

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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August 5, 2003

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:36 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 st Ward	Michael J. Murray
Council 3 rd Ward	James E. Morganroth
Council 4 th Ward	Debra A. Gooch
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker

Mr. Murray made a motion to excuse Mrs. Zech and Mr. Dinkelacker with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 4-1 by voice vote. Mr. Morganroth did not wish to excuse either Mr. Dinkelacker or Mrs. Zech. The minutes of July 15, 2003 were approved. President Keller called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

Ms. Rebecca Haus of 3925 Lovell Avenue had concerns with the dog ordinance that the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee was considering. She did not want to be forced to choose which dogs she could keep, and which dogs she would have to get rid of. Mr. Keller and Mr. Morganroth explained that this is currently not an Ordinance, and that it is still in discussion. They also invited Ms. Haus to attend the committee meeting.

Mr. Don Bennett of 5541 Westwood Northern Boulevard, a former Mayor of Cheviot who now lives in Green Township, attended to donate several items to the Cheviot Historical Society including a diagram of the Cheviot Ball Park, letters from former President of the United States, Lyndon Johnson for Cheviot's Sesquicentennial, and information about the first Oktoberfest which was held in Cheviot before it moved to Cincinnati, among other things. Mayor Laumann mentioned that Mr. Bennett is the only living past Mayor. He also thanked Mr. Bennett for his many gifts to the City of Cheviot.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal left before his report and did not leave a report with Council.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Laumann did not have a formal report.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters reported that the Court of Appeals had ruled against the City of Cheviot in the case regarding the D.U.I. impound and the subsequent storage charges that the City was forced to refund when the City did not perform the arrest. Mr. Waters feels that the Court of Appeals failed to understand the real issue of the case. Mr. Waters recommends that the City pay the amount and forgo any additional Appeals. There was much discussion. It was suggested that the City look into a formal written agreement with towing companies instead of the handshake agreement that they have now. Mr. Keller suggested that he was glad the City took the stand even though we lost. Mr. Morganroth 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 2004; To Authorize The Mayor To Sign The Contract On Behalf Of The City; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mrs. Gooch made the second and the motion passed 5-0 by voice vote. The Resolution was assigned as RES03-13.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report. He reminded the public that the Cheviot Fire Association will be holding its annual festival on August 8th, 9th, and 10th at Harvest Home Park. Friday the festival will be open from 5-11 P.M. and Saturday and Sunday the festival will be open from 4-11 P.M.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker was not in attendance, but Mr. Murray read a report of the Sewers Committee into the official record. Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the report. Mr. Mestemaker made the second. The motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth had no formal report.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch read an informal report of the Finance Committee for the record. She called a meeting of the Finance Committee on Tuesday, August 12, 2003 at Cheviot City Hall at 6:00 P.M. to look at Administrative salaries. Mrs. Gooch also mentioned that the Cheviot-Westwood Kiwanis are selling Coupon Books with discounts to the Harvest Home Fair and other local businesses.

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

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech was not in attendance, but Council had the second reading of ORD03-19, the Tall Weeds and Grass Ordinance.

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

Further Business

Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the June 2003 Treasurer's Report and the July 2003 Mayor's Court Receipts with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence

There was one Ohio Municipal League bulletin and a newsletter from the Alliance for Chemical Safety received.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Morganroth with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council