

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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October 15, 2002

Mr. Keller called to order a public hearing pertaining to the use of proposed Community Development Funds at 7:30 p.m. and opened up the floor for discussion. There was no discussion. The public hearing was closed at 7:31 p.m.

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:33 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

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 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

Mrs. Gooch was late, but had called ahead to inform Council that she would be late. The minutes of September 17, 2002 and October 1, 2002 were passed. President Keller called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

Teri Armstrong of 4201 Churchview Lane appeared on behalf of Cheviot School. She wanted to inform Council that she is the new Assistant Principal of Cheviot School. She also wanted to remind the citizens that the school bond issue would be on the November ballot and that the school will be in the first phase of the reconstruction project. She sought Council's support for the bond issue. The school has been ranked high in many of the district evaluations. Finally, she wanted to notify Council that the school had received the Buckeye Gold Award for the drug awareness programs.

Tom Ewing of Westwood addressed Council seeking support for Issue 7, the initiative to build a light rail system and expand bus service in Hamilton County. The plan would add additional bus routes on the west side of the county, and a light rail link for the east and downtown areas. If the issue doesn't pass, the program will have to wait for 5 years to re-apply for the federal money. Mr. Mestemaker asked how much it would cost to enlarge I-75 would be. Mr. Ewing replied that he read that to fix I-75 is \$900 million dollars between the river and Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Dinkelacker asked what percentage of the public uses Public Transportation. Mr. Ewing said that about 30% of the population uses the current transportation on weekdays to go downtown. He said that during special events, bus use is very high. Mr. Keller asked if and when a light rail link to the Westside would be built and where it will go. Mr. Ewing replied that it would go from Dent to downtown or Xavier University along the I-74. He suggested that this plan would get new bus routes on the West Side.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal had no report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Laumann left no report.

Law Director's Report

He also announced that he had delivered several Ordinances to Council and that the fourth page of the Cell Tower Ordinance was incorrect. He distributed a corrected page to Council. Mr. Waters is working on opinions for the Mayor, the Building Department, and the Auditor. Mr. Waters announced that the appeal of the Court's decision to hold Cheviot liable for the expense of impounding a DUI suspect's vehicle will be filed by Wednesday.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report. He wanted to remind the public that CAP will host a haunted stroll through Harvest Home Park on from 7:30 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. on October 18th and 19th. He also wanted to remind the public that Halloween was on Thursday, October 31, 2002 and that the hours were from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth had no formal report. Mr. Morganroth reminded Council that he called for a Meeting of the Police and Fire Committee following Mayor's Court (approx. 7:15 P.M.) on October 21.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch apologized for being late to the meeting. Mrs. Gooch read a report of the Finance 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. Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Transfer Funds; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Morganroth made the second. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned RES02-17. Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Accept The Amounts and Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission To Authorize The Necessary Tax Levies; To Certify Them To The County Auditor; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Dinkelacker seconded the motion which passed 7-0 by roll call vote. The motion was assigned as RES02-18. Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Amend The 2002 Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned ORD02-32. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mrs. Gooch. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Create A New Budget Line Item For The Construction Of A New Water Main On West Saint Martins Avenue; To Increase the 2002 Annual Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Norman made the second to the motion. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned ORD02-33. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker had no formal report. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion *To Authorize The Safety-Service Director To Submit The Appropriate Application For Community Development; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES02-19.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech introduced ORD02-28, *To Establish For The Sighting, Construction and Maintenance Of The Cellular Telephone Transmission Towers And To Add These Regulation To The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances* for its third and final reading. Mrs. Zech made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Zech then introduced ORD02-29, *To Increase Court Costs Of The Cheviot's Mayor Court; To Repeal Ordinance Number 98-32; To Enact A New Payout Schedule For Fines For Criminal Traffic And Parking Violations; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Waters clarified that he added an emergency clause so that this ordinance could take effect before 11 days after it is first published by the Clerk of Council. Mrs. Zech made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Zech then read a report of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances 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. Mrs. Zech made a motion *To Amend And Further Clarify Section 154.13 Of The Cut And Fill Ordinance* with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned ORD02-34. This concluded the first reading. Mrs. Zech wanted to remind the public that CAP will have its annual Halloween Dance on October 26th at the Cheviot Fieldhouse at 9 P.M.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman read a report of the Building and Annexation Committee into the record. Mr. Norman made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

Further Business

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

Mr. Murray asked if there would be a Council meeting on Tuesday, November 5 since the City Council Chamber is a polling place. Mr. Keller announced that there would be no meeting on the 5th of November and that the next Council meeting would be November 19.

Correspondence

Council received a letter from the Hamilton County Commissioners Office. A copy was placed in each member of Council's mailbox.

Mr. Keller announced that October 16 was the 20th wedding anniversary of him and his wife Connie. Council congratulated them.

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 8:26 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council