

**January²¹ 2020
City Council, Cheviot, Ohio**

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Council President Waters called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

Roll was then called, and the following members were in attendance:

Mayor	Sam Keller
President of Council	Mark Waters
Law Director	Kimberlee Erdman-Rohr
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

Mr. Braun was absent due to a death in his family.

Minutes from the January 7 meeting were approved with a motion by Mrs. Richter, second by Mr. Voss and a 7-0 voice vote.

Department Reports:

-Police Chief Emmett Stone was present to field questions stemming from his annual report that had been emailed to all of council. Mrs. Hardig asked if all of the activity listed in the report had taken place in Cheviot. The answer is no, the report contained all runs. Chief Stone discussed Cheviot teaming with Cincinnati PD in the DVert program, part of Women Helping Women which provides services to victims of domestic violence. More info about the program can be found at <https://www.womenhelpingwomen.org/home/services/dvert/> Training for our officers will be provided at no cost. There was further discussion regarding crime trends and the possibility of establishing a database of Ring-type doorbell systems to aid in solving crimes. Looking into replacement software for the soon-to-be obsolete PAMET reporting system.

-Fire Chief Klein submitted his end of year report.

President Mark Waters then called for a motion to appoint Clerk of Council for the next two years. Motion to appoint current clerk of council Jenny Eilermann was made by Mrs. Zech, second by Mr. David Voss and carried with a 7-0 voice vote. Mr. Waters also called for a motion to appoint Council President Pro Tem for the next two year term. Kitty Zech was nominated by Mrs. Richter, second by Mrs. Tucker. Motion to approve made by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Tucker and carried with a 7-0 voice vote. Mr. Waters called a meeting for Tuesday, January 28 at 7PM to discuss committee assignments for the next two year term. Ms. Griffin will be unable to attend.

Committee Reports:

-Mrs. Richter read her report of the January 14 Parks Committee meeting, during which the 2020 swimming pool rates were discussed.

Committee Reports (continued)

-Mrs. Richter read into record her report from the December 12 Utilities committee meeting, during which lead water lines were discussed

-Mrs. Richter read into record her report from the December 14 Utilities Committee meeting at which representatives from Greater Cincinnati Water Works were on hand to answer questions about the upcoming legislation.

All of these reports are available at cheviot.org

Public Recognition: No one from the public asked to be recognized

Legislation:

Ordinance 20-01 To Amend The 2020 First Quarter Appropriations; To Transfer Certain Funds; And To Declare An Emergency. Introduced by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Tucker. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Sunderhaus, second by Mrs. Tucker. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Sunderhaus, second by Mrs. Richter. All motions carried unanimously.

Ordinance 20-02 To Authorize The Safety-Service Director To Enter Into An Assessment Agreement With The City Of Cincinnati, On Behalf Of Greater Cincinnati Water Works, For L Lead Service Line Replacement Program; To Appoint Greater Cincinnati Water Works As Cheviot's Designee Under Ohio Revised Code Section 729.06; And To Declare An Emergency. Introduced by Mrs. Richter, second by Mrs. Tucker. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Zech, second by Mrs. Richter. Motion to adopt made by Ms. Griffin, second by Mrs. Richter. All motions carried unanimously.

Ordinance 20-03 To Enact Section 92.12 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances; And To Amend Section 92.99 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances. Introduced with a motion by Mrs. Tucker, a second by Mrs. Richter and a 7-0 voice vote. This constitutes the first reading.

Administrative Reports:

-Mayor's Report: Mayor Keller reports that Bernie Small has re-purchased the hardware stores. He publicly thanked Cheviot Gazette's editor Bill Monnier for defending the City against some harsh local TV news reporting. Mrs. Richter asked for an update of the former Frank's building. Mr. Waters asked if it was possible that the City might acquire the property.

-Safety-Service Director: Mr. Braun did not leave a report in his absence

-Law Director: Mrs. Rohr has not received a notice of appeal from Family Dollar regarding the denial of their liquor license.

Public Recognition: No one from the public requested to speak

Other Business:

- There were four property maintenance reports
- Mayor Keller suggested that all stop by the Ham Radio event at Harvest Home Park this Saturday
- Mayor's Court receipts for December 2019 were received and filed with a motion from Mrs. Zech, second from Mr. Voss and unanimous council approval.
- Ms. Griffin will provide a written report at the next council meeting from the recent LSDMC meeting she attended
- Mr. Sunderhaus gave a recap of the recent OKI meeting he attended
- The Clerk reminded all elected officials that financial disclosures are due by May 15.

Upcoming Meetings:

- January 28, 7pm Council President & members will meet to discuss committee assignments for the next term
- January 28, 7:30PM Parks Committee (Richter) to possible acquisition of the some privately owned property
- February 11, 7pm Internal/External Affairs committee (Griffin) to discuss social media policy

Seeing no further business before this council, motion to adjourn was made at 8:35pm by Mrs. Richter, second by Mrs. Zech.


Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of Council


Mark G. Waters, President of Council