

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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May 17, 2005

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:31 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

Mayor	Samuel D. Keller
President of Council	James E. Morganroth
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 F. Sunderhaus
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman

The minutes of May 3, 2005 were approved. President Morganroth called for the reports that would be presented. Mayor Keller took a moment to swear in the newest full time Cheviot Police Officer, Emmett Stone. Officer Stone had been a part time officer for the City of Cheviot and scored well on the recent Civil Service Exam. Officer Stone comes highly recommended by those who work with him and know him.

Recognition of the Public

No one from the Public wished to speak.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal reported that Carrie Avenue is on schedule and that on May 17 the Sami-coat and leveling course had been laid down. He expected the project to be wrapped up soon. He stated that since some money was left over from the project, he had Weaver Alley repaved for \$9,700. Mr. Neal reported that grass in Cheviot is still growing. He mentioned that once grass reaches 10 inches a complaint is sent to the owner giving them a chance to cut it before the City does. As of this Council Meeting, 29 notices have been sent to property owners, of which 1 has been cut already and that there were 2 more that had until May 18 to cut their grass. When the City has to cut the grass, the owner is charged the hourly rate plus a \$50 fee, plus and additional 18% administrative fee which is then placed on the owner's property tax. Mr. Neal reported that there are two properties which have dead trees which have limbs over the right of way. The City will take care of these shortly. Mr. Neal reported that the Cheviot Municipal Pool will open on June 4, 2005. The Pool Passes are on sale and the Maintenance Department is getting the pool ready. Mr. Neal stated that he has been evaluating properties for the Community Re-Assessment Program. Mr. Neal also reported that so far the City of Cheviot has received \$265,000 for garbage fees. Finally Mr. Neal reminded Council that the Memorial Day parade is May 30th and will begin at 11:00 A.M.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller reported that Council needs to do the first reading of the Community Development Act Ordinance since it is due by June 15, 2005. Mayor Keller reported that Eagle Energy LLC has contacted the City of Cheviot and has requested that the City consider a Government Aggregation Program. This proposal was forwarded to Mr. Mestemaker who is the chair of the Public Works and Utilities Committee. Mr. Keller reported that a donation of \$500 was sent for the shelter project at the Field House by Bobby Campbell. Mrs. Campbell sent the donation in honor of her deceased husband Mike Campbell. Mayor Keller thanked Mrs. Campbell for her donation and thanked Mrs. Zech for arranging this donation. Mayor Keller also reported that 5/3rd Bank has also pledged \$1,000 toward the project. As of this meeting, the shelter is under roof and the concrete, power, and plumbing are completed. Mayor Keller reported that the City still needs an additional \$5,000 to \$7,000 more to complete the shelter. He explained that anyone who donates over \$500 will be listed on the plaque which will be affixed to the concession stand at the end of the shelter.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters reported that he attended a meeting which was organized by the Hamilton County Sheriff and County Prosecutor's Offices. He learned that there was one registered sex offender living with-in 1,000 feet of Cheviot School. Mr. Waters has sent a letter to this individual to inform them that they need to move. He stated that he will take further action if this individual does not move in a reasonable amount of time. Mr. Waters also reported that he is working on the Ordinance which will renew the contract between the City of Cheviot and the Cincinnati Water Works. He reported the he has also sent a letter to the Ohio Liquor Control Board pertaining to the hearing on Stewart's Irish Pub. He stated that he still has not received a response from the Liquor Control Board. Mr. Neal stated that he has been reviewing outstanding recreation fees for rentals, etc. and that he forwarded them to Mr. Waters. He wanted to know the status. Mr. Waters replied that he had not yet filed for collection yet. Mr. Dinkelacker asked what the Cincinnati Water Works contract was. Mr. Waters replied that this agreement establishes the rates for water and service to the residents of Cheviot, Ohio for the next 30 years at the same rate that the residents of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio must pay.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report. Mr. Neal reported that MSD had finished the W.I.B. clean up and repair to 2 houses on Janward. Mr. Dinkelacker reported that he spoke with Jay Hicks, the original resident who complained about sewerage back-up into his basement, and he reported that Mr. Hicks is very pleased with the work.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus read a report of the Police and Fire Committee into the record. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion was passed 5-0 by voice vote.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch did not forward a report. Mr. Norman called a meeting of the Finance Committee on Monday, May 23 at 7:00 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall to discuss the issues with the building department and the dumpster fees associated with the new garbage fee.

Council at Large – Mr. Mestemaker did not forward a report.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech read a report of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee into the record. Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote. Mrs. Zech called another meeting of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee on Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman presented ORD05-13, *An Ordinance Implementing Sections 3735.65 Through 3735.70 Of The Ohio Revised Code, Establishing And Describing The Boundaries Of Community Reinvestment Area In The City Of Cheviot And Designating A Housing Officer To Administer The Program And Creating A Community Reinvestment Housing Council And A Tax Incentives Review Council*, for the third and final reading. Mr. Norman made a motion to adopt with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

Further Business

Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to receive and file the April, 2005 Treasurer's Report with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence

An Ohio Municipal League Bulletin was received along with a special notice about an upcoming meeting pertaining to local Government funding. A newsletter from the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund was received. There were 6 Building Department reports. Police Chief Voss sent notice that the scheduled meeting for the residents of Delmar had to be changed to Tuesday, June 14 at 6:30 P.M. at Harvest Home Park. A reminder to Cheviot Employees that the Annual Picnic will be Thursday, June 2 at Harvest Home Park from 4:30 P.M. until whenever. A letter was received from a Mr. Dan Engel requested a waiver for building permit for repair/replacement of his son's gutters.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

James E. Morganroth
President of Council