

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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July 16, 2002

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 (acting)	Samuel D. Keller
President of Council - Pro Tem	Michael J. Mestemaker
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
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker

The minutes of July 2, 2002 and July 9, 2002 were approved. President Pro-Tem Mestemaker called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

No one wished to address Council.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal left no report for Council.

Mayor's Report

Acting Mayor Keller informed Council that the Safety Service Director had informed him that the successful low bid for the water main replacement on Robb Avenue was the same contractor that has been working on Glenmore Avenue since October of last year. The Safety Service Director has not issued a work permit to begin work, due to the uncompleted state of Glenmore Avenue. The contractor has asked for a meeting with the Mayor and the Safety Service Director. Mrs. Gooch wanted to know if the City of Cincinnati Water Works was going to be involved in this meeting. Mr. Waters suggested that the Water Works should be in attendance since they often pull the contractor off jobs to work on other jobs. Mr. Waters said that other communities had similar problems, and often it is the Water Works fault. Mr. Waters is looking into what options the City has. There was much discussion about the issue. Mr. Keller also announced that the State Audit has been completed and that anyone that wants a copy of the report can pick one up from the Assistant Auditor Mr. Schmitt. There will be a post-audit meeting at Cheviot City Hall on July 22, 2002 at 8:30 A.M.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters reported that he has been working on the water main contractor problem. In addition he received a court order to dispose of abandoned property from the Cheviot Police Department. He is also working on the 3 Ordinances from the Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee. Finally, Mr. Waters wanted Council to know that he will be on vacation and unavailable the week of July 29th.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report. He did mention that the Arts and Crafts Program began on Monday, July 15. The program will run from 10 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. in the front shelter of Harvest Home Park. The program will be held on Mondays for children aged 4-8, Wednesdays for children aged 8-12, and on Fridays for all ages. The program is a free service courtesy of the Cheviot Action Partnership, the Cheviot Fireman's Association, the Cheviot Police Association, the Cheviot-Westwood Business Association, Winton Savings & Loan, and LaRosa's Pizzeria. Mr. Murray also reported that the total income for the Cheviot Pool was \$27, 782 for lessons and

memberships and \$8,346 for concession sales. Totaled together that is \$36,128 as of July 15, 2002. With a little more than half the season left, the pool has already exceeded the \$31,000 that was made each of the two years before Cheviot took over operation of the pool. Mr. Murray wanted to commend Mr. Neal and the entire staff of concession workers and lifeguards for the good work that they do. Mr. Murray wanted to remind everyone that the Cheviot Action Partnership was hosting another free movie in the park on Friday, July 26 at Harvest Home Park at dusk. Finally, Mr. Murray mentioned that there would be a follow-up meeting for WestFest at Cheviot City Hall at 6 P.M. on July 17, 2002. Mrs. Gooch asked if the income for the pool was comparable to last year. Mr. Murray did not know.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth had no report

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch wanted to remind everyone that on Friday, August 2nd at 9 P.M., there will be a meeting at the Green Township Senior Center pertaining to the Northbend Road Corridor study. Mr. Gooch also called for a meeting of the Finance Committee to review salaries of some employees on Tuesday, August 6th at 7 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker called for a Public Utilities and Works meeting on Tuesday, July 23rd at 7 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall to talk about curbside recycling.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no report.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no report.

Further Business

Mr. Mestemaker announced that there would not be a Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2002 due to Council Vacation.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

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 7:45 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

Michael J. Mestemaker
President of Council - Pro Tem