

## **MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO**

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December 16, 2003

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:

Mayor	J. Michael Laumann
President of Council	Samuel D. Keller
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Council 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Michael J. Murray
Council 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	James E. Morganroth
Council 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward	Debra A. Gooch
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman

Mr. Morganroth made a motion to excuse Mr. Mestemaker with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The minutes of December 2, 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.

### **Safety-Service Director's Report**

Mr. Neal did not leave a report.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Laumann had no formal report. With it being his last meeting, Mayor Laumann wished to tell everyone it has been a pleasure and honor serving with them all.

### **Law Director's Report**

Mr. Waters had reported that the lawsuit against the Cheviot Police Officers in Federal Court is still on going. Several of the State issues have been dropped and all that remain are the Civil Rights issues. Mr. Waters informed Council that private council is still handling the case.

### **Committee Reports**

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report. He did wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report. He did wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth reported that Steve Neal had issued a permit on December 25, 2003 from 12 A.M. until 5 A.M. to allow Santa Claus from the North Pole to fly over the City of Cheviot. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He also thanked Mayor Laumann for his years of service and told him that it was a pleasure to serve with him.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Amend The 2003 Annual Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Morganroth made the second. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The Ordinance was assigned as ORD03-35. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Gooch made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. She then wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

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

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech read a report of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee into the official record. She explained the expected changes to the Dog Ordinance that were to be made. Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. Mrs. Zech made a motion *To Amend The Salary and Insurance Options Of The Mayor; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD03-36. 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 with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Zech thanked Mayor Laumann for his many years of service to the City. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. Mr. Norman thanked Mayor Laumann for his years of service. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, including those who were serving overseas in the United States Military.

### **Further Business**

Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the November Treasurer's Report. Mr. Murray made the second and the motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

Mr. Keller invited the public to attend a reception to honor Mayor Laumann's career at Harvest Home Park on December 30 from 4 P.M. until 7 P.M.

Mr. Murray apologized and explained that the strange and possibly obscene language that viewers may hear during this meeting is due to some sort of audio interference from a CB radio which Cheviot Cable Access is trying to fix.

### **Correspondence**

There was one request from the O.K.I. to have the appointment for the O.K.I. Representative by January 1, 2004. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to appoint Mr. Mestemaker as the O.K.I. Representative for 2004-2005. Mr. Murray made the second. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

Mr. Keller announced that he would reserve his comments about outgoing Mayor Laumann to the article that will be in the *Western Hills Press*.

At 7:55 P.M., the meeting was suspended and scheduled to continue on January 1, 2004 at 12:00 P.M.

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Ryan T. Zech  
Clerk of Council

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Samuel D. Keller  
President of Council