## Finance Committee Meeting re Ohio Checkbook.Com

A meeting of the Finance Committee re addressing the Ohio Checkbook.Com was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 in the Fire Department Training Room, Cheviot City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, 3814 Harrison Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 1905 hrs. (7:05 PM)

<u>In attendance:</u> Finance Committee members Alana Tucker, Jim Sunderhaus and Chairman David W. Voss. Dennis Dinkelacker was absent due to work obligations.

Council members Kathleen Zech, Amy Richter, Gail Grifffin and President of Council Mark Waters.

Mayor Sam Keller, Auditor Theresa Ciolino Klein, Treasurer Joseph Pahls, former President of Council and Law Director Deborah M. Slaughter and Auditor's Assistant Patty Henry.

Marcie Longenecker, Public Affairs Liaison from the Treasurer of Ohio's Office provided an indepth presentation of the program. She provided information on the programs cost to the City being free, the fact it only takes minutes to upload the City data, why Cheviot should post their checkbook online, other government entities that participate in the program, and information relative the City reviewing the information and approving it before it is published

Ohio Checkbook.Com is a transparency website launched by the Ohio Treasurer's Office. By displaying billions of dollars in state and local government checkbook-level spending, Ohio Checkbook.Com empowers citizens to see exactly how their tax money is being spent.

There was spirited discussion among the parties present about information that may require redaction, the actual time commitment needed to upload the data, how often to upload data (yearly or quarterly) and the need to keep data current if the program is to beneficial to the citizenry et cetera.

In principle, the finance committee members and other council members, the Mayor, Auditor and the Treasurer support an on-line presence of Cheviot's checkbook. The Mayor's main concern that if the program is implemented that information be kept current by uploading data on a quarterly basis.

The meeting concluded at 2035 hrs. (8:35 PM).

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