

July 20, 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:

Mayor	Sam Keller
President of Council	Kerry Smyth
Safety Services Director	Tom Braun
Law Director	Kimberlee Erdman Rohr
Council Ward 1	David Voss
Council Ward 3	Jim Sunderhaus
Council At Large	Kathleen Zech
Council At Large	Stefanie Hawk
Council At Large	Amy Richter

Mrs. Hardig was excused due to her being on vacation. Mr. Cunningham was en route from his job and will be in council chambers shortly.

Mr. Smyth then turned the meeting over to the Cheviot Historical Society for their presentation of memorial plaques recognizing the two cemeteries that once operated in Cheviot and honoring those interred there.

Mr. Cunningham arrived in council chambers at 7:50PM.

Minutes from the July 6 Public Hearing (2022 Tax Budget) were approved with a motion by Mr. Voss, second by Ms. Hawk and a 6-0 voice vote. Minutes from the July 6 regular council meeting were approved with a motion by Mrs. Hawk, a second by Mrs. Zech and a 6-0 voice vote. Minutes from the July 13 Special Meeting (to vote on Motion B5 voice vote. Minutes from the July 6 special meeting (to vote on the resolution to accept or reject the Fifth Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Purdue Pharma) were approved with a motion by Mr. Sunderhaus, second by Mrs. Richter and a 6-0 voice vote.

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

Legislation:

Resolution 21-13 To Authorize The Establishment Of ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act Fund; Add New Line Items; And to Declare An Emergency. Mr. Voss motioned for introduction, second by Ms. Hawk. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Hawk. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Sunderhaus, second by Mr. Cunningham. All motions carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports:

--Mayor Keller spoke about the Cares Act funds to be received by the City. The amounts have changed, based on the State's decision to include townships as benefactors. Cheviot is expected to receive around \$800K in two installments. The money must be spent by 2024 and can only be used for certain projects. One of those projects will be the updating of the HVAC system at Harvest Home Lodge. While it started as a basic upgrade to a new system, the engineer has made some recommendation that will increase the cost of the project substantially.

--Safety Service Director Tom Braun reported that the fee structure for the safety study was sent to ODOT for review. ODOT returned it with some modifications made by the design consultant.

There is a meeting set up for Tuesday, July 27 to discuss the installation of the EC charging stations.

In the Building Department, Bill Spurling is working temporarily as he moves toward retirement. As far as replacing him, there are two options; 1) Turning all operations of the Building Department over to Hamilton County, or 2) signing on with a company called National Inspection. If we choose Option 1, the City will not collect any of the fee money. National Inspection will work on a 90/10 scale. With either option, neither will do the zoning portion, which means that before certain permits could be issued, someone would have to check whether the proposed building application complies with zoning code.

Electric Aggregation opt-out letters have been sent to residents. The price we are offering is 4.93 cents per kilowatt hour. The renewable energy price is available at 5.345 per kilowatt hour. The provider is Dynegy.

--Law Director Rohr reported that she has submitted the ballot in the Purdue reorganization. She also explained that no voting members (elected council members) can participate in Zoom council meetings. To do so would be in violation of State law, and subject to penalty.

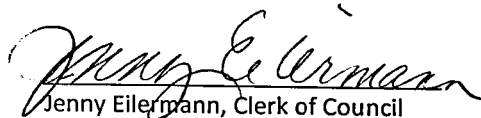
Other Business:

--Mayors Court receipts for June 2021 were received and filed with a motion by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Zech.

--Mayor Keller asked that Mr. Voss include Police and Fire Chiefs, Safety Service Director and Public Works Superintendent in the Finance Committee meeting on August 17 at 7PM. Mayor would like the committee to look into pay raises for all part time employees to discuss pay increases, for Police and Fire Department heads.

--Mayor reminded all to RSVP to Sarah if you will be attending the picnic on August 28. Spouses and children are welcome, but Sarah needs a head count.

Seeing no further business before this council, Mrs. Richter motioned for adjournment. Ms. Zech seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:42PM.


Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council

Kerry Smyth, Council President