

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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December 2, 2003

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	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 2 nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
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

Mr. Murray made a motion to excuse Mr. Morganroth with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The minutes of November 18, 2003 were approved. President Keller called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

No one in attendance wished to address Council. Two students from Cincinnati State Community College were in attendance to critique the City Council meeting for their Sociology courses.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal wanted to publicly thank Council for attending the Cheviot Nativity Scene Dedication on November 30th. He did notify Council that a Public Reception has been planned for out-going Mayor J. Michael Laumann from 4 until 7 P.M. on December 30th at Harvest Home Park. Mr. Neal reported that Friday, December 12 is the target date to end leaf pick-ups. Mr. Neal reported that he had received several phone calls pertaining to the recent homicide on Westwood Northern Boulevard. He reported that the Cheviot Police Department is working on the case and they had detained 7 people for questioning. They will seek charges once the investigation is completed. Finally Mr. Neal reported that former Police-Explorer turned part-time Cheviot Police Officer Andy Happ who is currently serving in Iraq, recently received Sergeant Rank in the United States Army.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Laumann thanked Mr. Neal and the Cheviot Maintenance Department for setting up the Cheviot Nativity Scene. Mayor Laumann had also received several calls about the homicide and he wants citizens to know that the system does work. He reminds the residents that this type of investigation takes time especially if it is done right. Mayor Laumann also mentioned that he believes that the citizens are tired of saying good-bye and that the farewell reception in his honor wasn't his idea. He did want to thank everyone for all the kind words of support and for sharing their stories and feelings.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters had no formal report.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report. He did thank everyone for their donations in his late fathers honor.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth left no report.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Transfer Funds; And Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES03-22.

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

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech announced that there would be a public hearing on the proposed Dog Ordinance on Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall.

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

Further Business

Mr. Keller mentioned that Cinergy has sent notice that it plans rate increases in the coming months. Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the November 2003 Mayor's Court Receipts with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence

There was notice sent by Cinergy about the rate increase and OKI has requested that Council appoint the OKI representative by January 2nd.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Norman with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council