

**February 1, 2022**  
**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 2	John Hardig
Council Ward 3	Brian Smyth
Council Ward 4	Lindsay Jones
Council At Large	Amy Richter
Council At Large	Stefanie Hawk
Council At Large	Kitty Zech

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 18 meeting was made by Mr. Hardig, second by Mr. Voss and carried with a 7-0 voice vote.

No one from the public wanted to address council on any agenda item.

**Legislation:**

**Ordinance 22-02** To Amend Section 71.20, 76.42 And 76.99 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances To Revise The Penalties (re: non-moving violations). Mrs. Zech was going to present the ordinance for its third final reading, but discovered some discrepancies in the wording, so the third reading will be held at the February 15 meeting after corrections have been made.

**Ordinance 22-04** To Accept The Bid Of Adleta Construction For The Reconstruction Of Herbert, Florence, Alta Vista and Mayfair Avenues; And To Declare An Emergency. Motion to introduce was made by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Hardig. Mrs. Richter asked how much of Herbert Avenue is included in the project. Mr. Braun replied from Glenmore to Florence Ave. Mrs. Hawk motioned to suspend the rules, second by Mrs. Richter. Mrs. Richter motioned for adoption, second by Mrs. Zech. All votes were unanimous.

**Ordinance 22-05** To Direct The Auditor Of Hamilton County To Assess Additional Tax Liability To Parcels Of Real Estate In The City Of Cheviot, Ohio; And To Declare An Emergency. Mr. Voss motioned for introduction, second by B. Smyth. There was no discussion. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Voss second by Mrs. Richter. Motion to adopt made by Ms. Hawk, second by Mrs. Richter. All votes were unanimous.

**Administrative Reports:**

- Mayor Keller had no report.
- Safety Service Braun reported that the Harvest Home Lodge HVAC project held its pre-construction meeting and that work will begin next week. The Alta Vista/Herbert/Florence,/Mayfair Ave reconstruction will begin following the water main repairs. Duke Energy sent out a press release regarding this week's weather event. The release was forwarded to all Council members.
- Law Director Rohr stated that funds from the opioid settlement are being dispersed. She will forward the information to the Mayor and Safety Service Director for review. Mrs. Rohr also reminded all council members of the importance of familiarizing themselves with the Sunshine Laws. A three hour seminar is offered online and all should take advantage of the training.

**Public Recognition on Non-Agenda Items**

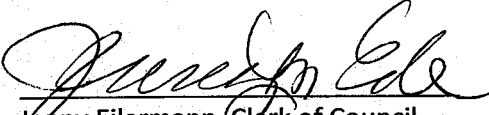
- Paul Leuchaner, a resident made a suggestion that all elected officials take a walk around town and introduce themselves to business owners in the community. He also was seeking information on what the Economic Developer does. (This topic was addressed in Mrs. Statkus' report)
- Ray Kroner, business owner, asked for a status report on the Sunshine Cleaners building. Mr. Braun responded that the owner is having issues with the contractor, and that the permit has not expired. Once the permit reaches expiration, the City can cite the owner for property maintenance violations. Mr. Kroner advised that the next meeting of the Business Alliance will be held on February 16 at 6:30PM in the lower level of the Public House. He invited all city administration to attend. He also stated that the community of Westwood is very interested in housing the Westside Market.
- \*\* Mr. B. Smyth wanted to go on record as stating that he had had multiple conversations with Ms. Geiser and wanted it to be known that the cost of the park rental is not the main reason for the Market's move from Cheviot.
- Cody Rack, of Hearne Road, Green Township addressed council regarding the right of way for a sewer line that is the City's property. Mr. Rack would like to have the right of way deeded to his firm so that construction can begin, hopefully next winter. He spoke briefly about the plans for the development, which includes 13 two-family residences. Mr. Hardig's Zoning Committee will meet on February 15 immediately following the regular council meeting to discuss the sewer line. Mr. Braun will ask the City Engineer to attend the meeting.
- Mrs. Caroline Statkus, Cheviot's Economic Developer addressed Council with a compilation of projects that she has worked on since during the last 12 years. Mrs. Statkus received many accolades from those council members and administration who have had the pleasure of working with her on these projects. She joined the City following a lengthy career with Hamilton County Developers, and is very knowledgeable in her field. After her presentation, Mrs. Statkus fielded questions from B. Smyth.

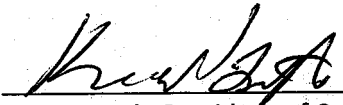
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**Other Business**

- The City received a proclamation from Hamilton County Board of Public Health recognizing its many years of being a WeThrive Community.
- Reminder that Financial Disclosures are due May 16
- Mr. Voss received a request from Chief Stone to release some money from the Criminal Forfeiture Fund to enable the purchase of certain items for the Police Department. Mr. Voss forwarded the request to Law Director Rohr so that she can prepare the necessary legislation.
- Upcoming Meetings: -February 15, Zoning & Annexation (Hardig) immediately following the regular council meeting to discuss the implementation of a plan for economic development, as well as Cody Rack's request for deed to the sewer line at the end of Bruestle Ave.

Seeing no further business, Mrs. Richter motioned for adjournment. Mr. B. Smyth seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:43.

  
Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council

  
Kerry Smyth, President of Council