

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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October 21, 2003

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:34 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	Samuel D. Keller
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Council 1 st Ward	Michael J. Murray
Council 2 nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3 rd Ward	James E. Morganroth
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker

Mrs. Gooch was attending to a sick child and could not attend Council. Mrs. Zech made a motion to excuse Mrs. Gooch. Mr. Mestemaker made the second, and the motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The minutes of October 7, 2003 were approved. President Keller called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

No one in attendance wished to address Council.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal was not in attendance, but he forwarded a written report, which was read by Mr. Keller. The report is on file.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Laumann had no formal report. Mayor Laumann discussed the Public Hearing that was held pertaining to the renovations to Cheviot Public School. The major concern from the residents was the cul-de-sac proposal on Roswell Avenue. Mayor Laumann said that this suggestion was still a work in progress. He reported that the Safety-Service Director will be meeting with the City's Engineer and representatives from Cincinnati Public Schools about this issue on Thursday, October 23rd.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters reported that 5 members of City of Cheviot Police Department were being sued in Federal Court over a confusion issue with a search warrant. The City's Insurance Company informed Mr. Waters that legal council is covered by the policy and they have contracted a law firm in Dayton, Ohio to handle this matter.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report. He mentioned that the Cheviot-Westwood Business Association will be changing its name to the Cheviot-Westwood Community Association. The change will allow anyone join, not just business owners. The membership will still be \$40 for a business, but the new community membership is only \$15. An application for membership will be posted on the Westside Street Fest website shortly. There will also be another Clean-Up Cheviot Day on October 25th. Those that want to help can meet at Harvest Home Park at 10 A.M. Additional information can be found on a link from www.cheviot.org.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth had no formal report. He reported that there would be a C.A.P. Halloween Dance at the Cheviot Fieldhouse on Saturday, October 25th from 9 P.M. until 1 A.M. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$13 at the door. He also reported that the Cheviot Eagles Airy 2197 will host a dinner to honor Mayor Laumann on Monday, October 27th at 6 P.M.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch was not in attendance. Mrs. Gooch gave Mr. Norman an ordinance that needed to be passed. There was some confusion about an increase to the Council Clerk's salary line item. The references to this item were removed from the official copy, and all figures were adjusted before the Ordinance was introduced. Mrs. Zech made a motion *To Amend The 2003 Annual Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The ordinance was assigned as ORD03-30. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker read a Streets, Sidewalks, and Lights Committee Report into the record. Mayor Laumann objected with the wording of Mr. Mestemaker's Report. Mr. Mestemaker agreed to reword one sentence. Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion *To Stay Enforcement Of Metered Parking In The City Of Cheviot Business District From December 1, 2003, Through December 31, 2003; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Murray made the second and the motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The ordinance was assigned as ORD03-31. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Dinkelacker. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Murray asked if Mr. Mestemaker was planning any further meetings of the Streets Committee pertaining to Roswell. Mr. Mestemaker responded that there may be another meeting called after the Thursday meeting of Steve Neal, the City Engineer and CPS.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech announced that she gave the proposed dog ordinance to the Law Director to look over. She said that there would be a public hearing once he was done looking at the proposed Ordinance. Mrs. Zech said that the Laws, Rules and Ordinances committee was working on the mandated updates to the traffic codes and to save time they may have American Legal Publishing take care of the revisions for the City. Mrs. Zech stated that the committee is attempting to save the City some money by working out a deal with American Legal Publishing for the codifying of the Ordinance Books in addition to the traffic code updates. Mrs. Zech made a motion *To Correct A Typographical Error In Ordinance 03-29; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The Ordinance was assigned as ORD03-32. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

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

Further Business

Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to receive and file the Treasurer's Report for September, 2003. Mr. Dinkelacker made the second. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence

There was a news letter from the Hamilton County Environmental Services. The Clerk of Council also gave all members of Council a copy of an updated voter precinct map that he created.

Mr. Keller reminded Council that there would be no meeting on November 4th due to the Council Chambers being used as a polling place on Election Day. The next meeting of Cheviot Council will be November 18, 2003.

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 8:09 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council