

December 21, 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
Law Director	Kimberlee Rohr
Safety Service Director	Tom Braun
Council Ward 1	David Voss
Council Ward 3	Jim Sunderhaus
Council Ward 4	Dan Cunningham
Council At Large	Amy Richter
Council At Large	Stefanie Hawk
Council At Large	Kitty Zech

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

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 7 meeting was made by Mrs. Richter, second by Mr. Cunningham. The motion carried with a 6-0 voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Voss presented the report from the joint meeting of the Finance Committee and Mrs. Richter's Playgrounds & Public Utilities Committee, held on December 7. Prior to reading the report Mr. Voss motioned to add a line item to the new rates stating that the Cheviot Firemen's Association would continue to meet in the lower level of Cheviot Fieldhouse without having a city-appointed caretaker on site, and that they would be responsible to opening and closing the building, and cleanup for a rate comparable to what they'd been paying in years past. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hawk and carried 6-0. The report from the committee meeting was then read into record and received and filed with a motion by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Cunningham.

Mr. Cunningham presented his report from the Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting held on December 7. The report was received and filed with a motion by Mr. Cunningham, second by Mr. Voss and unanimous voice vote.

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

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Legislation:

Ordinance 21-25 Ordinance To Amend Section 111.33 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances To Revise The Penalty. Mrs. Zech presented the ordinance for its first reading.

Ordinance 21-26 To Amend The 2021 Annual Budget Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency. Motion to introduce made by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Sunderhaus. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Sunderhaus, second by Ms. Hawk. There was no discussion. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Sunderhaus, second by Mr. Cunningham. All motions carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports:

--Mayor Keller announced that the grant for the purchase of the former Cappel's building was awarded, as well as the grant for improved lighting on Harrison Ave. Mayor requested a resolution from the law director giving him authority to complete the transfer of ownership from the County to the City. He then recognized the three outgoing council members, RaeJean Hardig, who will be serving in a new capacity as City Treasurer, Dan Cunningham, and Jim Sunderhaus.

--Safety-Service Director. Mr. Braun stated that the Harvest Home Lodge Improvement Project is going out to bid on December 22. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the lodge on January 4 at 10AM. Bids will be opened on January 13 at 1PM. Duke inspections will be happening soon. SouthernCross is doing the inspections and will be identified as such.

--Law Director: Mrs. Rohr advised that the Ohio Board of Education has approved the transfer of Hildebrand property from Oak Hills Local School District to Cincinnati Public Schools.

Other Business

-Ms. Hawk attended the LSDMC meeting and spoke of a new program called Handle With Care, wherein if the police are called to a student's home, the police will notify the school so that the educators and administration are aware that something is going on in the household that may cause disruption of learning for the student. We'll be learning more about the program in the very near future.

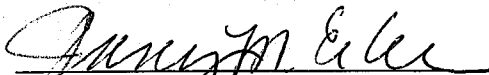
-Nick Gessendorf spoke on behalf of the Cheviot Firemen's Association and thanked Council, and in particular, Councilmember Voss for adding the line item to the legislation allowing CFA to continue meeting at the Fieldhouse.

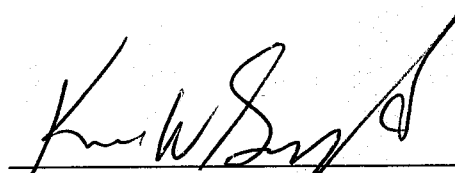
-Ray Kroner, owner of Kroner's Dry Cleaners and president of the Cheviot Business Alliance spoke about the importance of keeping the Westside Market and the vendors it attracts in Cheviot, and asked for consideration for these small business owners when determining rental rates for the facilities.

-Brian Smyth, resident of Meadow Ave. asked Law Director Rohr for the final cost of the legal services of Special Council for the Hildebrand issue. Since it is an ongoing matter, the final cost has not yet been tallied.

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Seeing no further business before this council, President Smyth called for a sine die adjournment, to resume on Saturday, January 1, 2022 at noon, when the newly elected members will be sworn in. Mr. Cunningham motioned, Mr. Sunderhaus seconded and all of council approved.


Jenny Eilermand, Clerk of Council


Kerry Smyth, President of Council