

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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December 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:

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| 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 3 rd Ward | James E. Morganroth |
| Council at Large | Kathleen S. Zech |
| Council at Large | Charles L. Norman |
| Council at Large | Michael J. Mestemaker |

Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to excuse Mrs. Gooch. Mrs. Zech made the second and the motion carried 6-1 with Mr. Morganroth dissenting. The minutes of December 3, 2002 were passed. President Keller called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

There were no public in attendance.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal informed Council that they hoped to finish leaf pick-up by the up coming Friday. He informed Council that the leaf truck had broken down and that finding repair parts for the 1948 Willies Jeep engine that powers the vacuum were getting harder to find. Mr. Neal thanked the Administration and members of Council for the wonderful job they did at the Nativity Scene. Mr. Neal also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Mr. Mestemaker asked if there was anything that could be done about the flashing light at Westwood Northern Blvd. and Washington Avenue. He would like the Police to look at stronger enforcement of that intersection. Mr. Dinkelacker asked if yard waste pick-up will continue through the winter. Mr. Neal responded that yard waste pick up will continue on Fridays in the winter. Mr. Mestemaker asked Mr. Neal to look in the expense of replacing or upgrading the leaf pick-up truck or other alternatives for the future.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Laumann announced that he had attended the fifth Cheviot Citizen's Police Academy Graduation. He also mentioned that he attended a pizza party at the Cheviot Fire Department for the students of Cheviot School and St. Martins School that created posters for the Fire Prevention Week Contest. He mentioned that the posters would be on display at the Cheviot Public Library. Mayor Laumann wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters received a notice to negotiate from the two Police Unions for the 3 year contracts that expire this Spring. Mr. Waters said that he would get the necessary steps together.

Mayor Laumann requested an Executive Session. The request passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Council adjourned into an Executive Session at 7:55 P.M. Council resumed at 8:15 P.M.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report. He did mention that 2003 marks the 200th birthday for the state of Ohio. He announced that Hamilton County will host a bell casting at the Tall Stacks Celebration on October 15 and 16. He mentioned that there is a website to get information about the bicentennial celebrations. The site is located at <http://www.ohio200.com>. Mr. Murray also announced that he would be adding more pictures to the www.cheviot.org website.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report. He wished Council and the citizens of Cheviot a Safe and Happy Holidays.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth had no formal report. He wished Council a Very Happy Christmas. He wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

Ward 4 – The Committee Report was tabled due to discussion from the Executive Session. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion *To Transfer Funds; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Murray made the second to the motion. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned as RES02-21. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion *To Transfer Funds; And To Declare An Emergency*. The second was made by Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 and was assigned as RES02-22. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion *To Make Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures For The City Of Cheviot, State Of Ohio, During The 2003 Year Ending 3/31/03 And Declaring An Emergency*. Mr. Norman made the second. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned as ORD02-38. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Murray made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker had no formal report. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no formal report. She wished everyone on Council and in the City a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. He wished a Happy and Safe Holiday.

Further Business

Mr. Mestemaker made a motion *To Authorize The Provision Of Fire Protection Or Emergency Medical Services To Any Governmental Entity In Ohio Or Another Jurisdiction; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Murray made the second. The motion passed 6-0 and was assigned as ORD02-39. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Dinkelacker made the second. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Zech made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Morganroth. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the November, 2002 Treasures Report. Mrs. Zech made the second. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence

Council received a request for who would serve as the OKI representative. Mrs. Zech made a motion to reappoint Mr. Murray as the OKI Representative. Mr. Norman made the second. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

A Ohio Municipal League newsletter was received and a copy was placed in each Council members mailbox.

Council also received a Christmas Card from Hamilton County Commissioner Todd Portune.

Council Clerk Mr. Zech wished everyone a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Mr. Keller wished everyone a Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year.

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 8:32 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council