

# **MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO**

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March 18, 2003

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:37 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Mr. Keller reminded Council and those in attendance to remember our troops in Iraq and to pray for a short conflict. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

Mayor	J. Michael Laumann
President of Council	Samuel D. Keller
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Council 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Michael J. Murray
Council 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	James E. Morganroth
Council 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 March 04, 2002 were approved. President Keller called for the reports that would be presented.

## **Recognition of the Public**

No one in attendance wished to speak. Mr. Keller recognized Mr. Kurt Backscheider, the new reporter for the *Western Hills Press*.

## **Safety Service Director's Report**

Mr. Neal did not forward a report to Council.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Laumann appreciated Mr. Keller's comments about supporting our troops. He also mentioned that the Safety Service Director said that if there is a war, American flags will be placed along Harrison Avenue. The mayor also called for an executive session of Council to be held at the end of the meeting. The motion was approved 7-0 by voice vote.

## **Law Director's Report**

Mr. Waters reported that the brief for the appeals case has been filed and that the deadline for the opponents brief is April 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Waters expects a decision in 3 to 4 months. The Cheviot Police Department gave Mr. Waters a list of abandoned property which needs to be disposed. Mr. Waters will petition the Court to allow for the property to be sold or disposed of.

Mr. Keller announced that the Stormy's Bar had been torn down and that he meant to mention it at the opening prayer since a beloved Cheviot building was gone. Mr. Mestemaker mentioned that he heard a story that a biker that drove up and park in front of the location where the bar used to stand and that the biker had a very confused look on his face.

## **Committee Reports**

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report. He did mention that the Cheviot Arbor Day Celebration would be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 A.M. in the shelters of Harvest Home Park. Mr. Murray will invite the children of Cheviot Elementary and St. Martin's schools to attend. He said there would be 3 types of Oak trees distributed, and there should be at least 500 trees to give out this year. Mike Hackman, the Hamilton County Parks, Joe Boggs and Steve Driehaus will all be in attendance. Mr. Keller asked when the new CWBA banners would arrive. Mayor Laumann mentioned that the CWBA stated that they were supposed to receive the new banners for the telephone poles by the past weekend, but that they had not been received yet. He mentioned that Time Warner Cable did agree to put the banners up when they arrive. Mr. Murray announced that the Ducks and Geese have returned to the Cheviot Municipal Pool.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker announced that he had received some information from Mr. Neal pertaining to the Phase II storm water rules. He said that he needs to look those rules over and will get back to Council at the next Council meeting.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth had no formal report.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch presented the Annual Appropriation Ordinance to Council. She mentioned that the Council copies had notes on the sidelines including the Auditors Estimated Resources and that these notes were not on the originals. Mrs. Gooch thanked Mayor Laumann for asking the departments heads to cut their budgets. She mentioned that this appropriation only left \$147,000 extra in the budget which is not a lot. She also mentioned that the committee is already anticipating 3 amendments to the appropriations in the future. Mrs. Gooch made a motion to introduce *An Ordinance To Make Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures For The City Of Cheviot, State Of Ohio, During The 2003 Year Ending 12-31-2003 And Declaring An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned as ORD03-05. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to Adopt with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Transfer Funds; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES03-05. Mr. Keller mentioned that Mrs. Gooch's daughter, Emily sold over 800 boxes of Girl Scout cookies.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker made a motion *To Accept The Bid Of Valley Asphalt Corporation For The Provision Of Bituminous Materials; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mrs. Zech made the second and the motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned as ORD03-06. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to adopt with a second from Mrs. Gooch which passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Mestemaker called a meeting of the Streets, Sidewalks, and Lights Committee on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the upcoming Streets Projects. Mr. Mestemaker read a report of the Streets, Sidewalks and Lights committee into the record. Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the report. Mr. Dinkelacker made the second. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Mestemaker mentioned that a resolution pertaining to the Bruestle Avenue right-of-way will be forthcoming. He thanked the Cheviot Police for placing the radar speed limit sign on the section of Washington Avenue that he lives on. Mr. Keller echoed Mr. Mestemaker's comments.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no formal report. She commented that she had seen a lot of flags out and that she suggests that more citizens fly their flags to show support for our troops.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report.

### **Further Business**

Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the February 2003 Treasurer's Report. Mr. Mestemaker made the second and the motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

### **Correspondence**

The Ohio Municipal League sent 2 bulletins which we placed in each Council members box, an invitation to attend the Mill Creek Watershed Council, and a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control were received. Council decided to follow the Police Chief's recommendation on the Liquor Control notice. The upcoming Mayor's Court dates were read to the public.

Council adjourned to an executive session at 7:45 P.M. Council re-adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Morganroth with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

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Ryan T. Zech  
Clerk of Council

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Samuel D. Keller  
President of Council