

February 6, 2018
City Council, Cheviot, Ohio

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President Waters called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

The meeting was turned over to Mayor Keller, who called Gail Griffin forward and administered the oath of office to her. Ms. Griffin is taking over the seat of recently-resigned Councilmember At Large, Patrick Tiettmeyer.

Roll was then called, and the following were found to be in attendance

Mayor	Sam Keller
President of Council	Mark Waters
Law Director	Kimberlee Rohr
Safety Services Director	Tom Braun
Council Ward 1	Dave Voss
Council Ward 2	Dennis Dinkelacker
Council Ward 4	Alana Tucker
Council At Large	Kathleen Zech
Council At Large	Gail Griffin
Council At Large	Amy Richter

Mrs. Tucker motioned to excuse Mr. Sunderhaus. Mrs. Richter seconded, and the motion carried with a 6-0 voice vote.

Mrs. Zech motioned to approve the minutes from the January 16 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Richter, and carried with a 6-0 voice vote.

Mr. Voss submitted his report from the Housing Committee held on January 9 with all the required signatures attached.

Mrs. Tucker read into record her report of the January 23 Municipal Properties Committee meeting, in which 2018 Pool Rates were set forth. She motioned to receive and file, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker and carried with a 6-0 voice vote.

Mr. Voss gave a brief oral report from the Finance meeting held prior to this evening's council meeting. The committee has decided to accept the law director's recommendation that the tax code be amended. This is in reference to House Bill 49 and the State's proposed method of collecting taxes.

The following ordinances were presented for passage:

Resolution 18-01 To Request That The County Auditor Make Advance Payment Of Taxes To The City Of Cheviot. Motion to introduce made by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Tucker. Motion to adopt made by Mrs. Tucker, second by Mr. Voss. Motion carried with a 6-0 voice vote.

Resolution 18-02 To Make City Council Committee And Administrative Assignments For The 2018-2019 Term. Motion to introduce made by Mrs. Tucker, second by Mrs. Richter. Motion to introduce made by Mrs. Zech, second by Mrs. Tucker. Motion carried with 6-0 voice vote.

Ordinance 18-03 To Transfer Funds; And To Declare An Emergency (Police & Fire D & P, Energy Efficiency fund for bond payment & Recycling) Motion to introduce made by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Richter; motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Zech, second by Mrs. Richter, carried with 6-0 roll call vote. Motion to adopt made by Mrs. Tucker, second by Mrs. Richter, carried with 6-0 roll call vote. Motion to adopt made by Mrs. Tucker, second by Mrs. Richter, and carried with 5-1 roll call vote, with Mr. Dinkelacker being the sole "no" vote.

Ordinance 18-04 To Set The Rates For Passes To The Cheviot Municipal Swimming Pool' And To Declare An Emergency. Motion to introduce made by Mrs. Tucker, second by Mrs. Richter. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Dinkelacker, second by Mrs. Tucker. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Dinkelacker, second by Mrs. Griffin, and carried with a 6-0 roll call vote.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Keller stated that there would be no Family Day picnic this year. Instead, the bicentennial committee will be presenting a celebration coinciding with the opening of the new splash park at Harvest Home Park. The event will be held on Monday, June 4.

Safety Service Director: Mr. Braun announced that the Trevor Avenue resurfacing project will be funded by SCIP funds. The project will include Trevor Ave. from Harrison Ave. to Smith Road, and Alma Avenue from Trevor to Glenmore. He would like a resolution to authorize him to send the project out to bid in June, and have the project begin in July. Westwood Northern Blvd, School Section Rd. and Washington Ave resurfacing project should begin on March 12. Demolition of the baby pool at Harvest Home has begun.

Law Director: Mrs. Rohr had no formal report, but mentioned that Public Records Training will be held in Springdale on March 29. While it is required that all elected officials attend this training, Mrs. Slaughter advised that a person can be sent to represent the elected officials and present those officials with the knowledge gleaned from the seminar.

Public Recognition: Deborah Slaughter, former Law Director and President of Council, asked about the council committee reassignments. She made a standing public record request for the agenda, minutes, council committee reports, department reports, and proposed legislation to be e-mailed to her prior to each council meeting. She questioned why the annual reports had not been presented yet by the Mayor, Treasurer and Law Director as they were due at the first council meeting of the year per state law. She inquired about the status of Open Checkbook. She noted that there has not been an Economic Development Report and a Building Department Report in a long time, and the last Fire Department Report was 3rd Quarter 2017 and the last Police Department Report was 2nd Quarter 2017. She stated that the current pool rates should not have been published on the city website prior to the council vote on them tonight. She also was disappointed with the city website as it still needs work. It needs more content; a description of the purpose of committee meetings and agenda packets prior to the regular council meetings; and a search function – a better way to locate documents for example. She feels that it needs a part-time public relations employee to maintain it along with other duties. Mrs. Slaughter is disappointed that the city will not be continuing the Scottish Festival which began with the thought of the bicentennial. She pointed out that when she turned over the chairmanship of Vision 2020 upon becoming law director that the group was disbanded with outstanding projects. She encouraged its reinstatement. She berated council and administration that based on the Mayor's report that there would be no Family Day. She pointed out that it was started by council members as a gift to the city. (Mrs. Slaughter later pointed out

that it was actually Cheviot Rocks, a group of residents, business owners, and council members, who started it in 2014 to bring back a family tradition and get together for the city.)

Ray Kroner, owner of Kroner's Dry Cleaners on North Bend Road and current president of the CWCA presented an update on things happening within the CWCA organization. Among the items discussed was the 54th annual Young Citizen's Banquet, being held on April 26. The guest speaker will be Kevin Flynn, former City of Cincinnati council member. Mr. Kroner also advised of a symposium being held at Westwood Town Hall on Tuesday, February 13 to discuss the Western Hills Viaduct. He added that the next CWCA meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21 in council chambers.

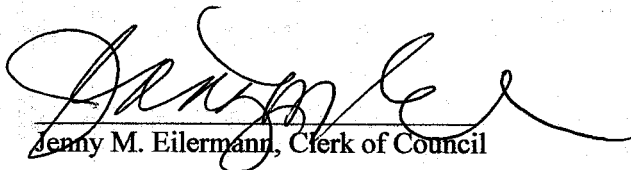
Mayor's Court receipts from January 2018 were presented. Motion to receive and file made by Mrs. Tucker, second by Mrs. Zech, carried with 6-0 voice vote.

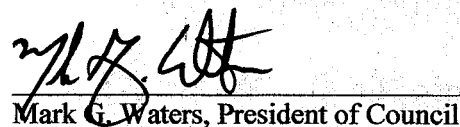
Treasurer's Report from December 17 was submitted by Mr. Pahls. Motion to receive and file was made by Mrs. Zech, second by Mrs. Tucker, carried with 6-0 voice vote.

There was a letter received from Kenkel Ave resident Mr. Neal, which was received and filed by the Clerk.

Mrs. Richter brought up a new program "Walk With A Doc" presented in conjunction with Mercy Health. She had spoken with a "doc" at the hospital who expressed interest in the program. Mrs. Richter believes this could be a great community engagement tool for Cheviot.

Seeing no further business before this council, Mrs. Zech motioned for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Richter, and the meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.


Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of Council


Mark G. Waters, President of Council