

May 1, 2018
City Council, Cheviot, Ohio

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President Waters called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer. Roll was then called, and the following were found to be in attendance

Mayor	Sam Keller
President of Council	Mark Waters
Law Director	Kimberlee Rohr
Safety Service Director	Tom Braun
Council Ward 1	David Voss
Council Ward 2	Dennis Dinkelacker
Council Ward 3	Jim Sunderhaus
Council Ward 4	Alana Tucker
Council At Large	Kathleen Zech
Council At Large	Amy Richter
Council At Large	Gail Griffin

Mrs. Richter motioned to approve the minutes from the April 17 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tucker, and carried with 7-0 voice vote.

Ms. Griffin read into record her report from the April 24 meeting of the Internal & External Affairs committee, where discussion was about a Public Information Officer. Mrs. Zech motioned to receive and file the report, second was by Mrs. Tucker.

Mr. Voss read into record his reports from meetings of the Finance Committee held on April 24, and just before this evening's council meeting. Motion to receive and file the 4/24 report was made by Mr. Dinkelacker, second by Mrs. Tucker. Motion to receive and file the 5/1 report was made by Mr. Sunderhaus, second by Mrs. Richter. Both meeting were held to discuss pay raises for certain city employees.

Mrs. Zech presented a report from the Bicentennial Committee. Brick sales are moving nicely. 216 sheep have been sold thus far. A new bicentennial exhibit is on display at the Cheviot library. CWCA banners for the poles are in. They will be hung once the hardware is received. Splash Park opens June 4 at 10am. Local media will be on hand. The memorial marker at Harvest Home will be paid for mostly by the Kiwanis. An additional grant is being applied for. Bicentennial Pub Crawl, June 23, 7pm-12am. Sheep Dressing contest, still being worked out, but set tentatively for early August, with winner determined by popular vote and announced at Harvest Home Fair. Speaking of Harvest Home Fair, categories in the flower arrangement, general and youth exhibits will honor Cheviot's bicentennial.

Ordinance 18-11 To Authorize The Installation Of A Historical Marker At Harvest Home Park, To Authorize The Agreement to Maintain The Historical Marker; And To Declare An Emergency. Motion to introduce by Mrs. Zech, second by Mrs. Tucker. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Sunderhaus, second by Mrs. Richter. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Dinkelacker, second by Mrs. Tucker. All motions carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Keller happily reported that it appears that the Westwood Northern/School Section paving project will be finished this year. The splash park is progressing.

Safety Service Director: Mr. Braun reported that MSD will be collecting storm water samples from May to October of this year for the Muddy Creek Integrated Action Plan. Some of the sample collections will be done at night. He also reported that the contractor who had done the sidewalk repairs in 2016 is no longer in business.

Law Director: Mrs. Rohr has requested a hearing with regard to the Family Dollar Store's liquor license application. Great Cincinnati Water Works offered financial assistance for homeowners within the City of Cincinnati who had their lead pipes replaced. She's examining whether or not municipalities outside of the city could also take advantage of such a program. Another meeting will be held on May 15.

Public Comment:

-Mr. Mark Simpson of Westwood Northern Boulevard asked council if rumble strips could be placed near the intersection of Westwood Northern and Washington Ave., as it seems like a number of drivers disregard the stop sign. Council replied that the whole project has already been approved and that rumble strips cannot be added at this time, however, better signage, including stop signs with LED lights will be installed. Mr. Eshman, of Churchview Lane also commented that his car been struck by a car that ran the stop sign.

-Ms. Kim Sexton, of Smith Road asked for some assistance with an ongoing rodent problem in and around her property. She stated that her neighbor has a sink hole in her yard. Mr. Braun and Mr. Craig will tour the property tomorrow, as Ms. Sexton gave oral approval for them to enter her yard without her being at home.

-Mrs. Debbie Slaughter, former law director, addressed council the status of the CIC that was discussed a year ago. Mr. Braun replied that to his knowledge, the CIC was discontinued. She also reported on the Family Day event, coming up on June 6. She asked for volunteers to help manning some of the stations. The next Family Day committee meeting will be held on May 29 at 7PM.

Other business:

-Council had received an email from Mr. Al Ostendorf, a resident of Churchview Lane who expresses concern that property values on Churchview and Amylyn are declining, while they are increasing on the surrounding streets within Green Township. Mrs. Statkus replied to Mr Ostendorf, and all of council received a copy of that communication.

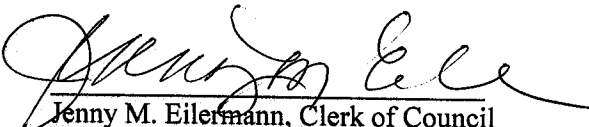
-Mr. Waters distributed a copy of the Internal Control Policy from 1990 and queried if Mr. Braun or Mrs. Rohr felt like it needed to be updated. There was some discussion. He asked Mrs. Rohr to take a look and update it so that it corresponds with the new statutes.

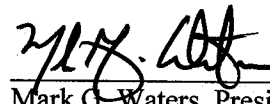
-Mrs. Tucker will be attending the next meeting of the Western Hills Viaduct Coalition on May 31 at 7pm at Westwood Town Hall. Funding options will be discussed.

-Ms. Griffin called a meeting of the Internal/External Affairs Committee for Tuesday, 5/15 at 7PM to discuss the public information officer job description.

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Seeing no further business before this council Mrs. Zech motioned for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Voss, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:34PM.


Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of Council


Mark G. Waters, President of Council