November 16, 2021 City Council, Cheviot, Ohio

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President Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:35PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

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

Sam Keller
Kerry Smyth
Tom Braun
Kimberlee Rohr
David Voss
RayJean Hardig
Jim Sunderhaus
Dan Cunningham
Amy Richter
Kitty Zech

Ms. Hawk's absence was excused with a motion by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs Richter and a 6-0 voice vote.

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 19 meeting was made by Mrs. Richter, second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried with a 6-0 voice vote.

Tammy Solomon-Gray and Onyango Collier from Cheviot School addressed council and provided updates regarding the current state of affairs at the school.

Melissa Arriaga addressed council with questions about recycling in the City. Mrs. Richter's committee will meet, probably after the first of the year to discuss curbside recycling and to get updated costs for the service.

Council received Police Chief Stone's third quarter department report.

Legislation:

Ordinance 21-22 To Authorize The Mayor To Enter Into A Memorandum Of Understanding With Oak Hills Local School District And Cincinnati City School District; And To Declare An Emergency. Motion to introduce was made by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Zech. There was some discussion. Mayor Keller provided in great detail the whats and wherefores of the ordinance. There was then a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency made by Mr. Sunderhaus, second by Mr. Cunningham. The motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 roll call vote, as did the motion to adopt, made by Mr. Voss, and second by Mrs. Zech. A copy of the Ordinance and the accompanying Memorandum Understanding is available on the City's website.

Administrative Reports:

--Mayor Keller publicly thanked those who ran for office, congratulated those who won and asked that those who did not to please stay active in the City, and possibly run again. He asked for patience with RaeJean Hardig as she transitions into her new position as Treasurer, during a time when the assistant auditor is on medical leave. He also reminded those in attendance that the Nativity dedication will take place on Sunday, November 28 at 6:30PM in front of Auto Zone. Long time councilman Jim Sunderhaus, who is retiring at the end of the year, will be flipping the switch to turn on the lights.

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- --Safety-Service Director: Mr. Braun reports that 1st Quarter Appropriations are due. The first phase of Harrison Avenue Improvement Project is starting. Please refer questions to Mr. Braun. The Eagle Scout planting project will be taking place on Saturday, November 20 at 9AM.
- --Law Director: Mrs. Rohr will be absent from the December 7 meeting. If you need legislation prepared please plan accordingly.

Public Recognition on Other Issues

Melissa Arriaga had questions regarding a vacant property on her street, Janward Ave. Mr. Braun was able to respond saying that a family member of the person who previously resided there will be taking up residence soon, thus avoiding the property going to sheriff's sale.

Other Business

- -Mr. Voss called a meeting to discuss raising the rental rates for facilities at Harvest Home Park and Cheviot Fieldhouse for December 7, immediately following the regular council meeting.
- -Mr. Cunningham called a meeting of the Streets & Sidewalks Committee immediately following Mr. Voss's meeting to discuss commercial vehicles (semi trucks) parking on residential streets.
- -Mrs. Richter reminded that the Westside Market, Holiday Edition will be held at Harvest Home Park on Saturday, November 27.

Seeing no further business before this council, Mrs. Richter motioned for adjournment. Mr. Voss seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council

Kerry Smyth, President of Council