

May 18, 2021
City Council, Cheviot, Ohio

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Council President Kerry Smyth 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:

President of Council	Kerry Smyth
Council Ward 1	David Voss
Council Ward 2	RaeJean Hardig
Council Ward 3	Jim Sunderhaus
Council Ward 4	Dan Cunningham
Council At Large	Kathleen Zech
Council At Large	Gail Griffin

Mayor Keller and Law Director Rohr participated via Zoom. Safety Services Director Braun was not present.

Mr. Voss motioned to excuse Mrs. Richter, second was made by Mrs. Zech.

Minutes from the May 4 meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Cunningham, second by Mrs. Hardig and a 6-0 voice vote.

Mrs. Richter arrived at 7:35.

There was no legislation on the agenda.

Administrative Reports:

--Mayor Keller reported that the former Frank's property has been sold. Plans for the property are uncertain at this time. Mr. Braun is in the process of reviewing submittals for the Safety Engineer. Paperwork has been submitted for Harvest Home Lodge upgrades. Masks will be required at City Hall until June 2. Law Director Rohr will be hiring special counsel to address the tax issue with the property annexed to the City last year. Harvest Home Pool & Splash Park will be opening in June. Grass cutting, housing maintenance orders and grass cutting orders continue to be written. Sidewalks are being marked in Ward 3. There will be no senior meeting until a new organizer can be found. The Ohio Municipal League will be meeting to establish guidelines for the spending of CARES Act funds. The plaque dedication honoring Albert Schmitt will be held at City Hall on May 31 at 9:30am. The Memorial Day Parade will begin at 11am, and is being staged on Frances Avenue.

--Law Director: Mrs. Rohr is in the process of securing special counsel to handle the Hillebrand annexation tax issue. House Bill 404, which was extended to allow attendance by voting members of council to participate via Zoom is expiring July 1, 2021. After that date, all voting members need to be physically present at council meetings. Covid restrictions that had been put in place for Mayor's Court are being reviewed.

Public Recognition on Non-Agenda Items:

-Several residents of Applegate Avenue were present to address concerns about speeding and general disregard for laws and personal property on Applegate. This past weekend, a car crashed into the home of Alyssa Bryant, who resides at #3742.

Public Recognition, continued:

Others attending were Joshua McCoy of #3810, Erica Luerck of #3741, Bryan Smyth of #3626 Meadow, Lauren Theureling of #5149 Leona, and Julie Simpkin of #733 Anderson Ferry. Mayor Keller spoke to the crowd and stated that Mr. Braun's intent was to place the electronic speed detection sign on Applegate to alert drivers if they are traveling beyond the posted speed limit. Following lively discussion, Mr. Cunningham called a meeting of the Streets & Sidewalks Committee to discuss possible further, more permanent solutions. That meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 1, immediately following the council meeting. He invited Police Chief Stone, Safety Services Director Braun, Law Director Rohr and Mayor Keller to attend the meeting in addition to residents and committee members. Mrs. Rohr stated that she would be unable to attend but would be happy to do research, and will offer legal opinion as needed. Mr. Sunderhaus stated that he will also attend, as current Ward 3 representative.

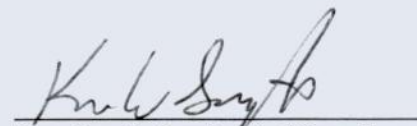
Other Business:

- Memorial Day Parade and plaque dedication, May 31.
- Mayor Court Receipts for April 2021 were received and filed with a motion by Mrs. Zech, second by Mrs. Richter and a 7-0 voice vote.
- There was one property maintenance order.
- Mrs. Rohr will not be present at the June 1 meetings.

Seeing no further business before this Council, motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Richter. Mrs. Hardig seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.



Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council



Kerry Smyth, President of Council