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A meeting of Laws, Rules and Ordinance was held on Tues. May 9, 2017 in the Barn at Harvest Home Park at 7:30 PM immediately following the Municipal Properties Meeting.

In attendance:

Committee Members: Jim Sunderhaus, Dennis Dinkelacker, Patrick Tietmeyer and Kitty Zech, Chair.

Council Members: Amy Richter, Jim Martin, Alana Tucker and Pres of Council: Mark Waters.

Others: SSD, Tom Braun: Law Director, Debbie Slaughter: Harvest Home Caretaker, Tom Weber: Resident, Kim Rohr.

Topics under Discussion: Law Director's suggestion to consider Amendments to SIGN ORD. 155.00 and to CHRONIC NUISANCE ORD. 111.30.

SIGN ORD. 155.00 – Research into the lack of Definitions in Cheviot's SIGN ORD., revealed documents from 2006 verified it was the LRO Committee's intent to use Hamilton County Building Definitions in Cheviot's original Sign Ord., and since the Sign Ord. is contained in the LAND USAGE TITLE XV BUILDING AND ZONING CODES where it states in GENERAL PROVISIONS (Section 150.03 DEFINITIONS) of this Section of our Ord. Book, ("....Any words not herein defined shall be construed as defined in the (Hamilton County) Building code.". So, it appears definitions are in place.

However to avoid any confusion, this current LRO Committee recommends we amend Cheviot's Sign Ord and add something to the effect of "Definitions shall be construed as defined in the Hamilton County Building Code and in normal dictionary usage." We will move forward with this amendment if it is agreeable to the Building Dept. Sign Inspector, Larry Cole. The Chair will keep Council informed.

The Committee also recommends we amend Cheviot's Sign Ord. to include Mr. Cole's suggestion: "Signs shall be maintained free of dirt and other such debris. All lettering, illustrations and other such graphics contained on said signs shall be constructed and maintained in a workmanlike manner, free from fading and illegibility." This could be added in Section 155.10 BASIC SIGN STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS.

CHRONIC NUISANCE ORD. 111.30 –There was a concern if City Runs for Heroin Overdoses in which no charges are filed, count toward the number of Runs to qualify a property as a "Chronic Nuisance". Police Chief, Joe Lally advised that Section 111.30 DEFINITIONS (8) "Drug Sale or usage as defined in Chapter 138 of the Cheviot Code of Ordinances or R.C. 2925," gives us everything we need to enforce this Ord. and to qualify Overdoses, even without charges, as "Nuisance" runs.

It was the Committee's decision that no amendment to the Nuisance Ord is needed at this time.

The Law Director asked that the Committee look into amending the number of runs required to qualify any given address as a Chronic Nuisance as compared to other communities.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM

Respectfully submitted.
Kitty Zech (Chair)



Jim Sunderhaus

Dennis Dinkelacker

Patrick Tietmeyer