

**May 17, 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
Council At Large	Amy Richter

Mrs. Zech was absent, having injured her knee. A motion to excuse her absence was made by D. Voss, second by A. Richter.

Council President Smyth announced the swearing in of Cheviot's newest police sergeant, Steve Knapp, Jr. Sergeant Knapp started with the Cheviot Police Explorers unit as a teenager, returned to Cheviot as a P/O in 2018 and recently accepted an assignment as Police Sergeant. Mayor Keller administered the oath of office.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 19 meeting was made by J. Hardig, second by A. Richter and approved unanimously.

There were no Department Reports

There were no reports of Standing Committees.

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

**Legislation:** Resolution 22-08 To Authorize The Safety-Service Director To Prepare And Submit An Application To Participate In The Transit Infrastructure Fund Programs And To Execute Contracts As Required. Introduce by L. Jones, second by B. Smyth. Motion to adopt made by D.Voss, second by B. Smyth. Resolution adopted by 6-0 voice vote.

There was brief discussion regarding adopting a resolution to declare June 2022 as Pride Month in the City. Discussion was deferred to the Internal/External Affairs Committee (Hawk). A meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24 at 7PM to further discuss this issue as well as B. Smyth's recommendation to abolish Daylight Saving Time.

**Administrative Reports:**

-Mayor Keller stated that SSD Braun and Caroline Statkus met with the County regarding their report on the Capps Building. The final report will not be available till late summer. No decisions will be made until that report is finalized. During recent heavy rains, a sewer line underneath the floor at Harvest Home Lodge ruptured. Recent heavy rains have caused a sewer line to rupture under the brand new floor at Harvest Home Lodge. Part of the floor will have to be pulled up so the pipes underneath can be relined. The flooring contractor is certain this will cause no noticeable change in the appearance of the floor.

-Safety Service Braun reported that the water main work has begun in Ward 4. Street reconstruction will begin once the waterworks portion of the project is complete. Energy Alliance is recommending that no new utility aggregation rates be negotiated until the current prices stabilize. This inaction prevents us from getting locked into the current higher than average prices for the next year. All participants will be defaulting to Duke Energy until such time that a new contract can be written.

-Law Director Rohr had no formal report but wanted to acknowledge our Police Department and thank officers Candy Mason and Nicole Peacock for conducting a very informative program for Mrs. Rohr's girl scout troop. Chief Stone also came in on his day off and provided a tour of the jail. The girls really enjoyed their tour.

**Public Recognition on Other Issues:**

--Dane Mitchell (Kiwanian) asks for support of the Harvest Home Fair Committee and the Westwood-Cheviot Kiwanis by allowing them to meet at the Harvest Home Lodge at no charge. Mr. Mitchell also brought with him a volunteer sign-up sheet. This will be discussed in A. Richter's Parks & Playgrounds Committee following tonight's council meeting.

--Donnie Becker, Chair of the Harvest Home Fair Committee addressed council on a similar issue.

--Irene Vitalkis, representing Eagle Riders, announced the date of this year's Honor Run will be June 18. The opening ceremony which will highlight this year's honoree, Pete Rebold will be held at 11AM in the municipal parking lot on Harrison Ave. The after party will be held on the second floor of the Eagles starting at 6PM. There will be dinner and raffles. All proceeds benefit Honor Flights.

--Ray Kroner addressed council asking that Council take a stand against the continuing rhetoric on social media, which portrays the city in a negative way. If we want our community to succeed and grow, we need to make sure we're presenting a positive and inclusive atmosphere so that all people can feel comfortable and safe here.

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**Other Business:**

- S. Hawk presented highlights from the May 10 LSDMC meeting at Cheviot School
- K. Smyth will be absent from the June 7 meeting, leaving President pro tem D. Voss to preside over the council meeting.

There was no Treasurer's Report

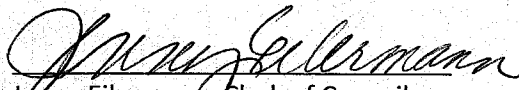
There were no Mayor's Court Receipts

Correspondence: 6 property maintenance violations

At 8:20PM, there was a motion made by B. Smyth to move to executive session for further discussion of the Fire Department wage negotiations. D. Voss seconded, A Richter gave the third.

Council re-convened at 8:40. A. Richter motioned that Council have its annual recess on August 2. S. Hawk seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

At 8:42 A. Richter motioned for adjournment. B. Smyth seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

  
Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council

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Kerry Smyth, President of Council