

December 6, 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:

Mayor	Sam Keller
President of Council	Kerry Smyth
Safety Service 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

Minutes from the November 15 meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Richter and a 7-0 voice vote.

All Council members received a copy of Economic Developer Caroline Statkus's Façade Improvement Grant Program Overview. Monies will be awarded to applicants in 2023.

Legislation:

Ordinance 22-28 Quarterly Appropriation Ordinance For First Quarter 2023, Ending March 31, 2023 Motion to introduce made by Mr. Voss, second by Ms. Hawk. There was some discussion and clarity was provided by Mr. Braun regarding the process of preparing the appropriations. Ms. Hawk motioned to suspend the rules, second by Mrs. Zech. Mr. Voss motioned for adoption, second by Mrs. Richter. All motions carried unanimously. All members signed the ordinance and the clerk will forward a copy to the appropriate County officials.

Ordinance 22-29 To Amend The 2022 Annual Budget Appropriations; To Transfer Certain Funds; And To Declare An Emergency. NOTE: After the Law Director prepared the Ordinance, Mrs. Henry noticed a typo in an amount on Line Item 101.709.232.1 The correct amount should be \$6700, not \$16,700 as stated in the ordinance. A copy of Mrs. Henry's email reporting the error was attached to the ordinance and the Clerk made the correction on that line item, as well as the total increase, as was noticed by Ms. Hawk, from \$141,498.13 to \$131,498.13. Mr. Voss motioned to introduce, Mr. Hardig seconded.

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During this time it was questioned when Council might begin receiving reports from the Treasurer's office again. Mayor Keller reported that he would speak with Mrs. Hardig and he felt certain that the reports would be forthcoming in the new year. Mr. Voss motioned to suspend the rules. Second by Mr. B. Smyth. Motion to adopt was made by Ms. Hawk, second by Mrs. Richter. All motions carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor Keller reported that the Finance Committee will be calling some meetings in the new year to discuss increasing revenue for the city. The City is solvent for 2022 and probably 2023, but looking to 2024 and beyond, some new revenue will be needed to maintain the level of service that we currently have.

Safety Service Director Braun reports that the Herbert/Florence/Alta Vista project is nearing completion. The final component will finish in the spring of 2023. The HVAC system at Harvest Home Lodge is almost done. There is heat in the building now. The SORTA – Applegate Improvements project has been approved. The application for OPWC funds to complete resurfacing of Tangent, Selby, Grotto and Alex was denied. We will reapply during the next round. There is still no news on the Marathon station.

Public Recognition On Other Issues: Vic Vidas, owner of Rootie's voiced concerns over recent acts of violence and vandalism at and around his bar as a result of disorderly conduct on the part of patrons of Game Time. Police Chief Stone was in attendance in the meeting and was able to step in and lend some insight in how his officers respond to calls to Game Time. There was some very constructive discussion between Mayor Keller and Mr. Vidas on how the laws work at the state level when called to revoke or suspend a liquor license.

Other Business A letter was received by the Clerk from some un-named residents on Applegate Ave. who expressed concern stemming from recent events on their street. Police Chief Emmett Stone was present at the meeting and reported that we had been able to speak with the residents and allay the fears of the residents over recent high levels of police presence.

Mr. Hardig announced his absence from the December 20 meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

Streets and Sidewalks Committee (Jones) will meet immediately following the January 3 council meeting to discuss use of "Full Stops FREE; Rolling Stops \$160"-type signage at select intersections around town at the request of Council Member B. Smyth.

Finance Committee (Voss) will meet January 17 immediately following the council meeting to discuss revenue opportunities for the City.

Seeing no further business before this council, Mrs. Richter motioned for adjournment. Mr. Smyth seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.



Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council



Kerry Smyth, President of Council