

**March 17, 2020
City Council, Cheviot, Ohio**

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Council President Waters called the meeting to order at 7:33PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

Roll was then called, and the following members were in attendance:

Mayor	Sam Keller
President of Council	Mark Waters
Law Director	Kim Rohr
Council Ward 1	David Voss
Council Ward 2	RaeJean Hardig
Council Ward 3	Jim Sunderhaus
Council Ward 4	Alana Tucker
Council At Large	Kathleen Zech
Council At Large	Gail Griffin
Council At Large	Amy Richter

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 3 as modified was made by Mrs. Richter, second by Mrs. Tucker. The motion carried unanimously.

Department Reports: There were no Department Reports

Committee Reports:

Mr. Voss read into record his report from the Finance Committee meeting of 3/3/2020. He motioned to receive and file, second was by Mrs. Richter.

Public Recognition: No one from the public asked to be recognized

Legislation:

Mr. Voss motioned to amend the agenda for tonight's meeting to allow for resolutions regarding the purchase of needle stick gloves and the Family Dollar CRA. Mrs. Richter gave a second, and it carried with a 7-0 voice vote.

Ordinance 20-05 To Accept the Annexation of 2.5 Acres From Green Township, Hamilton County, Ohio To The City Of Cheviot; And To Declare An Emergency. Presented for its third reading by Mrs. Hardig. Motion to adopt was made by Mrs. Hardig, second by Mr. Voss. Roll call vote yielded 6 YES votes and one abstention (Mrs. Tucker).

Ordinance 20-09 To Transfer Certain Funds; And To Declare An Emergency (garbage truck payment). Motion to introduce made by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Tucker. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Richter, second by Mr. Sunderhaus. Motion to adopt made by Mrs. Tucker, second by Mrs. Hardig. All motions carried unanimously.

Ordinance 20-10 Annual Appropriations Ordinance. Introduced with a motion by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Tucker. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Zech, second by Mrs. Tucker. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Richter. All motions carried unanimously.

Resolution 20-04 To Authorize The Purchase Of Needle Stock Protective Gloves With Monies From The Criminal Activity / Forfeiture Fund. Introduced by Mr Sunderhaus, second by Mrs. Tucker Motion to adopt made by Mrs. Richter, second by Ms. Griffin and unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 20-05 To Accept The Recommendation Of The Tax Incentive Review Council Regarding The Community Reinvestment Area Agreement For The Family Dollar Store.

Administrative Reports:

-Mayor's Report: Mayor Keller spoke of the procedural changes implemented in the city in light of the Covid19 pandemic. Mayors court is being suspended until May 4. Visitors to City Hall must stay in the vestibule. No face to face contact is permitted until further notice. Fire Chief Klein also discussed changes in the operation of his department.

-Safety Service Director: Mr. Braun announced that the sidewalk repair program is suspended until the health emergency is over.

-Law Director: Mrs. Rohr asked if Council wanted to amend the recently annexed parcels. She spoke of an unofficial opinion regarding staying in compliance of the open meetings act while practicing social distancing.

Public Recognition: None

Other Business

-Family Day committee meetings will be suspended until further notice, due to the health emergency.

-The TAP meeting will go on as scheduled for April 16 unless otherwise noted,

-Mr. Waters stated that the next hearing for the Mill Creek Tax will be in Judge Luebbers' courtroom on May 14 at 1:30pm. It is not clear whether or not public comment will be heard.

-Mayor's Court Receipts for February will be reviewed at the next council meeting

-Mrs. Richter reached out to Eric Pennington, Manager of Cheviot Library about offering assistance to people in filling out the census form. This is his response: "In addition to having flyers and posters alerting people to the census and providing information on how to respond, we have a dedicated link on the desktop of every computer terminal that links to the online census form. Since the form must be filled out in a single sitting, we will extend the usual one hour session length if necessary. That said, if the library remains closed at the recommendation of public health officials and library administration for an extended period, that service may be delayed or unavailable. The situation currently is very fluid and as events unfold, the library is assessing how to provide a level of service despite closed locations. We work closely with the Census Committee and I would be happy to update you as more information is available".

-New police officers will be sworn in in private until after the health emergency has passed.

Seeing no further business before this Council, Mrs. Zech motioned for adjournment. Mr. Voss seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of Council

Mark G. Waters, President of Council