

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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April 6, 2004

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:31 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
Council 1 st Ward	Michael J. Murray
Council 2 nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3 rd Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker

Mrs. Zech made a motion to excuse Mrs. Gooch. Mr. Mestemaker made the second. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The minutes of March 16, 2004 were approved after Clerk Ryan Zech pointed out an error which would be corrected. The minutes of March 30, 2004 were approved. President Morganroth called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

A representative from the Cheviot Patriots asked to speak to Council but was running late. Council decided to open the floor to him at a later point in the meeting.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal did not leave a report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller reported that the Kiwanis made a donation of \$800 to the Cheviot Fire Department for them to purchase bicycle helmets which can be sold to youth. Mayor Keller also updated Council on Cheviot School. Over the summer, Cheviot Elementary will be closed with the office staff re-located temporarily to another location in Cheviot. Cheviot School may also use the Cheviot Memorial Fieldhouse as its gymnasium while the renovation / addition are underway. Mayor Keller reported that the City of Cheviot Leadership Committee (CCLT) has created a few committees to look into the tax office, mandatory filing and other revenue sources. The committee is also working on a standardized harassment and substance abuse policies, currently each department has a different version depending on the department. The CCLT has published a list of all Boards and Commissions and the people who serve on them. Mr. Keller announced that he would not be in attendance at the next Council meeting. Mrs. Zech asked how long the work at Cheviot School was expected to take. Mayor Keller said that he believes that it will be most of the 2004-05 school year.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters reminded Council that the Ohio Ethics Commission Reports are due on April 15, 2004.

Recognition of the Public

The President of the Cheviot Patriots, a semi-pro baseball team who plays its home games in Cheviot approached Council. Tim Oaks of 5431 Cindy Lane in Cincinnati, along with team historian Vern Hettesheimer and team member Roger Rose made a proposal to upgrade the Cheviot Memorial Baseball Field. The upgrade ideas include many things, but most notable are a grass infield, better drainage, additional seating, and general repair of the existing grandstands. Mr. Oaks was looking for support from the City and some assistance with general labor. A plan was presented to Council. There was much discussion over the proposal. Council adjourned for a break at 8:36 P.M. Council re-adjourned the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray read a report of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee into record. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Mr. Murray reported on the proposed upgrades to the Cheviot Baseball field. He reported that the decision is up to Mr. Neal as he decides how the City funds the parks, etc. Mr. Neal will be accepting a \$500 donation for the City Parks from Mr. Noah Mathias, president of the Cheviot Civic Association. Mr. Neal will decide how that donation is spent. Mr. Murray said that it looks like there will be no Arbor Day celebration as there have been no trees donated to the City.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus had no formal report. He wanted to wish all Jewish residents a Happy Passover and Christian residents a Happy Easter.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch had no formal report.

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

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech presented Council with the second reading of ORD04-13, the Plants/Trees in the Right of Way Ordinance. She also reported that American Legal Publishing acknowledged an error that was made in the codified Ordinances and they have agreed to correct it and reprint it at no charge.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman presented Council with the second reading of ORD04-12.

Further Business

Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the March 2004 Mayors Court Receipts with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence

A reminder was sent by the Ohio Ethics Commission for Council to submit the report by April 15, 2004. Court Dates for Cheviot Mayor's Court were announced. A total of 11 Building Department reports were placed in everyone's boxes. A newsletter was sent by the Hamilton County Solid Waste District. Mr. Zech reported that a copy of the CCLT minutes should have been placed in everyone's boxes. The Ohio EPA sent notice that a proposal to construct a boat dock with parking lot on the Ohio River in North Bend, Ohio has been presented and that there will be a hearing on this matter.

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 8:50 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

James E. Morganroth
President of Council