

**August 18, 2020  
City Council, Cheviot, Ohio**

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Council President Waters called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer. This meeting was held in council chambers with some members attending remotely via the Zoom platform.

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

Mayor	Sam Keller (attending remotely)
President of Council	Mark Waters (attending in-person)
Safety Service Director	Tom Braun (attending remotely)
Law Director	Kim Rohr (attending remotely)
Council Ward 1	David Voss (attending in-person)
Council Ward 2	RaeJean Hardig (attending in-person)
Council Ward 3	Jim Sunderhaus (attending remotely)
Council At Large	Kathleen Zech (attending in-person)
Council At Large	Gail Griffin (attending remotely)
Council At Large	Amy Richter (attending in-person)

Mr. Voss motioned to excuse Mr. Cunningham. Mrs. Richter seconded.

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 21 meeting was made by Mrs. Zech, second by Mrs Hardig.

**Committee Reports:** Laws, Rules & Ordinances committee met on August 12 to discuss the creation of a DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area). Mrs. Zech's report is on file with the clerk and viewable on the City's website. It was noted after the report was read that the public hearing cannot be scheduled until after Council receives the application from City administration.

**Department Reports:** Police Chief Emmett Stone's 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter police department report was received just after the July 21 meeting. The clerk received the report and it will be posted to the website.

**Public Recognition on Agenda Items:** There is no legislation being presented to Council tonight.

**Public Recognition:** Ms. Beth Erdman and others from Davis Avenue were in attendance to bring Council's attention to some matters that are concerning the neighborhood, including loud music and unauthorized use of the park, people being in the park after dark, and fighting and other issues near the park. Ms. Erdman presented written documentation of some recent events. Also addressed were some homes that are clearly in violation of basic maintenance code. The overall feeling is that new rules are not required, but rather, the existing laws need to be enforced. The documentation was distributed to all council members in attendance, and to be delivered to administration.

Ms. Judy Konerman, also of Davis Avenue discussed an incident where a neighbor's tree at 3938 Delmar's tree had been damaged by a storm, and parts of the tree were lying in her yard and the yard of her neighbor, Kona Nagole. She was advised to contact SSD to have the property written up, and to send a certified letter to the property owner advising them of the dead tree so that if any further damage occurs, it will be on record that they were notified.

**Public Recognition (continued)**

Ms. Phyllis Clark and Ms. Molly Caldwell also discussed concerns of their own, mostly concerning older kids and teenagers on the Tot Lot, and that the police sit in the driveway but no not get out of their cars.

Councilmember Cunningham joined the meeting at 7:45PM.

**Mayor's Report:** Work continues on the Road Diet. Funding not granted yet for Harvest Home Park project. Rep Seitz said the project is still alive, but delayed due to Covid. Mr. Braun to have DORA wrapped up and ready to present to council in the next day or so.


**Safety Service Director:** St. Martins resurfacing project is almost done. Repaving Alma, Delmar, end of year or first of next year. Leadline assessments are nearly ready for ordinance. Community Development Block Grant three-year cycle is upcoming due in November. Looking for suggestions for this cycle.

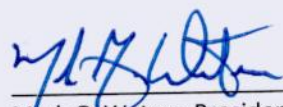
**Law Director:** Mrs. Rohr reports that mayors court has run smoothly using the fill-in magistrate. Mr. Laumann should be returning for the next court date.

**Other Business:**

- Three property maintenance orders were received
- Treasurer's Reports for February, March and April 2020 were received and filed with a motion from Mrs. Richter, second by Mr. Cunningham.
- Mr. Voss is working diligently on updating Open Checkbook
- Ms. Griffin states that the Local School Decision Making Committee is actively seeking additional community members.
- Mr. Cunningham was concerned about a drug overdose on his street and asked if any resources are available to help drug users and raise awareness. Mr. Waters explained that while we do not have our own resources available, most services can be at the county level. Mrs. Richter offered to help guide him through the information.
- Mr. Waters received notice from the Board of Elections stating that the language for the tax levies on the ballot in November has been finalized.
- Mrs. Zech's Laws, Rules & Ordinances committee will meet on Tuesday, August 25 at 7:30PM to discuss the DORA. That committee will also meet on Tuesday, September 1 at 6:45 to discuss the noise ordinance.

Seeing no further business before this Council, Mrs. Richter motioned for adjournment. Mrs. Hardig seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:22.

  
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Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of Council

  
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Mark G. Waters, President of Council