

June 7, 2022
City Council, Cheviot, Ohio

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President *pro tem* David Voss called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent prayer and commemoration of those soldiers who fought and died on June 6, 1944. D. Voss, acting as president *pro tem* will not be voting on any of the items before council.

Roll was then called, and the following members were in attendance:

Mayor	Sam Keller
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	Kitty Zech
Council At Large	Stefanie Hawk
Council At Large	Amy Richter

The meeting was then turned over to Mayor Keller for the swearing in of three new paramedics, Doug Rolf, Kori Bright and Dominic Sweeney. We welcome these three new members of our fire department and thank them for their service to the community.

The president then asked for a motion to excuse K. Smyth. Motioned by S. Hawk, second by B. Smyth. Motion carried 6-0.

Two pieces of legislation are being presented tonight, one being an ordinance to amend the fees for city owned properties and the second being a resolution to declare June 2022 Pride Month in Cheviot.

A Richter motioned to approve the minutes from the May 17 meeting. Second by L. Jones. Motion carried 6-0.

There were no Department Reports.

Reports of Standing Committees:

S. Hawk read her report from the Internal/External Affairs Committee meeting held on May 24. She motioned to receive and file, a second was made by A. Richter, and the motion carried by a 5-1 voice vote. Note: B. Smyth, a committee member who attended the meeting, chose not to sign the report. He was also the lone NO vote for the motion to receive and file the report.

Public Recognition on Agenda Items:

- Marlena Brookfield addressed council on behalf of her father, a resident of Cheviot who lives next to the councilmember who has been very vocal about his opposition to the LGBTQ+ Community. Marlena is fearful of sending her child to Cheviot because she feels it is an unsafe environment.
- Quinn Marcotte, of Finneytown is in favor of the resolution. He stated that a person is more likely to be sexually assaulted by a member of the clergy than by a member of the LGBTQ+ Community.
- Katie Ewing, a resident of Cheviot spoke about the importance of adopting the resolution to make all people feel welcome in Cheviot.
- Autumn Rainwater, of Finneytown, a career firefighter, related her story about an act of violence against her because of her orientation. She is in support of the Resolution.
- Nikki Baugher, a resident and transgender woman who does not support passage of the resolution because she believes that young children should be discouraged from declaring their sexual preferences until they are older.
- Thomas (no last name given), of Price Hill spoke out in opposition of the Resolution

Legislation:

Resolution 22-09 To Declare June 2022 "Pride Month" In The City Of Cheviot. Motion to introduce made by S. Hawk, second by K. Zech. Motion carried 4-2 with J. Hardig opposed to bringing the resolution to council for vote and doesn't believe its passage will benefit the City or the LGBTQ+ community, and B. Smyth read some emails that he received indicating that there were others opposed to the resolution. He motioned to postpone the vote but the motion was denied. Motion to suspend the rules was made by K. Zech, second by A. Richter. Motion carried by a 5-1 margin, with B. Smyth being the only no vote. Motion to adopt was made by S. Hawk, second by A. Richter. Motion carried 5-1, again with B. Smyth being the only no vote.

Ordinance 22-13 To Amend The Fees For The Use Of The City Facilities; And To Declare An Emergency. Motion to introduce was made by A. Richter, second by S. Hawk. Motion carried 6-0. There was no discussion. Motion to suspend the rules made by K. Zech, second by A. Richter. Motion carried 6-0. Motion to adopt made by A. Richter, second by L. Jones. Motion carried 6-0.

Administrative Reports:

- Mayor Keller spoke of the virtual meeting to be held about the road diet proposed by Hamilton County. The meeting will be June 21 from 6 to 7PM. More information is available at the city's Website.
- Safety Service Director Tom Brown said the repairs to the floor at the Harvest Home Lodge should be completed by the end of next week.
- Law Director Rohr had no report.

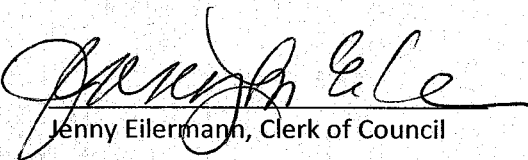
There was no Treasurer's Report

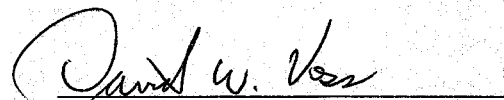
Mayor's Court Receipts from April 2022 were received and filed with a motion by S. Hawk, second by A. Richter and 6-0 voice vote

Other Business:

- A. Richter thanked all of those who helped make Family Day a success with special recognition to Clerk Eilermann for helping, and for securing the Boy Scout Troop 418 and their barrel train.
- S. Hawk reminded that the Harvest Home Volunteer Meeting will be held under the shelter at Harvest Home Lodge this Thursday, June 9 at 6:30PM.
- D. Voss commended Cheviot's police department on the prosecution and conviction of an individual involved in a murder on Ruth Lane last year.

Seeing no further business before this council, K. Zech motioned for adjournment. A. Richter seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:24PM.


Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council


David Voss, President *pro tem*