

**CITY OF CHEVIOT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
January 14, 2014**

President of Council, Deborah Slaughter, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. In attendance were Council members Jim Sunderhaus, Kitty Zech, Bill Clark, Dennis Dinkelacker, Jim Martin, Amy Richter, and Jeff Baker. Also in attendance was Police Chief Joe Lally.

Chief Lally requested that the council rules be forwarded to the Chiefs.

Council acknowledged that no changes are needed to the committee assignments. Council reviewed the Council rules, in particular the rules regarding notice. Council decided that the current rules will stand and be enforced. Any proposed legislation that is not distributed to all of council by Monday at 5pm will not be voted on as an emergency measure unless the requestor is present to answer questions. It will be a first reading only. In addition, if Council does not receive the written legislation from the Law Director by Monday at 5 pm, then time will be given prior to voting for Council to read it in its entirety. This is to insure that the legislation reflects Council's intentions and that hopefully no errors or typos are noted.

Council then discussed communications to the public via the website. The Department reports will be posted quarterly. The Mayor's Court receipts and Treasurer's report will be posted monthly. The budget will be posted, and all adopted legislation will be posted.

It was suggested that attendance at the Hamilton County Municipal League could be beneficial during these economic times. Ms. Richter volunteered to be the representative. President Slaughter stated that she would confer with the Safety Service Director. (It was later reported that we do not currently belong to the league and the dues are probably in excess of \$675.)

Council also discussed the need to include "rules" for council in the trash ordinance. The Finance Chair stated that he would request the Law Director to draft the ordinance.

The committee meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

**Deborah M. Slaughter
Council President**