

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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December 21, 2004

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:51 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

Mayor	Samuel D. Keller
President of Council	James E. Morganroth
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 F. Sunderhaus
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

The minutes of December 7, 2004 were approved. President Morganroth called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

No one wished to address Council.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal asked for two members from Council to sit on the Volunteer Firefighters Board. Mr. Norman and Mr. Sunderhaus agreed to participate. Mr. Neal reported that the emergency siren located at Cheviot Public School would be disconnected on January 7, 2005 in order to continue with the renovations. Mr. Neal is working with Hamilton County Commissioner Todd Portune to get County funding to relocate the siren to Cheviot City Hall. Mr. Neal reported that there is a predicted snow storm and for the next 24 to 36 hours that the Public Works Department will take compensatory time instead of overtime pay. Mr. Neal wanted to thank the Public Works Department for their understanding. Mr. Neal reported that over 300 letters had been sent out to residents to notify them that they will need to remove leaves from the street. He warned Council that some residents may need to be cited since they still haven't removed the piles of leaves. Mr. Neal wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller reported that there will be several public hearings in January to discuss the February 8th Tax Levy. Mayor Keller reported that Ryan Zech has formed a Political Action Committee. Mayor Keller thanked Clerk Ryan Zech and the Cheviot-Westwood Community Association for their assistance in promoting the tax levy. The P.A.C. is needed as the City is not permitted to spend any tax-payer money to promote the levy. Mayor Keller encouraged anyone that wanted to help to contact City Hall.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters reported that a meeting of the Ohio Liquor Control Board pertaining to Cheviot's objection of a license transfer will be held at Cincinnati City Hall on January 10 at 11 A.M. He also reported that the lawsuit filed in Federal Court against the Cheviot Police Department has been dismissed with 2 Cheviot officers still named.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report. He wished to thank the residents that attended the public forum before the Council meeting began for their thoughts and comments. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and a Merry Christmas.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus reported that the Fire Department will be ready for the new Paramedic service which will begin on January 1st. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, prosperous, healthful, and happy new year.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Amend The 2004 Annual Appropriations; To Transfer Funds; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD04-33. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Gooch made a motion to introduce *An Ordinance To Make Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures For The City Of Cheviot, State Of Ohio, For The 1ST Quarter of 2005, Beginning January 1 And Ending March 31, 2005, And Declaring An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD04-34. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Zech made a motion to adopt with a second from Mrs. Gooch. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Gooch thanked those that attended the public forum and wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Council at Large – Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to suspend the rules on ORD04-32, *To Approve A Rate Amendment To The City's Contract With Rumpke Sanitary Landfill, Inc.; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Sunderhaus made the second. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech made a motion *To Amend Sections 151.01 and 151.02 Of The Codified Ordinances Of Cheviot; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD04-35. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Zech wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. He wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. He asked for everyone to remember those serving in the Armed Forces.

Further Business

Mayor Keller took a moment to thank Auto Zone for allowing the City to set up the Nativity Scene. He also thanked the Cheviot-Westwood Community Association for funding the Nativity Scene. He wished everyone a very Happy Holiday season.

Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the November 2004 Treasurer's Report with a second from Mrs. Gooch. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Mr. Norman was designated to be the O.K.I. Representative for the 2005 year.

Correspondence

Council received one notice from the Building Department. The Ohio Municipal League sent a bulletin. The Ohio Division of Liquor Control sent notice that a hearing would be held at the Cincinnati City Hall on January 10, 2005 at 11 A.M. to hear Cheviot's appeal to the transfer of a liquor license. The Mayor's Court Dates for the first quarter of 2005 were received and filed. Clerk Ryan Zech wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Morganroth took a moment to thank his wife, Sue Morganroth for organizing the Tie-One-On Christmas Tree and raising over \$500 to be sent to the Matt Maupin Fund for United States Troops. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

James E. Morganroth
President of Council