

**October 5, 2021
City Council, Cheviot, Ohio**

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President Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:45PM 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 Service Director	Tom Braun
Council Ward 1	David Voss
Council Ward 2	RayJean Hardig
Council Ward 3	Jim Sunderhaus
Council Ward 4	Dan Cunningham
Council At Large	Kathleen Zech
Council At Large	Stefanie Hawk

Law Director Kimberlee Rohr, under Covid quarantine at home, participated via Zoom. Amy Richter's absence was excused with a motion by Mr. Sunderhaus, second by Mr. Cunningham.

Mr. Smyth's absence from the September 21 meeting was excused with a motion by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Cunningham.

Minutes from the September 21 meeting were approved with a motion by Mrs. Zech, second by Ms. Hawk, and a 6-0 voice vote.

Mr. Voss read his report from the September 21 Finance Committee meeting. It was received and filed with a motion by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Sunderhaus, and a 6-0 voice vote.

Mrs. Zech read her report from the September 28 Laws, Rules & Ordinances Committee. The report was received and filed with a motion by Mrs. Zech, a second by Mr. Voss and a 6-0 voice vote.

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

Legislation:

Resolution 21-11 To Appoint A Chief Executive Officer, A Chief Financial Officer, And A Project Manager To Submit The Necessary Application For The State Capital Improvement Program; To Execute A Project Agreement; And To Declare An Emergency (relative to Applegate Ave. improvements). Introduced by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Sunderhaus, motion carried 6-0. There was no discussion. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Sunderhaus, second by Ms. Hawk. Motion carried 6-0.

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Resolution 21-12 To Accept The Amounts And Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission; To Authorize The Necessary Tax Levies; To Certify Them To The County Auditor; And To Declare An Emergency. Motion to introduce made by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Zech, and carried unanimously. There was no discussion. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Zech. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 21-17 To Approve The Continuation Of The City's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area ("DORA"); To Grant The Safety-Service Director Authority To Extend Hours For Operation For DORA; And To Declare An Emergency. Motion for introduction made by Mrs. Zech, second by Ms. Hawk. Motion carried 6-0. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Voss, second by Ms. Hawk. There was no discussion. Motion to adopt was made by Ms. Hawk, second by Mr. Cunningham. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 21-18 To Increase The Pay Rate For Certain City Employees; And To Declare An Emergency. Motion to introduce made by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Cunningham. Motion carried 6-0. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Voss, second by Ms. Hawk. There was no discussion. Motion carried 6-0. Motion for adoption made by Mr. Voss, second by Ms. Hawk. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 21-19 To Authorize The Safety-Service Director To Enter Into A Job Creation Tax Credit Agreement With Modern Holding Company; And To Declare An Emergency. Introduced with a motion by Mrs. Zech, second by Mr. Cunningham, Motion carried 6-0. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Sunderhaus, second by Mrs. Zech. Motion to suspend the rules carried with a 5-1 roll call vote, with Mrs. Hardig being the sole "no" vote. Motion to adopt made by Ms. Hawk, second by Mrs. Zech, and carried 6-0.

Administrative Reports:

--Mayor Keller asked that a Cheviot Housing Action Plan be put into committee..

--Safety Service Director Braun had no report.

--Law Director Kimberlee Rohr spoke about the Jobs Creation Tax Credit and why it is best to handle these requests on a case by case basis, instead of using a set of guidelines. Each agreement would be unique and the same criteria may not apply to all requests. This allows for more flexibility on the City's part. She clarified that this type of agreement would not be extended to any new business, rather it is for existing businesses adding employees to their payroll (creating new jobs).

Also, with Mrs. Rohr being in quarantine, she was unable to attend Mayors Court on October 4. She wanted to praise the police clerk Nicole Kastner and Magistrate Lauman on their ability handle cases on their own. Any trials will be postponed until Mrs. Rohr can be present.

Council will hold executive session during the October 19 meeting to discuss the tax issue with the Hildebrand annexation.

Public Recognition:

Thomas Yauger, of 3743 St. Martins addressed council regarding speeding in and around his home, which is adjacent to St. Martins School. Several ideas were discussed, and the matter will be reviewed further. This is the same issue that was discussed with Applegate Ave. residents recently.

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Other Business:

-Treasurer's Report from August 2021 and the quarterly credit card report were received and filed with a motion by Mrs. Zech, second by Mr. Sunderhaus.

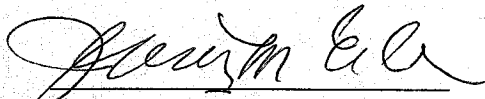
-Ms. Hawk asked President Smyth to assign the Economic Development Plan for Cheviot that was done by Hamilton County to the Zoning committee for consideration. Mrs. Hardig (chair of the Zoning Committee) will be calling a meeting but no date has been named yet.

--Mr. Cunningham motioned that Council dispense with their meeting on November 2 so that council members can work the voting polls. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Zech, and carried unanimously.

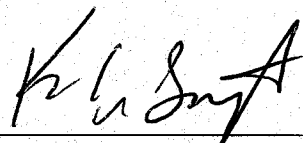
-Both Mrs. Zech and Mr. Sunderhaus will be absent from the October 19 meeting.

-Takhar Investment LLC, dba Marathon Food Mart, 4011 Harrison Ave. has applied for a C1 liquor license (Beer in original sealed containers for carry-out only). No action by Council is required.

Seeing no further business before this council, Mrs. Zech motioned for adjournment. Mr. Cunningham seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:44PM.



Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council



Kerry Smyth, President of Council