

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

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November 18, 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 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 October 21, 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. Nate Black, a former Cheviot resident of Troop 201 was in attendance working on his Eagle Scout requirements. Mr. Keller wished Councilmember Michael Mestemaker, Council Clerk Ryan Zech, and Mark Waters Jr., son of the Law Director Mark Waters a Happy Birthday. All three share November 18<sup>th</sup> as their birthdays.

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

Mr. Neal thanked everyone that attended the Veterans Day Parade which was held in Cheviot this year. He announced that the Nativity Scene Dedication would be Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. He mentioned that leaf pick-up was still on going and that while there is no set schedule of when and where the crews will be that every street will get covered. Mr. Murray asked what the schedule for yard waste pick-up will be. Mr. Neal responded that it continues to be the day after the normal garbage pick-up day until December 1<sup>st</sup>, at which time it will be on Fridays only.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Laumann had no formal report.

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

Mr. Waters reported that the lawsuit against certain members of the Police Department is still on going. Sergeant Craig Holder has separate Council from the rest of the officers. Mr. Waters met with the insurance appointed law Council. He will keep Council apprised of any future developments. Mr. Keller took a moment to apologize to Mr. Murray for failing to mention the passing of Mr. Murray's father before the prayer.

### **Committee Reports**

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker informed Council that January 1, 2004 was the anticipated start date for the water in basement (sewer back-up) corrections according to the Metropolitan Sewer District. There is no set process for corrections and he figures that this will take a long time to complete. Mr. Neal explained that he forwarded a letter written to M.S.D. with approximately 40 addresses

with-in Cheviot that had complained of water in basements to Mr. Dinkelacker. Mr. Dinkelacker explained that there are 48 known problem properties in Cheviot.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth had no formal report. He reported that C.A.P. would sponsor the tie one on for a safe Christmas campaign. It's to remind people to be safe during the holidays. Cost is only \$1 for adults and \$.50 for children.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Amend The 2003 Annual Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned ORD03-33. 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. Mrs. Zech made the second and the motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Gooch then made another motion *To Amend The 2003 Annual Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD03-34. 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 Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Gooch then made a motion *To Accept The Amounts And Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission; To Authorize The Necessary Tax Levies; To Certify Them To The County Auditor; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote and was assigned as RES03-21.

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

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech explained that that American Legal Publishing has offered a discount of \$500 toward codification. They have also promised a price cap of \$6,500. The proposed changes to the state traffic code will cost at least \$5,000. Mrs. Zech announced that there will be a public hearing pertaining to the proposed dog ordinance on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall.

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 October, 2003. Mrs. Gooch made the second. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the Mayor's Court Receipts for October, 2003. Mrs. Zech made the second. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Keller wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. There was some discussion about the Community Compass program that was proposed by the Hamilton County Commissioners; no action was taken.

### **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence. Council Clerk Zech apologized for not replaying the last Council meeting, there was an error with the tape. He also mentioned that the Veterans Day Parade is currently being replayed.

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 7:57 P.M.

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Ryan T. Zech  
Clerk of Council

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Samuel D. Keller  
President of Council