

June 15, 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.

President Smyth gave the floor to Mayor Keller for the swearing in of new part time Police Officer Austin Kilgore.

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

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| Mayor | Sam Keller |
| President of Council | Kerry Smyth |
| Safety Services Director | Tom Braun |
| Council Ward 1 | David Voss |
| Council Ward 2 | RaeJean Hardig |
| Council Ward 3 | Jim Sunderhaus |
| Council At Large | Kathleen Zech |
| Council At Large | Gail Griffin |
| Council At Large | Amy Richter |

Law Director Rohr was participating via Zoom. Mr. Cunningham was detained at work and participated via Zoom while he was en route.

Minutes from the June 1 meeting were approved with a motion by Mrs. Zech, second by Mr. Voss and a 7-0 voice vote.

No one from the public addressed Council on any agenda item.

Legislation:

Resolution 21-08 To Authorize The Safety-Service Director To Enter Into An Agreement With The Ohio Department Of Natural Resources To A Capital Improvement Community Park, Recreation/Conservation Pass Through Grant. Motion to introduce made by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Richter. There was little discussion. Mayor Keller wanted to recognize and thank District 30 Representative Bill Seitz for his assistance and guidance in securing this grant for the City of Cheviot. The grant is being used to cover the cost of improvements made to Harvest Home Lodge. Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Sunderhaus, second by Mrs. Richter. Resolution 21-08 was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Administrative Reports:

--Mayor Keller reported that we're moving forward with the safety study; Wi-Fi hotspots will be installed in the business district by Cincinnati Bell and provided by a grant from Hamilton County. The hotspots will be located in the business district on Harrison Avenue, as well as Harvest Home Park, Cheviot Pool, Cheviot Fieldhouse.

--Safety Service Director Tom Braun reports that street construction is going well. Some information has been obtained with regard to the Applegate Ave. safety concerns. Mrs. Richter questioned when and how we can go about extending the DORA to include businesses on Harrison Avenue on the western edge of town. Deferred to Laws, Rule and Ordinances Committee (Zech). Meeting date not set at this time.

Administrative Reports (continued):

--Law Director Kimberlee Erdman-Rohr will be preparing a resolution to accept the tax budget to be presented to Council following the public hearing scheduled for July 6. She has retained the services of attorney Becky Princehorn with the firm of Bricker and Eckler have been retained. Ms. Princehorn will represent the City of Cheviot in the school district taxation issue concerning the Hillebrand property which was annexed to the city in 2020. Mrs. Rohr also reminded Council that this is the final meeting where voting members of council are permitted to participate via Zoom. Beginning with the July 6 meeting, all voting members of council must be physically present. Administration may still participate using Zoom.

At 7:55PM, Mr. Cunningham entered council chambers and joined the meeting in-person.

Mr. Cunningham read into record his report from the Streets and Sidewalks meeting held on June 2. He motioned to receive and file, Mrs. Richter seconded. Mr. Cunningham motioned to receive and file the report. Mrs. Richter seconded.

Other Business:

--Ms. Griffin announced her resignation from Council effective immediately. Ms. Griffin will be moving out of the city very soon. Mayor Keller, along with members of Council wish her well in her future endeavors. She will be missed and remembered as an effective leader who stood her ground with confidence and dignity.

--A public hearing will be held on July 6 at 7PM regarding the proposed budget.

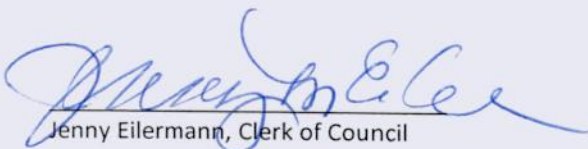
--Council will be on vacation August 3. There will be no meeting held that day. Motioned by Mrs. Richter, second by Mr. Voss and unanimous voice vote.

--Mr. Cunningham has changed the date for the next Streets and Sidewalks Committee from July 6 to July 20, as he will be out of town the week of July 6. Mr. Cunningham will advise the constituents of Applegate and the surrounding areas of the change. The meeting will convene immediately following the regular council meeting on that night.

--Mr. Cunningham will be absent from the July 6 meeting due to a previous commitment.

--There was one property maintenance violation.

Seeing no further business before this Council, motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Richter. Mrs. Hardig seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.



Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council

Kerry Smyth, President of Council