

May 2, 2023
City Council, Cheviot, Ohio

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President Kerry Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent prayer.

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

Mayor	Sam Keller
President of Council	Kerry Smyth
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

Dispensing with the normal order of business to allow for the swearing-in of the following individuals:

Logan Greenwood, Police Officer
Jacob LeCount, Fire Engineer
Ethan Brogan, Firefighter
Matthew Beahr, Fire Captain

Mr. Voss's absence was excused at the April 18 council meeting. Mrs. Richter was absent at the beginning of the meeting but she arrived in time for the vote on legislation.

Minutes from the April 18 council meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Smyth, second by Ms. Hawk and unanimous voice vote.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Keller and Mrs. Richter met with Father Matt from St. Martin's earlier in the day. It was a productive meeting, where Sam and Amy were able to extoll the value of having St. Martins as an integral part of the Cheviot community. Fr. Matt said that there are no immediate plans to close the church or the school.

Safety Services Director: Mr. Braun reported that the opening of the bids for the road diet project was delayed to May 11 due to a change in a portion of the project. This additional time will allow for more bidders to submit their proposals.

Law Director: Mrs. Rohr commented what a great showing by council members, city administration and members of the community at this year's Young Citizens Banquet. She also reported that the City has received a settlement from the Monsanto Class Action Lawsuit that can be used for stormwater mitigation, as per terms of the settlement. Also, Mrs. Rohr explained the process of citing a homeowner for property code violations (i.e. tall grass).

Mrs. Richter arrived at 7:59.

Mr. O and Ms. Solomon-Gray came before council with a report for the year from Cheviot School. They feel that things are moving in the right direction and are hearing positive feedback from other schools outside of the district on the Leader In Me Program. Recently a naturalization ceremony was held at the school where over 60 applicants were granted US citizenship. The program was put on by the school's own *Leader In Me* participants. There was much discussion between the school representatives and council members on other topics of interest including school start times and transportation challenges faced by CPS.

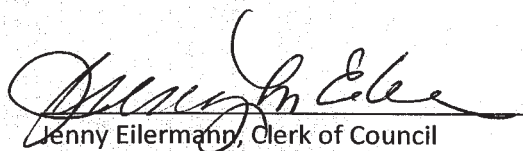
Ordinance 23-12 To Amend Ordinance 23-11 And To Declare An Emergency. Motion to introduce made by Mr. Hardig, second by Mr. Smyth. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Hardig, second by Mrs. Richter. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Hardig, second by Mrs. Zech. All motions carried 6-0.

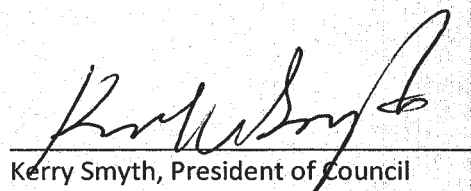
Resolution 23-06 To Request that the Hamilton County Auditor Certify To The City Of Cheviot The Tax Levy Calculations Enumerated In Section 5705.03(B) Of The Ohio Revised Code; And To Declare An Emergency. Motion to introduce made by Mr. Hardig, Second by Mrs. Richter. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Smyth, second by Mrs. Richter. Both motions carried 6-0.

Other Business:

- Ms. Hawk called a meeting of the Internal/External Affairs committee to discuss the State auditor's report for the year 2021.
- Mr. Hardig called a meeting of the Zoning Committee for May 16 immediately following the Streets & Sidewalks meeting to discuss the mural project.
- Discussion came up about the Cappel's building and whether or not legislation is required to move forward according to the options suggested from the realtor. Mrs. Rohr said that this is an administrative decision so no legal action is required at this time.
- Treasurer's Report for March 2023 was received and filed with a motion by Mr. Hardig, second by Mr. Smyth.
- Mrs. Richter gave a brief report on Family Day. She also spoke about the Center for Local Government and feels it would be to the benefit of all of council to join the organization and reap some of the myriad benefits offered with membership.
- Mayor Keller announced Kuno's early retirement. The K9's health issues have made it necessary for him to retire earlier than had been expected. He will be honored at Family Day.

Seeing no other business before this council, Mr. Smyth motioned for adjournment. Mrs. Zech seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.


Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council


Kerry Smyth, President of Council