

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

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June 17, 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:

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 at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker

Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to excuse Mrs. Gooch with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The Clerk of Council noted that he discovered mistakes in the May 20, 2003 minutes. He submitted a new set of minutes for Council to approve. The revised minutes of May 20, 2003 and the minutes from June 3, 2003 and June 10, 2003 were all approved. President Keller called for the reports that would be presented.

### **Recognition of the Public**

There was no public in attendance.

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

Mr. Neal reported that West St. Martins street repair was complete with the exception of a few punch list items. The construction on Smith road is also complete and 80% of the yard repairs were complete. Mr. Neal reported that on Meyerfeld the Cincinnati Water Works will replace 10 foot of the road width replaced instead of just the trench for the water main. On Taft they were planning to only resurface the trench for the water main because of the age of the street, but Mr. Neal convinced them to do the 10 foot width and he has committed City money to resurfacing the remaining 10 foot width on Taft as well. The resurfacing should cost around \$5500. Glenmore and Meyerfeld Roads pre-construction meeting is July 26<sup>th</sup>, and progress should be noticed in August. Mr. Neal reminded the public that the swimming pool is open and that the rain and cool weather have caused numbers to be down. There are still memberships available and that lessons will be available as well. The Westside Street Fest will be held in Cheviot on June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, with some roads, including Harrison Avenue, on Friday and reopening on Monday at 6 A.M. Maintenance will be cleaning at 4 A.M. on Sunday and Monday during the festival. Mr. Neal thanked Mrs. Laumann for planting the flowers at City Hall. Mr. Keller and Mr. Neal commented that they have received lots of complements for how City Hall looks. Mr. Morganroth had a concern on how the Fire Dept. would operate since Harrison Avenue and the fire station will be blocked. Mr. Neal said that Chief Clark had requested that Trevor would have no parking on one side so that the fire trucks could easily pass. In addition Mr. Neal said that Chief Clark had looked over the traffic map and said that the Fire Dept. should have no problems. Mr. Neal was excused early to handle other City matters.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Laumann was not in attendance as he was celebrating his daughter Courtney's birthday. Council wished Courtney a Happy Birthday.

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

Mr. Waters reported that the case involving Mr. Schulte, in which he could not serve as the City's council, was argued by Bob Meckleborg on behalf of the City. The decision of the appeal should be available in 3 to 6 months. Mr. Waters also filed the 5 delinquent tax complaints. He stated that he will inform Council when he hears something.

### **Committee Reports**

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray reported that the second and third readings of ORD03-15, *To Change The Rates For Rental And Usage Of The Cheviot Fieldhouse And Harvest Home Park Facilities; And To Declare An Emergency*, would be handled tonight so that the Ordinance would take effect by the end of July as planned. This was necessary since it was decided that there would be no meeting the first week of July. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules on ORD03-15 with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to adopt. Mr. Dinkelacker made the second. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Murray reported that there would be a Cheviot Action Partnership Movie in the Park on June 20<sup>th</sup> around 8:30 P.M. in the Barn at Harvest Home Park. Finally Mr. Murray mentioned that there is still room for organizations that want to participate in the Westside Street Fest, they can call 389-West if they want to be involved. He also mentioned that there is a website for the Westside Street Fest which is at [www.westsidestreetfest.com](http://www.westsidestreetfest.com).

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth had no formal report.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch left no formal report.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker had no formal report, but he wanted to comment that he was happy with how well Smith Road turned out.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech read a report of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee into the official record. Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Mrs. Zech made a motion *To Amend Section 73.01(A) Through 73.01(D) Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances, And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Dinkelacker made the second. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD03-17. Mr. Murray made the motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to adopt. Mr. Dinkelacker made the second. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Zech also wanted to tell the committee members that she has received the requested information pertaining to tall weeds from the Ohio Municipal League. She called a meeting of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee for Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall to discuss tall grass and the number of animals allowed per household.

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

### **Further Business**

Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to receive and file the May 2003 Treasurer's Report with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

Mr. Murray forgot to mention that the Cheviot Block Watch Program has a website which is available from the Police section of the [www.cheviot.org](http://www.cheviot.org) website. As part of the block watch program, there will be a Clean Up Cheviot Day on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Murray thanked Sergeant Mark Denny for all his work with the block watch program.

Mr. Keller reminded Council and informed the public that there would be no meeting on July 1, 2003. This is so that Council may spend sometime with their families. The next scheduled meeting is on July 15, 2003. At 7:15 P.M on July 15, 2003 there will be Public Hearing on the 2003 Cheviot Annual Budget.

**Correspondence**

There was one Ohio Municipal League bulletin received.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Morganroth with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

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Ryan T. Zech  
Clerk of Council

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Samuel D. Keller  
President of Council