November 26, 2019 City Council, Cheviot, Ohio Special Meeting

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Council President Waters called the meeting to order at 7:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer. Roll was then called, and the following were found to be in attendance.

President of Council	Mark Waters
Council Ward 1	David Voss
Council Ward 2	RaeJean Hardig
Council Ward 3	Jim Sunderhaus
Council Ward 4	Alana Tucker
Council At Large	Kathleen Zech
Council At Large	Gail Griffin
Council At Large	Amy Richter

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to reopen Ordinance 19-25 for consideration by council. The current temporary moratorium expires at the end of the year. Because of time constraints in getting the Ordinance in place with three readings by the end of the year, tonight's meeting is held for the second of the three readings. The final reading and subsequent vote will be held at the regular council meeting held on December 3. The initial Ordinance 19-25 was presented for its final reading and motion for adoption on September 17, 2019. Adoption failed by a majority NO votes (4) versus (3) YES votes. As a matter of record, the votes on September 17 were as follows: Mr. Voss – YES; Mrs. Hardig – NO; Mr. Sunderhaus – YES; Mrs. Tucker – NO; Mrs Richter – NO; Ms. Griffin – NO; Mrs. Zech – YES.

Mrs. Zech read the ordinance by title and discussion was opened.

Mrs. Tucker stated her opinions and that she would be willing to change her vote. Other municipalities are dealing with this same issue via zoning code. Her belief is that we should do what we can to avoid litigation down the road.

Mrs. Richter questions why are we voting on an Ordinance when current zoning guidelines dictate that there no sites in the City that would be in compliance with all current regulations. Mrs. Zech countered that the chances of us getting a dispensary are slim to nil. Mr. Waters interjected that businesses could change, move, go under, leaving a spot acceptable for the dispensary. His thought is that it is in the best interests of the city to enact the ban until such time that state and local agencies are able to create more precise regulations, at which time our ordinance could be repealed. Further, our ordinance would protect us should state change the guidelines.

Mr. Voss is concerned that we will not have all of council present at the December 3 meeting. Mr. Waters stated that even with two member absent on December 3, we will still have a quorum.

Seeing no further business before this council, at 7:25 adjournment was motioned by Mrs. Richter, second by Mrs. Tucker and carried with a 7-0 voice.

Jenny Filermann, Clerk of Council

Mark Waters) President of Council