

March 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
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

The floor was then turned over to Mayor Keller, who administered the oath of office to recently-promoted Police Sergeant Chris Climer. Sergeant Climer had several family members and friends in attendance. We all wish him well in his new position.

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 15 meeting was made by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Hawk and carried with a 7-0 voice vote.

City Auditor Theresa Ciolino-Klein addressed council regarding the current situation on the Auditor's office due to the absence of the Assistant Auditor who is on medical leave. Mrs. Klein reached out to Council Member Voss, who is head of the Finance Committee to request \$3000 be allocated to her office for the purpose of hiring temporary help to enable the office to catch up on the day to day operations and move forward with the budget preparation. There was much discussion and some questions were asked by several council members.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Richter read into record her report from the Parks & Playgrounds Committee meeting held on February 1. She motioned to received and file the report. Her motion was seconded by Mr. B Smyth.

Mr. Hardig read into record his report from the February 15 Zoning Committee meeting. He asked that Law Director Rohr draft a resolution to adopt "Activating The City Of Cheviot's Commercial Business District" formulated on July, 2021. Mr. Hardig motioned to receive and file the report. Mrs. Richter seconded.

Both reports are available online at Cheviot.org under the City Officials tab.

Legislation:

Ordinance 22-07 To Amend The 2022 First Quarter Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency. Motion to introduce was made by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Zech. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. B. Smyth, second by Ms. Hawk. Law Director Rohr suggested adding the rate of pay for the part-time Auditor-Clerk to the Ordinance to avoid any confusion in the future. Motion to adopt the ordinance with the addition of the rate of pay was made by Mrs. Zech, second by Mrs. Hawk. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports:

- Mayor Keller reported that the Law Director has received the contract for the purchase of the former Cappel's building. A closing date has not been set. He also stated that he had been asked to be the Mayors Representative for the Hamilton County Addiction Response Coalition.
- Mrs. Richter asked what had become of the potential Home City Ice move to purchase the First Financial Building. She was told that the ice company backed out of the deal.
- Safety Services Director Braun advised that the intersection of Westwood Northern Boulevard and North Bend Road is #20 on the priorities list for upgrades to improve safety. Green Township is looking at the engineering portion.
- Law Director Rohr brought up House Bill 51 which would enable public meetings to be held by teleconference (Zoom). She asked Council President know if this is something he'd like to pursue.
- Mr. B. Smyth asked if the outside counsel legal representation regarding the Hillebrand was ongoing. She stated that it had ended and the final bill had been received. She did not have the total amount of all of the bills from outside counsel.

Public Recognition on Non-Agenda Items

- Bill Monnier, of North Bend Road addressed council regarding an email he had sent about the number of nuisance calls made on Sunday to the police for a neighbor in an adjoining condo who seemed to be experiencing a mental health event. Mr. Monnier was able to meet with Police Chief Stone earlier on Tuesday.

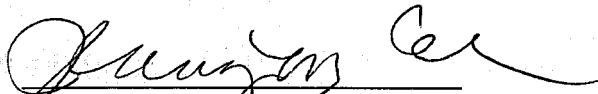
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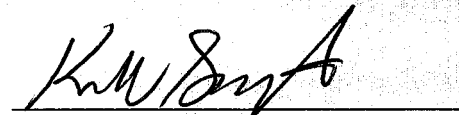
- Mayors Court Receipts for January 2022 were received and filed with a motion by Mrs. Zech, second by Mrs. Richter.
- Mrs. Richter has formed a committee to head up Family Day this year. The date will be Wednesday, June 1. The committee will be meeting on the non-council Tuesdays.
- Mr. Voss reported that a Police & Fire Wage Negotiation meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3.
- Mrs. Zech wanted to thank our Maintenance Department for taking good care of our roads.
- Mr. Hardig called a meeting of the Zoning Committee for April 19 immediately following the council meeting to discuss the plans for the new Rack development at the end of Breustle Avenue. Mr. Braun will let the Engineer know to attend this meeting.

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Motion to Move To Executive Session: Mr. B. Smyth motioned, second by Mr. Hardig, third by Mrs. Zech.

Following executive session, council returned to chambers where Mrs. Richter motioned for adjournment. Ms. Hawk seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40PM.


Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council


Kerry Smyth, President of Council