

**December 7, 2021**  
**City Council, Cheviot, Ohio**

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President 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 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	Amy Richter
Council At Large	Stefanie Hawk

Law Director Kimberlee Rohr was absent, as was Councilwoman Zech, whose absence was excused by a motion from Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Richter and unanimous voice vote.

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 16 meeting was made by Mr. Sunderhaus, second by Mrs. Richter. The motion carried with a 6-0 voice vote.

No one in council chambers asked to address council regarding an agenda item.

**Legislation:**

**Ordinance 21-23** Quarterly Appropriation Ordinance for First Quarter 2022 Ending March 31, 2022. Introduced with a motion by Mr. Voss, second by Ms. Hawk. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote. There was no discussion. Motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency was made by Mr. Sunderhaus, second by Mr. Cunningham. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote. Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Voss, second by Ms. Hawk. Motion carried with a 6-0 roll call vote.

**Ordinance 21-24** To Amend The 2021 Annual Appropriations And To Declare An Emergency. Motion to introduce was made by Mr. Voss, second by Ms. Hawk, and carried with a unanimous voice vote. There was no discussion. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Sunderhaus, second by Mr. Voss, and carried with a 6-0 roll call vote. Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Cunningham second by Mrs. Richter, and carried with a 6-0 roll call vote.

**Ordinance 21-25** Ordinance To Amend The Chronic Nuisance Ordinance was tabled due to Mrs. Zech's absence. Mrs. Zech is expected to be at the December 21 meeting to present the ordinance for Council's vote.

**Administrative Reports:**

--Mayor Keller welcomed two of our newly elected council representatives, Brian Smyth and Lindsay Jones to the meeting. In the next month President Smyth will be preparing new committee assignments and Council's agenda for the following year.

The Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund is asking for an increase to the amount local municipalities pay into the fund. The following information was taken from the Columbus Dispatch, dated December 2, 2021: "The Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund is asking lawmakers to boost how much local governments pay into cops and firefighters' retirement system – a move that could cost those communities hundreds of millions of dollars.

The fund is backing proposed legislation that would increase local governments' rates to 26.5% of payroll for cops and firefighters, up from the current rates of 19.5% and 24%, respectively. The hike would be passed onto taxpayers.

An estimate for how much that would cost Ohio's 900 local police and fire departments was not immediately available. The departments contributed \$518.2 million on \$2.74 billion in payroll in 2020, according to the fund's most recent financial report."

Mayor Keller also stated that Economic Developer Caroline Statkus had prepared a grant request to Hamilton County that included the Road Diet, TAP Report, and the purchase of a piece of real estate that could potentially be used for the Cheviot Historical Society's permanent home. That proposal made the short list and is currently being reviewed by the Hamilton County Commissioners.

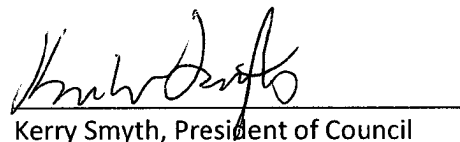
--Safety-Service Director had no report  
--Law Director left no report.

**Other Business**

- Mayor's Court Reconciliations from September and October were received and filed with a motion by Mrs. Richter, second by Mr. Cunningham.
- Clerk received the certification of election results from the Board of Elections
- One property maintenance violation was issued

Seeing no further business before this council, Mrs. Richter motioned for adjournment. Mr. Cunningham seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:06PM.

  
Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council

  
Kerry Smyth, President of Council