

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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September 17, 2002

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:38 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
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 September 3, 2002 were approved after the Clerk of Council notified Council of an error that had been made under Mrs. Zech's report. The correction had been made to the official copy prior to the start of the meeting. President Keller called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

Mr. Kerry Keith of 3502 Woodbine Avenue approached Council about his concerns pertaining to attacks by juveniles, and personal property that has been damaged by the same people. Mr. Keith mentioned that he has had damage to his car, to his home, and other private property. Mr. Keith was also attacked by several of these individuals after the Harvest Home Fair. Mr. Keith has complained to the Police on several occasions and is not happy with the seeming lack of protection that the Police are providing. Mr. Keith stressed that he has made numerous complaints and has not seen any change. The Mayor suggested that before the people come to Council to complain, that they should talk to the Police Chief and Safety Service Director first. Mr. Mestemaker suggested that members of City Council should attend this meeting. Mrs. Gooch suggested that this meeting should be in the evening so that it would accommodate the citizens.

Mr. John Stevens of Cheviot also wanted to voice that he has concerns about the area. He mentioned a specific individual whom he believes is the main culprit. Mr. Stevens wanted to commend Officer Pat Young for his excellent job dealing with the situations. There was much discussion about the topic. The Mayor suggested that the specific details be held off for a meeting with the Police Chief and the Safety Service Director. There was some discussion between the Mayor and Mr. Mestemaker over who should attend this meeting. Mrs. Gooch suggested that this problem is more wide spread and is a major concern of the City of Cheviot.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal was not in attendance. Mr. Murray mentioned to Council that the Safety Service Director will be opening bids for Road Salt on Tuesday, October 1 at 11 A.M. at Cheviot City Hall. He expects to act on the bids that evening.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Laumann had no report. He excused himself to talk to Mr. Keith outside of the Council Chambers.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters was in attendance, but had to leave due to a family emergency.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray did not have a report.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker did not have a report. Mr. Dinkelacker did have a few questions for Mr. Mestemaker concerning a few street problems on Glenmore between Woodbine and Homelawn Ave.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth did not have a report.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch did not have a report. Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Transfer Funds; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned as RES02-15. Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Establish A New Budget Line Item; To Amend Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Morganroth seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned ORD02-27. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker reported that Council has until November 8th to submit an application for Community Development Funds. Prior to submitting the request, the City is required to hold 2 public hearings. Mr. Mestemaker believes that Glenmore Avenue is included on the list of streets to look at. Mr. Mestemaker called for a Streets, Sidewalks, and Lights Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 24 at Cheviot City Hall at 7 P.M. Mrs. Zech announced that she would be unable to attend since she would be out of town. Mr. Morganroth asked Mr. Mestemaker to make sure that a copy of the last year's Ordinance for accepting the bids for Road Salt was available for the October 1st meeting. Council Clerk Ryan Zech requested a quick meeting of the Public Utilities and Works Committee immediately following Council to discuss some problems that Cheviot Cable Access is having.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech read the Laws, Rules, and Ordinances committee report into record. Mrs. Zech made a motion to Receive and File the report with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 7-0. Mrs. Zech made a motion *to introduce the Cell Tower Ordinance*. Mr. Murray seconded the motion which passed 7-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned as ORD02-28. This constituted the first reading of this ordinance. Mrs. Zech made a motion *To Amend Ordinance 70.09 of the Cheviot Code of Ordinances; Raising The City Of Cheviot Court Cost from \$45 to \$65; To Amend The Payout Ordinances To Reflect The Changes*. Mr. Mestemaker made a second on the motion which carried 7-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned ORD02-29. This constituted the first reading of this ordinance.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman did not have a report. Mr. Norman 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 2003; To Authorize The Mayor To Sign The Contract On Behalf Of The City; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Murray made a second to the motion which passed 7-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned as RES02-16.

Further Business

Mrs. Gooch made a motion to receive and file the August, 2002 Treasurer's Report. Mr. Dinkelacker made the second. The motion carried 7-0.

Correspondence

Mrs. Nancy Thomas of Hubble Road in Green Township wanted to mention to Council that her parents Bill and Dot Cannava had celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary at the Harvest Home Parade while watching their grand daughter Mary, march in the LaSalle High School Marching Band. There were several newsletters that arrived as well.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Zech announced that Jared Schmitz, a resident of Cheviot and a freshman at LaSalle High School was the newest volunteer for Cheviot Cable Access. Council welcomed Jared.

Mr. Murray commented that it was nice to see all the American flags on the Harvest Home Parade route.

Mayor Laumann had questions about the parade's television coverage ending at 8 P.M. Mr. Zech explained that he was told that the on air talent could not stay beyond that time, and that Time Warner did not want to go beyond the dark.

Mrs. Gooch wanted to know who did the float awards and when they were. Mr. Keller replied that the Kiwanis handle that in the afternoon on the Sunday of the fair.

Mr. Murray wanted to express his thanks to the Cheviot Maintenance crews and Steve Neal for the great clean up job that they did following the fair.

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 8:23 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council