

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

Page 1 of 3

October 1, 2002

Mr. Keller called to order a public hearing pertaining to the use of proposed Community Development Funds at 7:35 p.m. and opened up the floor for discussion. There was no discussion. The public hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m.

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:37 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 st Ward	Michael J. Murray
Council 2 nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3 rd Ward	James E. Morganroth
Council 4 th Ward	Debra A. Gooch
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker

Mr. Mestemaker found an error in the September 17, 2002 minutes. President Keller called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

Mr. Don Herzog of 3508 Bruestle Avenue addressed Council about his concerns with the property at the end of Bruestle Avenue. He is worried that the City and the Metropolitan Sewer District will allow Mr. Rack to remove the existing sewer system and allow him to connect Bruestle Avenue to another at the expense of those that already live on the street. He also expressed that he was displeased with the condition of the property and what has been done to it. Mr. Keller suggested that Mr. Herzog pass on his concerns to MSD so that they are aware of them. The Mayor suggested that the Clerk of Council pass on Mr. Herzog's concerns to the Building Commissioner. Mr. Herzog's son, Jason was also in attendance to work on his Life Badge. Jason only has to complete two more badges to earn his Eagle Scout ranking.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal reported that on October 1st he opened the bids for Ice Control Salt. Mr. Neal commented that there were more bids received this year than any year prior. He read the bids into the record. The bid from Morton Salt was accepted at \$31.64 per ton dumped and \$33.14 per ton piled. Mr. Murray made a motion *To Accept The Bid Of Morton Salt Company For The Provision Of Ice Control Salt For The 2002-2003 Winter Season; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Mestemaker made a second to the motion. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD02-30. 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. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Neal went on to report that the 12th volume of the City newsletter would be distributed on October 12. He announced that this was the 6th year that the newsletter had been in publication. October 21 is the first day that the City will officially begin to pick up leaves. Mr. Neal and Mr. Morganroth reminded the citizens to rake the leaves to the curb and to avoid piling the leaves around drains, poles, and signs.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Laumann reported that he recently swore in a new full time Police Officer. Officer Chris DeZarne began as a part time Cheviot Maintenance employee in 1989. Officer DeZarne entered the Police Academy with the Mayor's blessing and eventually became a part-time officer with the Cheviot Police Department.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters reported that his request to be removed from the case involving Cheviot refunding the cost of impounding of a DUI driver's car was denied. Mr. Waters said that he would appeal. Mr. Keller supported the decision of Mr. Waters.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report. He wanted to remind the public that CAP will host a haunted stroll through Harvest Home Park on from 7:30 P.M. until 10:30 P.M. October 18th and 19th.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth had no formal report. Mr. Morganroth asked Council to review the letter from the Fire Chief. Mr. Morganroth called for a meeting of the Police and Fire Committee on Monday, October 21 immediately following Mayor's Court at Cheviot City Hall.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch made a motion to accept *An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance Of \$86,853 Equipment Acquisition Notes By The City Of Cheviot, Ohio And Declaring An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Morganroth. The motion passed 6-0-1 by voice vote with Mr. Mestemaker abstaining. The Ordinance was assigned as ORD02-31. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 6-0-1 by roll call vote with Mr. Mestemaker abstaining. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 6-0-1 by roll call vote with Mr. Mestemaker abstaining. Mrs. Gooch asked for a Finance Committee meeting to be held on October 9, 2002 at 6 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall to discuss Employee Salaries and other topics. She asked the Mayor and Safety Service Director to attend. Mrs. Gooch wished her husband Mark a happy birthday. Mr. Neal reported that the truck that was purchased with the bond money should arrive with in a week. He also said that he had received a copy of a bill for the truck the City purchased showing the normal price of \$131,000. Mr., Neal was happy to report that we purchased it for \$60,000 because of a trade-in allowance and state discounts on equipment.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker read a report of the Public Utilities and Works Committee into the record. He then read a report of the Streets, Sidewalks, and Lights Committee into the record. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to receive and file his Public Utilities and Works report with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the Streets, Sidewalks, and Lights Committee report with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Neal informed Mr. Mestemaker that CDS had faxed over an estimate for the engineering of Glenmore Avenue. The figure was \$248,904, including 10% built in for contingency.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no formal report. She presented ORD02-28, the Cell Tower Ordinance, for its second reading. She then presented ORD02-29, the Court Cost Amendments, for its second reading. Mrs. Zech requested a meeting of the Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee at City Hall on Wednesday, October 9, at 8 P.M. to discuss several changes in the Zoning Code.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. Mr. Norman requested a meeting of the Building and Annexation Committee on Wednesday, October 9, at 7 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall.

Further Business

Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the September, 2002 Mayor's Court Receipts. Mr. Mestemaker made the second. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence

Council received several invitations to various environmental dinners. A letter from Sterling Truck Company was sent to Council to show the various product lines that they had. Cheviot Fire Chief Clark forwarded a letter from the Hamilton County Commissioners Office pertaining to Homeland Security and Domestic Preparedness. A copy was placed in all Council members mailboxes. An Ohio Municipal League Bulletin arrived; a copy was placed in each member of Council's mailbox.

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 8:15 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council