

**April 5, 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
Safety Services Director	Tom Braun
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	Stefanie Hawk

Mrs. Richter was running late at work and arrived to the meeting at 7:40.

Mrs. Zech's absence was excused with the motion by B. Smyth, second by S. Hawk and 5-0 voice vote.

Mayor Keller then took the floor for the swearing in of full time Police Officer Candace Mason. Ms. Mason has been a part time officer in Cheviot for a few years, and recently accepted the full time assignment.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 15 meeting was made by B. Smyth, second by D. Voss, and carried unanimously. K. Smyth asked for an amendment to the minutes from the March 15 meeting citing that he felt they were biased. The Clerk had made some changes based on his email request, but he also wanted to strike a statement from the minutes. Law Director Rohr wanted to address the issue of when it is appropriate to amend the minutes, but K. Smyth refused to let her speak. The statement in question was removed at his request. Motion to approve as amended made by B. Smyth, second by D. Voss and carried unanimously. Motion to approve the minutes of the March 31 special session was made by D. Voss, second by S. Hawk, and also carried unanimously.

There were no Department Reports.

Public Recognition on Agenda Items: No one from the public addressed Council.

**Legislation:**

**Ordinance 22-11** To Transfer Certain Funds And To Declare An Emergency (\$120,000 from General Fund to Police & Fire Pension Fund) Motion to introduce made by D. Voss, second by J. Hardig. There was no discussion. Motion to suspend the rules made by B. Smyth, second by S. Hawk. Motion to adopt made by D. Voss, second by S. Hawk. All motions carried unanimously.

**Resolution 22-06** To Approve Contract With The Fraternal Order Of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. For The Period Beginning April 1, 2022 And Ending December 31, 2024. D. Voss motioned to introduce, second by L. Jones. There was no discussion. Motion to adopt made by D. Voss, second by S. Hawk. Both motions carried unanimously.

**Administrative Reports:**

Mayor Keller reported that the Harvest Home Lodge renovations are on schedule for a May 3 completion date. The Harvest Home Fair Association has made a donation for the renovation of the kitchen area and the toilets and urinals. The newly acquired Cappels building has been shown to two potential tenants, but no offers have been received yet. The City is applying for a grant to fund the stage at Harvest Home Park as well as to give the Cheviot Historic Society a permanent home at Cheviot Fieldhouse. A resolution from Council is required to authorize the hire of additional police and fire personnel.

Safety Services Director Tom Braun had no report. A. Richter asked about the pool. We have 9 lifeguards returning, still looking for a pool manager.

Law Director Rohr had no formal report, but was able to answer S. Hawk's question about corrections to meeting minutes. When the clerk sends out the minutes from a meeting prior to the following meeting, that is the time to address typos and other clerical-type errors.

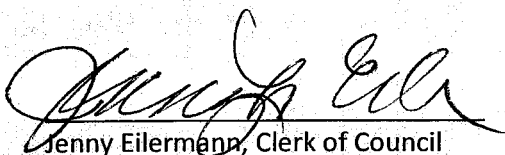
**Public Recognition on Non-Agenda Items:**

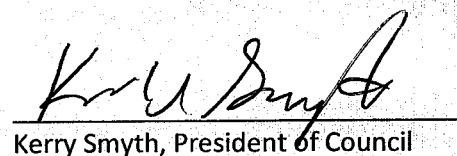
Emmy Freidrichs, of Glenmore Avenue discussed the economic impact of inclusivity, and how public comments made by council members can dissuade potential new businesses from wanting to set up shop in Cheviot. Disparaging comments can also affect the outcome of grant applications. Ms. Friedrichs again offered assistance in preparing a Code of Conduct for the City.

Ray Kroner, a North Bend Rd. business owner discussed the positive and negative side of social media postings, and encourage even those who are not currently engaged to consider making social media an important means to contact a great number of constituents.

**Other Business:** Mayor Court Distributions Journal for February 2022 was received and filed with a motion by A. Richter, second by B. Smyth and a 6-0 voice vote. Financial Disclosures due May 16. Department of Commerce sent a reminder that liquor licenses are up for renewal in June. Building, Annexation and Zoning meeting will follow the April 19 council meeting. Finance committee will meet following that for discussion about new hires for police & fire departments. Finance committee will also meet with the Fire Department regarding their contract, but no date and time has been set.

Motion for adjournment made by B. Smyth, second by J. Hardig. Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

  
Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council

  
Kerry Smyth, President of Council