

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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March 16, 2004

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:30 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 4 th Ward	Debra A. Gooch
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker

The minutes of February 17, 2004 were approved. President Morganroth called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

No Public in attendance wished to speak.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal reported that we are spending much less than the \$15,000 which requires a bid for bituminous materials, therefore Mr. Neal has decided not to bid. Barrett Paving and Valley Asphalt were approached for their best price. Valley Asphalt agreed to hold the prices from last year. Mr. Neal also reported that yard waste pick-up will begin on April 1st and will be the day following the normal garbage pick-up day. Mr. Neal informed the Streets, Sidewalks, and Lights chairperson that the Cincinnati Water Works has decided to replace the water main on Carrie Avenue which is he recommends that the City repair Carrie Avenue with Gamble Avenue as the alternate instead of the original idea of doing Gamble with Carrie as the alternate. Finally Mr. Neal reported that the baseball fields at Harvest Home Park and at the Cheviot Memorial Fieldhouse are being prepared for the spring baseball season.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller reported that he and Mr. Neal along with Cross and Associates will be meeting with the 3 Unions from the Police, Maintenance, and Fire departments to discuss Insurance and some proposed changes which will benefit the City and could save each employee some money. Mayor Keller announced that he would inform Council of what occurred. Mr. Keller also informed the public that March 21-27 is Severe Weather Safety Awareness Week in Hamilton County. Mr. Keller received a notice from the Life Center Organ Donor Network which asked Council for a Resolution or for the Mayor to issue a proclamation which declared April as "Donate A Life Month". Mayor Keller announced that he would issue the proclamation. Mayor Keller asked for an Ordinance to establish the position of Clerk of Courts. Mayor Keller apologized to Mrs. Gooch for not helping much with the budget as he's been busy. Mr. Neal announced that the construction of Cheviot School would force the relocation of the Warning Siren. Mr. Neal suggested that he would have it relocated to the roof of Cheviot City Hall to better serve the residents of Cheviot as the City Hall building is more centrally located.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters informed Council that the Charles Donaldson Lawsuit was in the discovery phase and that it will take several months to progress. The trial date is expected to be in November, 2005. Mr. Waters gave a copy of the Court Order to dispose of abandoned items which was issued the previous Tuesday which will allow the Police Department to clean out the property room.

Committee Reports

- Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report. He reminded the public that C.A.P. along with the Cheviot Police and Cheviot Fire Associations were hosting the annual Easter egg hunt at Harvest Home Park on Sunday, April 4, 2004 at 1 P.M. He also mentioned that C.A.P. will once again host the movies in the park on select Fridays this summer.
- Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report. He did issue thanks to Ryan Zech and his crew for their help with the C.F.A. Cheviot Shoot Out Grade School Basketball Tournament. Mr. Morganroth agreed.
- Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus had no formal report. He wanted to remind the public that the tests for the Civil Service Commission were on March 20th and that the deadline for submitting the applications had passed. He wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.
- Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Approve The Agreement For The Local Government Section Of The State Auditor To Provide Certain Services To The City Of Cheviot; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Mestemaker made the second. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES04-03. Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Authorize The Adoption Of An Alternative Method Of Apportioning The Local Government Revenue Assistance Fund; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. The resolution was assigned as RES04-04. Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Authorize The Adoption Of An Alternative Method Of Apportioning The Local Government Fund; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Dinkelacker made the second. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned as RES04-05. Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Transfer Funds; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES04-06. Mrs. Gooch reported that the Finance Committee was still working on the City's Budget and that a meeting of the Finance Committee was scheduled for Monday, March 22 at Cheviot City Hall. Mrs. Gooch requested that a special meeting of Council on Tuesday, March 30 at 7:00 P.M.
- Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker had no formal report. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion *To Establish The Rate Of Compensation And Benefits For The Newly Hired Full-Time Clerk Of The Mayor's Court; To Establish The Rate Of Compensation Of The Temporary, Part-Time Clerk Of The Mayor's Court; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Murray made the second. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned as ORD04-10. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mrs. Gooch. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.
- Council at Large - Mrs. Zech presented Council with the first reading of the proposed Plants/Trees in the Right of Way Ordinance. Mrs. Zech made a motion to introduce with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD04-11 (Due to an error made by the Clerk of Council at the Special Meeting March 30, 2004, this Ordinance will be reassigned as ORD04-13). Mrs. Zech informed Council that her 7th Grandchild, Jack Joseph Kennedy was born on March 12. Mrs. Zech wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and let everyone know that St. Patrick's Day is also her anniversary. She has been married to Charles for 42 years. Mr. Morganroth congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Zech for their long marriage.
- Council at Large - Mr. Norman read a report of the Building and Annexation Committee into the record. Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Steve Neal complained about a comment in the report pertaining to engineer reports bypassing the building department. Council clarified that the comment is in the Ordinance and the report was to close that this does not happen and that it is not an attempt to accuse anyone of letting this happen. Mr. Norman made a motion *To Change The Way That The City Of Cheviot Charges For Engineering Fees; And To Declare An Emergency*, for the first reading. Mr. Mestemaker made the second. The motion passed 7-0 and was assigned as ORD04-12.

Further Business

Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the February 2004 Mayors Court Receipts with a second from Mrs. Gooch. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to receive and file the February Treasurer's Report with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence

Two Ohio Municipal League reports were left in the Council member's mailboxes. A building department report was also placed in everyone's box.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

James E. Morganroth
President of Council