

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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October 7, 2003

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:31 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

President - Pro Tem	Michael J. Mestemaker
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Safety Service Director	Steven O. Neal
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

Mr. Keller was out of town as a result, Mr. Mestemaker stepped in as President Pro-Tem. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to excuse Mr. Keller. Mrs. Gooch made the second, and the motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The minutes of September 16, 2003 were approved. President - Pro Tem Mestemaker called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

No one in attendance wished to address Council.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal reported that he attended the Public Hearing at the Hamilton County Commissioners meeting. He is happy to report that the Hamilton County Commissioners voted to rescind the requirement that communities pay 50% of repairs to existing sewers. The vote to rescind was 2 to 1. Mr. Neal announced that salt bids were opened on October 1st at 11 A.M. There were 6 envelopes opened, 3 were declines to bid. The remaining three bids were from Cargill, International Salt Company, and Morton Salt. The recommended bid is from Morton Salt for \$34.09 per ton dumped and \$36.09 per ton piled. Mr. Neal reported that the leveling course has been installed on Meyerfeld and Glenmore. The week of October 13, the sealer should be placed. Both jobs should be done by the end of the next week. On Meyerfeld and Taft, the Cincinnati Water Works replaced the water mains, and are repaving those roads. Mr. Neal reported that a slurry seal had been placed on Olivette and Davis Avenues so that that should last for an additional 5 to 10 years. Leaf pick-up should start soon and Mr. Neal wanted to remind everyone to make sure that there are no rocks or bricks in the leaf pile. The Veterans Day Parade will be on Sunday, November 9th at 2 P.M. here in Cheviot. Mr. Neal thanked Council for passing RES03-17 which honored Miss Nikki Jaspers. Mr. Murray made a motion *To Accept The Bid Of Morton Salt Company For The Provision Of Ice Control Salt For The 2003-2004 Winter Season; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Dinkelacker made the second and the motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned as ORD03-26. Mr. Murray made motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the report of the Board of Control with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Laumann did not leave a report. Mr. Neal said that the Mayor was at a funeral.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters reported that he was looking into a claim by the Ohio Attorney General's Office which said that the City was late on payment toward a Worker's Compensation Claim. Mr. Waters said that the City was able to show sufficient proof that the payments were made. The Ohio Attorney General's Office said that they will continue to investigate.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report. He mentioned that the Cheviot Block Watch will have another meeting on Wednesday, October 8th at 7 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall. There will also be another Clean-Up Cheviot Day on October 25th. Those that want to help can meet at Harvest Home Park at 10 A.M. Additional information can be found on a link from www.cheviot.org.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth had no formal report. He mentioned that the Cheviot Action Partnership was sponsoring the Haunted Stroll Through The Park on October 17th and 18th at Harvest Home Park from dark until around 10:30 P.M. and will sponsor the Halloween Dance on Saturday, October 25th from 9 P.M. to 1 A.M. at the Cheviot Fieldhouse. He also reported that on Monday, October 27th the Cheviot Aerie 2197 will host a past presidents dinner to honor Mayor Michael J. Laumann.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch had no formal report. She made a motion *To Amend Certain Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Norman made the second and the motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The Ordinance was assigned as ORD03-27. 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. Mrs. Zech made the second and the motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. After several corrections to the dates in Sections 1 and 2, Mrs. Zech made a motion *To Raise Salaries And Compensation Rates For Administrative And Non-Union Personnel; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Murray made the second and the motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned as ORD03-28. 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. Mrs. Gooch made the second and the motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Gooch announced that there would be a meeting of the Schools Committee with the Streets Committee which would be announced in Mr. Mestemaker's report.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech read a report of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee into the official record. Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. Mrs. Zech made a motion *To Increase Court Costs In The Cheviot Mayor's Court; To Repeal Ordinance No. 02-29; To Enact A New Payout Schedule Of Fines For Criminal, Traffic, And Parking Violations; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Murray made the second. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD03-29. Mrs. Gooch made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 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. Mr. Morganroth and Mrs. Zech passed on their thanks to Fran K. for her help with this Ordinance.

Council at Large - A Streets Committee Report was read by Mr. Norman for Mr. Mestemaker into the official record. There were some questions by Mr. Morganroth pertaining to the information in the report. Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. A meeting of the Streets Committee with members of the Schools Committee asked to attend was scheduled for Tuesday, October 14th at 6:00 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall. Mr. Neal asked the Clerk of Council to send notification to the residents in the area. Mr. Neal described some of the proposed changes to the school and the proposed changes to Roswell Avenue.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. He did wish to pass on his thanks to Mayor Laumann, the Safety Service Director Steve Neal, and Law Director Mark Waters for all their work with the Sewer problem. He also thanked County Commissioners Heimlich and Portune for changing the regulations. Finally he wished to thank all the local residents that have had to endure flooding in their basements for their continued patience with this matter.

Further Business

Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the Mayor's Court Receipts for September, 2003 and the Treasurer's Report for August, 2003. Mrs. Gooch made the second. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

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 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council