

September 20, 2022
City Council, Cheviot, Ohio

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President Kerry Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent prayer.

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

President of Council	Kerry Smyth
Law Director	Kimberlee Rohr
Safety Services Director	Tom Braun
Council Ward 1	David Voss
Council Ward 2	John Hardig
Council Ward 3	Brian Smyth
Council Ward 4	Lindsay Jones
Council At Large	Kitty Zech
Council At Large	Stefanie Hawk
Council At Large	Amy Richter

President Smyth turned over the floor to Captain Scott Scherpenberg, who recognized and honored local residents who acted selflessly during a fire in the apartments in the Kessen Building. Residents Beth Dangel and Sarah Denier, Troy Borgmann and his father, Toby, and Paul and Linda Tekulve all assisted in rousting occupants of the building and helping to get them out, along with assisting with the evacuation of some pets. The full report of the fire and its probable cause are in a report prepared by Captain Scherpenberg and is available on the City's website and Facebook page. Each of the heroes were given a letter of commendation in appreciation of their actions that day.

The Clerk read a brief synopsis of each piece of legislation being presented to Council tonight.

Minutes from the September 6 meeting were approved with a motion by D. Voss, second by A. Richter and unanimous voice vote.

Legislation:

Resolution 22-15 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. (For improvements to Grotto, Selby, Tangent and part of Alex) Motion to introduce was made by D. Voss, second by J. Hardig. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to adopt made by B. Smyth, second by K. Zech. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ordinance 22-20 To Authorize Pay Raises For Certain Full-Time Employees; And To Declare An Emergency. Motion to introduce was made by D. Voss, second by J. Harding. Motion carried by a 6-1 margin with B. Smyth being the lone "nay" vote. B. Smyth stated that his no vote was due to the fact that Council does not know the source of the funds. S. Hawk questioned why this question is being raised, as those employees working under collective bargaining units were give 6% raises earlier this summer, without pushback. Motion to suspend the rules was made by K. Zech, second by S. Hawk and carried 6-1, again with B. Smyth being the sole opposing vote. Motion to adopt was made by K. Zech, second by D. Voss. Motion carried 6-1.

Ordinance 22-21 To Amend Section 33.42 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances (re: compensatory & sick time for Police & Fire Chiefs) Introduced by D. Voss, second by S. Hawk. Motion approved 7-0 by voice vote. This constitutes the first of three readings required for adoption

Ordinance 22-22 To Authorize An Agreement Between The City Of Cheviot And The Board Of Hamilton County Commissioners Relative To The Improvement Of Applegate Ave. Introduced by L. Jones, second by B. Smyth. Motion carried unanimously. S. Hawk asked when the project will begin. Mr. Braun said 2023. K. Smyth asked if the project includes some of the safety features discussed in the last year. Mr. Braun stated that yes, there are some safety improvements in the plans. Motion to suspend the rules was made by B. Smyth, second by A. Richter. Motion to adopt was made by B. Smyth, second by A. Richter. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

Ordinance 22-23 To Amend Sections 110.20, 110.21, 110.22 And 110.23 Of The Cheviot Code of Ordinance (the fireworks ordinance) Motion to introduce was made by K. Zech, second by B. Smyth. Motion to adopt carried with a 7-0 voice vote. This constitutes the first reading.

Administrative Reports:

Safety Service Director Braun asked if everyone has completed the migration of emails. If not, please get with Phil at Fuller and get it taken care of. The new HVAC at Harvest Home Lodge is still not installed. No swimming pool report is available yet. A new filter was installed after the pool closed in August.

Law Director Rohr reported that the city's arbitration with the police union will be held on November 4 at 10AM at City Hall.

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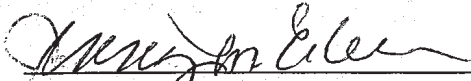
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Other Business: S. Hawk gave a brief report on Harvest Home Farm and thanked all who participated in making it a successful endeavor. Public Works did an exemplary job of cleaning up the park after the fair.

Mrs. Richter wanted to recognize Fire Chief Klein for being on so many Honor Flights. Also, she stated that Hildebrand Nursing Home will be holding an open house on Thursday, September 22 from 4:30 to 7:30. All of council and city employees are welcome to attend.

Upcoming Meeting: The Finance Committee will meet on October 4 immediately following the regular council meeting to discuss pay rate for the clerk of council.

Seeing no other business before this council D. Voss motioned to adjournment. Second by A. Richter. Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.


Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council


Kerry Smyth, President of Council