge the legality of the law. Mr. Waters received the request from Current Communications to provide broadband internet service over electric lines, and so far everything looks like it is in order.

### **Committee Reports**

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray reminded the public that there was a movie in the park on Friday, June 20 in Harvest Home Park at dusk. He also reminded the public that the Westside Street Fest is June 26 through 27. Finally, he announced that the Cheviot Patriots have started their double-headers on Sundays. They are looking for a Public Address Announcer if anyone is interested.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus thanked those members of Council and other City Administration members that participated in the Mock Disaster training. He reported that the Cheviot Fire Explorers participated in the annual competition and received 4 trophies in 7 events. They placed third in ladder and hose challenge, second in ventilation, first in fracture management, and first in cardiac arrest. The combined scores allowed Cheviot to place first overall which is a first for the City of Cheviot. Mr. Sunderhaus congratulated all that participated.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch read a report of the Schools Committee into the record. Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Mayor Keller thanked the Schools Committee for their work. Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Transfer Funds And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES04-08.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker read the May 20, 2004 minutes from the Streets, Sidewalks and Lights Committee into the record. Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. According to a letter from Metro, route 6 is not going to change. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion *To Oppose The Proposed Route Changes Scheduled By Metro For Lines 6, 21, and 39 In The City Of Cheviot Effective August 22, 2004, Recommend Mutually Agreed Upon Changes Between The City And Metro; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Dinkelacker made the second. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES04-09. There was much discussion. Mr. Mestemaker read a report of the May 20 meeting of the Public Utilities Committee into the record. Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. There was much discussion. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion *To Approve The Contract With The Advisory Council Of The Hamilton County General Health District For The Provision Of Public Health Services In Calendar Year 2005; To Authorize The Mayor To Sign The Contract On The Behalf Of The City; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Murray made the second. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES04-10. He added that the public should support the Cheviot Patriots.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no formal report.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report.

### **Further Business**

Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to receive and file the May, 2004 Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Gooch made the second, and the motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

**Correspondence**

There was an update from the Building Department, and an Ohio Municipal League report.

The Mayor's Court Dates for summer are on Monday, June 7; Monday, June 21; Monday, July 12; Monday, July 26; Tuesday, August 10; and Monday, August 23. Court begins at 6:00 P.M. on each date.

The next scheduled Council date is July 20, 2004. There is only one meeting of Council in July.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Sunderhaus with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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Ryan T. Zech  
Clerk of Council

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James E. Morganroth  
President of Council