

**Minutes of Council Meeting  
Cheviot, Ohio**

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December 20, 2011

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

President of Council Deborah M. Slaughter  
Safety-Service Director Tom Braun  
Council 1st Ward Ryan Zech  
Council 2nd Ward Matthew McGowan  
Council 3rd Ward James Sunderhaus  
Council 4th Ward Bill Clark  
Council at Large Kathleen Zech  
Council at Large Dennis Dinkelacker  
Council at Large Steve Braun

Minutes from the December 6 meeting were approved and filed.

**Department Reports**

No reports were given

**Presentation:**

Neil Palmer, Trainmaster for Norfolk Southern and Dave Goedl, of the Cheviot Firemen's Association presented Fire Chief Klein with a \$1000 donation from the railroad's discretionary fund.

**Public Recognition**

No one from the public wished to be recognized on agenda items.

**Reports of Standing Committees**

Mr. Braun read his report from the 12/13 meeting of the Building and Annexation Committee. The report was received and filed with a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Dinkelacker read his report from the 12/13 meeting of the External Affairs Committee. The report was received and filed with a 7-0 vote.

Mr. McGowan read his report from the 12/13 meeting of the Finance Committee. The report was received and filed with a 7-0 vote.

Copies of all three reports are on file in the Clerk's office and are available for public viewing.

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

Ordinance 11-36, third and final reading of Ordinance 11-36 To Extend Authorization To The Mayor And Safety Service Director To Purchase HUD Properties. Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Braun, seconded by Mr. McGowan, and carried with a 7-0 vote.

Ordinance 11-37 To Stay Enforcement Of The City's Parking Meters; And To Declare An Emergency. Introduced by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Zech; motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker; motion to adopt was made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. McGowan. Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

Ordinance 11-38 To Amend The 2011 Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency. Introduced by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Sunderhaus; motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Sunderhaus, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker; motion to adopt was made by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Clark. Ordinance 11-38 was adopted by a 7-0 vote.

Ordinance 11-39 To Amend The 2011 Budget Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency. Introduced by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Sunderhaus; motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Sunderhaus, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker; motion to adopt made by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Clark.

Ordinance 11-40 Transfer Funds (Fire Dept budget). Introduced by Mr. McGowan, second by Mr. Sunderhaus. Motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, Mr. Sunderhaus, second by Mr. Dinkelacker. Motion carried with a 6-1 vote.

Resolution 11-18 To Transfer Funds (From Full Time Police to Part Time Police) and to Declare An Emergency. ????

Resolution 11-19 Resolution Committing The City Of Cheviot To The WE THRIVE! Community Wellness In Action Movement; 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Dinkelacker; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mr. Clark. Carried with a 4-3 vote.

Full copies of all legislation is on file and available for public view at City Hall.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Keller wishes to thank all Cheviot employees for their hard work and dedication this year in light of the turnover of the Police and Fire Chiefs. Also wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Safety Service Director**

Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant- next is an investment grade audit. New CSB parking lot will be maintained by the City after 6PM. Electric Aggregation meeting coming up. Paint The Town applications now being accepted.

**Law Director**

A property transfer will be necessary for the expansion of CSB. There will be several ordinances enacted in order for the transfer to be complete. Green Twp is holding a public hearing on January 23 regarding the second JEDD. It was recommended that we also hold a public hearing. Suggested date is January 17.

**Public Recognition**

Charles Eddingfield, 3951 Trevor Ave. addressed council regarding a rental property next to his home. The site has numerous issues with noise, property condition, domestic violence etc,. Mr. Eddingfield maintains that his attempts to sell his property are circumvented by the neighbors and the conditions of the property.

Michael Bronoman, 3503 Meadow had a question about whether Paint The Town would apply to a business property. Mayor Keller advised that Paint the Town is for owner-occupied residences only, but that businesses could apply for a matching grant for façade improvement. Mr. Bronoman was also concerned about a recent incident wherein shots were fired in his backyard. Mr. Keller advised that the shooter in the incident had been arrested. Mr. Bronoman stated that he had seen an unusually high number of Ohio State Patrol cars in the bar district. Police Chief Lally addressed that due to the holiday season, the State Police tend to target high OVI areas, and the State Police have jurisdiction on all Ohio roadways.

**Other Business:**

There will be a Special Council Meeting on Monday, January 2 at noon. There will be no Council meeting on January 3. Committee of the Whole will meet on Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30pm.

**Correspondence**

There was one property maintenance report and two emails from citizens.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Zech. Motion carried with a 7-0 vote, and the meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

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Jenny M. Eilermann

Clerk of Council

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Deborah M. Slaughter

President of Council