

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Cheviot City Council Meetings

Welcome to the Cheviot City Council meeting. The Council meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The City Council is the legislative body of the city. It consists of 7 council members, a President of Council, and a Clerk of Council. The Council also invites other city officials to attend the meetings, such as the Mayor, the Safety-Service Director, and the Law Director. Occasionally other city officials are requested to attend the meetings to give reports. The City Council is subdivided into a number of legislative committees. The purpose of these committees is to do the tedious work of developing legislation regarding a specific topic and then to bring a recommended ordinance before the full council for a vote. Committees meet separately from the regular council meetings.

Ohio "Sunshine" Laws require that all official business of the city council (including committees) take place in meetings which are open to the public. The only exception to the open meeting rule is an "executive session." Executive sessions are portions of a council meeting which are closed to the public because the disclosure of the information discussed would be detrimental to the city and its taxpayers. Permissible reasons for an executive session are outlined in the Ohio Revised Code and must be strictly complied with.

The Sunshine Laws require that Council meetings be open to the public for attendance and viewing, but they do not require that members of the public be permitted to speak or participate in the meeting. Cheviot City Council has traditionally encouraged participation at its meeting and welcomes input from its citizens. There are two opportunities for citizens to address the Council at each meeting. First, before any ordinances or resolutions are voted upon, anyone may address the Council to express an opinion about a specific pending item of legislation. Second, later in the meeting, citizens may address the council on any topic which affects the business of the city. In order to keep the meetings on schedule, and in consideration of others, comments are limited to 5 minutes. If more time is required, or if the subject matter is complicated, a citizen may address Council by sending correspondence to the Clerk of Council. The Clerk's email address is posted at www.cheviot.org.

The Cheviot City Council consists of the following members :

Mark Waters	President of Council
Jenny Eilermann	Clerk of Council
David Voss	Ward 1 Councilman
Dennis Dinkelacker	Ward 2 Councilman
James Sunderhaus	Ward 3 Councilman
Alana Tucker	Ward 4 Councilwoman
Kathleen Zech	At Large Councilwoman
Patrick Tiettmeyer	At Large Councilman
Amy Richter	At Large Councilwoman

Thank you for attending our meeting.