

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

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May 20, 2003

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	J. Michael Laumann
President of Council	Samuel D. Keller
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Safety Service Director	Steven O. Neal
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 April 15, 2002 were approved. President Keller called for the reports that would be presented.

### **Recognition of the Public**

Boy Scouts from Troop 601 were in attendance to work on their Citizenship Merit Badge. Ken Paff of 3464 Robb Avenue requested that the City of Cheviot do more to slow the speeding cars on Robb Avenue. The Mayor and Safety Service Director Steve Neal acknowledged that they are aware of the problems and that the speed sign which alerts drivers of their speed has been placed on Robb for a few days. Mr. Neal said that he would talk to the Police about enforcing it better. Mr. Paff then requested that the Police start enforcing all laws at all times, as he was not pleased with the policy of having to call to complain about minor infringements. He suggested that the police do more to enforce parking violations, etc. There was much discussion. Council reminded Mr. Paff that the police often are too busy to look for minor violations and that they are glad to receive calls.

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

Mr. Neal reported that the water main replacement work on Robb Avenue is now complete. Mr. Neal reported that there are no scheduled water main replacements for the 2003-2004 season. The water main work on Meyerfeld and Taft are still on going. West St. Martins and Smith road should be finished within a week. For the 2003 projects, Glenmore Avenue and End of Meyerfeld, bids open on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 A.M. Mr. Neal wanted to remind the public that pool passes are on sale and that the pool will open on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The pool will be open Monday through Sunday from 12 P.M. to 8 P.M. Mr. Neal wanted to pass on his condolences to the Goddard family. Jackie Goddard helped manage the pool for a few seasons. Mr. Neal also reported that Police Officer Jeff Patton was honored by the American Legion post 425 for his actions in apprehending a suspect that was particularly dangerous. Mr. Neal will be attending the Cheviot Westwood Business Association Young Citizen's Awards Banquet on April 16. Mr. Neal reported that he is aware of the half a dozen or so properties that are currently vacant. The City is working to get these properties cleaned up. The City of Cheviot will once again host the Memorial Day Parade on Harrison Avenue at 11 A.M. Mr. Norman asked if the radar speed sign could be placed on Robb Avenue. Mr. Mestemaker asked Mr. Neal to contact SORTA about the speeding buses on Robb Avenue. Mrs. Zech inquired about the crafts in the park. Mr. Neal reported that the program will start June 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Laumann reported that the last of the bargaining contracts with the Firefighters has been accepted. The City will be accepting a new insurance option from United Health Care where the subscribers can choose between to plan options which have different co-pay amounts and slightly different coverage options. Both plans will help the City save money. The Firefighters contract will need to be adopted and then the other two contracts will need to be amended to offer this insurance option.

### **Law Director's Report**

Mr. Waters received a request from the Tax Commissioner to attempt to collect from 5 delinquent tax accounts. Mr. Waters will need a resolution to go after them. Mr. Morganroth made a motion *To Authorize And Direct The Law Director To Take The Legal Action Necessary To Collect Delinquent Tax Accounts; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES03-08.

### **Committee Reports**

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray reminded the public that there are discounts for residents on pool passes if they are purchased before May 23<sup>rd</sup>. He also wanted to remind the public that there is a block watch meeting on Thursday, June 5th at 6:30 P.M. in the Cheviot Police Department. Cheviot Action Partnership will sponsor a free movie in the park Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> will be shown in the barn at Harvest Home Park. The Westside Street Festival will be held in downtown Cheviot on June 28 and 29. Mr. Murray requested a meeting of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee on Tuesday March 27 at 6:30 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall to discuss pool employee pay rates and rental rates for the City's park facilities.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth had no formal report.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch had no formal report.

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

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no formal report. Mrs. Zech made a motion *To Approve A Collective Bargaining Labor Contract With The Cheviot Professional Firefighters Union For The Years 2003 - 2006; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 7-0. The Ordinance was assigned as ORD03-12. 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. Mestemaker. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Zech congratulated Mr. Neal, Mayor Laumann, Mr. Waters and the bargaining units for the great job that they did on wage negotiations. Mrs. Zech also thanked Cheviot School for attending the Arbor Day celebration. The celebration was quite a success. Mr. Murray thanked Council Clerk Ryan Zech for filming the Arbor Day Celebration.

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

### **Further Business**

Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the Mayor's Court Receipts for April, 2003. Mrs. Zech made the second. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to receive and file the Treasurer's Reports for March and April, 2003. Mr. Dinkelacker made the second. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Mr. Murray notified Council that he placed a revised copy of ORD03-09 in everyone's mailbox.

Mr. Neal announced that the caretakers, Patty and J.R., are leaving Harvest Home Park at the end of the month. The City is beginning the process of replacing them.

**Correspondence**

The Ohio Division of Liquor Control sent notice of a Liquor License transfer from Patty's Place Inc. to Roswell's Enterprises DBA as Roswell's Bar. The Police Chief had no objections. Council had no objections. Another notice was received for a liquor license transfer from Richard C. Zimmerman DBA as Zimmerman's Pony Keg Delicatessen to Darlene Puck DBA Wendell's Carryout. The police chief had no objections. Council had no objections. The city received several newsletters.

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 8:08 P.M.

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Ryan T. Zech  
Clerk of Council

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Samuel D. Keller  
President of Council