October 3, 2017 City Council, Cheviot, Ohio

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President Pro-Tem Kitty Zech called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer. The following were found to be in attendance:

Law Director
Safety Services Director
Council Ward 2
Council Ward 3
Council Ward 4
Council At Large
Council Coun

Mrs. Richter motioned to excuse Mr. Tiettmeyer. Second by Mrs. Tucker. Mrs. Tucker motioned to excuse Mr Waters, second by Mr. Dinkelacker.

Mr. Dinkelacker motioned to approve the minutes from the September 19 meeting. Mrs. Tucker seconded.

At this time, Mrs. Zech announced that we would dispensing with normal procedure in order to hear those in chambers who wished to address council.

Cheviot School Principal, Mrs. Tammy Solomon-Gray spoke to those in attendance about all the wonderful and positive things coming out of Cheviot School. All are invited to attend a showcase event later this month. She also asked for everyone's support on the upcoming levy renewal.

Others in Council chambers spoke on the subject of the prior weekend's inaugural Brews On The Block event. The first speaker was Rich Cappel, who discussed the economic impact of closing the streets near his business beginning on Friday. Mr. Cappel stated that businesses impacted by the street closures were not made aware of the closures until Friday. This is the season on which the Cappel's relies to end the fourth quarter in the black. Had he known well enough in advance of the street closures, he could have scheduled fewer workers and could have posted signs informing customers that the store was remaining open. According to Mr. Cappel, these sentiments were echoed by Mr. Chris Stone of Stone's Restaurant who reported that his sales were down by a large percentage due to street closures. Matt Woods, of Woods Hardware (formerly Small's) also stated that the street closures impacted their sales in an adverse way. While all three of these business owners are supportive of community activities, they all want to be given enough advance notice so that they can prepare for reduced weekend sales. Ray Kroner said that communication between the planning committees and local businesses will see much improvement for the next event. Kevin Leidecker, of NYPD Pizza said his business flourished during the street closures, and that he has always wanted a three-day festival. All those in attendance agreed that they could have adapted to the changes had they been made aware prior to the event.

The following legislation was presented:

Resolution 17-18 To Transfer Certain Funds (for sidewalks). Introduced by Mr. Dinkelacker, second by Mrs. Tucker. Adopted with a 5-0 voice vote.

Administrative Reports

Safety Services Director: The next Community Development Block Grant Public Hearings will be held on October 17 before the regular council meeting. Roswell, Ruth and Ruckle paving projects to begin soon. Results from our application for the Nature Works grant should be available later in October or in November. Pre-construction meeting for Westwood Northern Boulevard will be held on Thursday, 10/5. Mr. Braun asked that the Laws, Rules and Ordinances committee meet to discuss creating legislation that would give the Safety Services Director authority to pursue remediation of derelict properties by demolition.

Law Director: The workers comp pretrial hearing was appealed and will be heard in November. Mrs. Slaughter mentioned that it would be useful for the citizenry to be able to access a FAQ section on the City's website to find out who to contact for particular inquiries.

Other business: Scottish Festival will be held October 14 and 15. There were two property maintenance violation letters sent. Mike Murray reported that there will be a Civil Service Exam given for potential Police Officers at 9am on October 14.

Mayor's Court Receipts for September 2017 were received and filed with a motion by Mr Dinkelacker, a second by Mrs. Richter and a 5-0 voice vote.

Seeing no other business before this council, Mr. Sunderhaus motioned for adjournment. The motion received a second from Mrs. Tucker and a 5-0 voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.

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Mark G. Waters, President of Council