

February 15, 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
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 February 1 meeting was made by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Richter and carried with a 7-0 voice vote.

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

Committee Reports: Lindsay Jones read into record her report from the Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting on February 1. The report was received and filed with a motion by Ms. Hawk, second by B. Smyth, however the hard copy will not be available until the next meeting.

Mrs. Richter deferred her report from the Parks & Playground Committee to the March 1 meeting.

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). Following a brief explanation from Mrs. Zech that this ordinance covers expired tags only, Mrs. Zech motioned for adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hardig, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance 22-06 To Amend The 2022 1st Quarter Appropriations And To Declare An Emergency (Amending line item for Municipal Road Fund distributions). Motion to introduce made by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Zech. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Hawk, second by Mr. Voss. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Zech. All motions carried unanimously.

Resolution 22-04 To Authorize The Purchase Of Certain Law Enforcement Items With Monies From The Criminal Activity Forfeiture Fund. Motion for adoption made by Mr. Voss, second by B. Smyth. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports:

- Mayor Keller stated that Hamilton County has approved the grant for the purchase of the former Cappel's building and upgraded street lighting. We're waiting for the transfer of funds to come from the County. Also, another grant has become available through Hamilton County Community Impact. Mrs. Statkus will be writing the application, which is due February 25. The amount of the grant is \$1M.
- Safety Services Director Braun left no report.
- Law Director Rohr spoke about the importance of retaining all city emails, with the exception of spam. As the migration to the new server will happen in the very near future, it is important to make sure all existing emails are retained.

Public Recognition on Non-Agenda Items

- Beth Dangel, of St. Martins Place wanted to thank the Public Works Department for the way they handled the ice and snow removal during last week weather conditions. She also commended those involved in changing the street signs to reflect the City's support of the Cincinnati Bengals. It was nice to be recognized on a local and national level.
- Ed "Red" Vlaikov, of Trevor Ave., spoke on behalf of the Purple Hearts organization of which he is a member. The State of Ohio named the City of Cheviot the very first Purple Heart City. The organization is open only to those combat veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart. Since Covid, the organization has not been able to have any fundraisers, the the increase in rental rates is a detriment to their small organization. After some discussion, Mayor Keller said that if Council is not able to authorize a reduction in their rate, he would be responsible personally for raising \$400 annually to offset the rate increase.

Other Business

- Mike Murray, member of the Civil Service Commission reported that agility tests for Fire and Police are being held this weekend.
- Stefanie Hawk gave a report from the recent LSDMC meeting. Cheviot School is making progress academically. The basketball team is having a fantastic season. The school has practiced active shooter drills.

Seeing no further business before this council, Mr. Voss motioned for adjournment. Ms. Hawk seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30.


Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council

Kerry Smyth, President of Council