

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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April 5, 2005

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:32 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
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

Mr. Mestemaker was not in attendance. Mr. Norman made a motion to excuse Mr. Mestemaker. Mr. Dinkelacker made the second. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The minutes of March 15, 2005 were approved.

Recognition of the Public

Members of the Cheviot Eagles attended to present the City of Cheviot with a check for \$2,000 to be used for the siren that was placed atop of Cheviot City Hall.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal took a moment to thank the Cheviot Eagles for hosting the information session in which they invited numerous local groups to attend. There were many donations which came out of that information session. Mr. Neal said that he was touched and was grateful for the generosity of the local businesses, organizations, and clubs, as well as residents. Mr. Neal pointed out Gene Carlag and Penny Singleton for their donations. He reported that there has been \$6,522 donated to the City for the siren. Mr. Neal reported that last week, he and Tom Braun, the City's Maintenance Foreman, met with Hamilton County and discussed creating an economic re-investment area. He suggested that this include the entire business district which follows Harrison Avenue, Northbend Road, and Glenmore Avenue. He asked that this issue be placed in committee. Mr. Morganroth forwarded it to Building and Annexation. Mr. Neal then reported that the road construction on Carrie Avenue should be completed soon. The water mains, and gas mains have been replaced and work on the curbs is almost complete. Mr. Neal then explained that the garbage collection bills were sent out on Saturday and Monday and that almost 300 property owners have already paid their bills. The payments are due by April 30. He thanked those residents that have already paid their bills.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller took a moment to thank the Cheviot Eagles for organizing the siren information campaign.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters reported that the Ordinance which had been placed in front of Council was not needed and should be discarded. There was some discussion about an insurance legal matter between the Safety-Service Director and Mr. Waters.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray requested a meeting of the Parks Committee on Wednesday, April 14 at Harvest Home Park at 6:30 P.M. to meet with the Police Chief and to discuss reported problems at Harvest Home Park. Mr. Murray presented ORD05-10, *To Set Compensation Rate For Personnel Working At The Cheviot Swimming Pool For The 2005 Season*, for its second reading.

Mrs. Zech made the second. Mr. Neal then interrupted to explain that there have been no "official" crossing guards at Cheviot School because Cincinnati Public Schools will not cover their employees for liability if they were to get injured. He reported that the City has hired a part-time crossing guard under the part-time Police line, and that this individual will begin shortly.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus had no formal report. He requested a meeting of the Police and Fire Committee on Monday, April 11 at Cheviot City Hall at 7:00 P.M. to discuss an update that is needed for the Cheviot Code of Ordinances section 151.32

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch had no formal report. She did thank all the property owners who made their payments and also thanked those who donated money and/or time to the City.

Council at Large – Mr. Mestemaker did not forward a report.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no formal report. She called a meeting of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee on Monday, April 11 at Cheviot City Hall at 7:30 P.M.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. He called a meeting of the Building and Annexation Committee for Monday, April 11 at Cheviot City Hall at 8:00 P.M.

Further Business

Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the March 2005 Mayor's Court Receipts with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

Mayor Keller took a moment to explain that Cheviot used the Hamilton County Auditor's designation as the basis for the billing for the garbage fee. He explained that if the Auditor believes the property to be a 2 family, then the City of Cheviot will bill accordingly. Mayor Keller explained that if a resident doesn't agree with the County Auditor's designation that the resident should contact the County Auditor's Office.

Correspondence

The Clerk of Council reminded residents that Cheviot Taxes are now due on April 15, not April 30 like they used to be. He also reminded Council that their Ohio Ethics Forms are due on April 15, 2005. A letter from Public Service Recognition Cincinnati was received. A newsletter from the Ohio Public Entity Consortium and a newsletter from the Mill Creek Watershed Council were received. One Ohio Municipal League Bulletin was received. There were 8 building department reports. Police Chief Voss sent notice that he does not object to the renewal of any of the existing liquor licenses with-in Cheviot. He did state that he is still waiting to hear the finding of the City's objection to the renewal of the 2004 license for Stewart's Irish Pub. A letter from Daniel and Judith Walsh of 3646 Woodbine Avenue, was received asking the City try to do something to make the stop at the intersection of Woodbine and Glenmore Avenues more noticeable. They stated that there have been several bad accidents at that intersection. Mr. Neal stated that new reflective strips have been added to the poles.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

James E. Morganroth
President of Council