

May 16, 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 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	Amy Richter

Ms. Hawk was out of town on business. Her absence was excused with a motion by Mr. Hardig, second by Mrs. Richter and a 6-0.

Minutes from the May 2 council meeting were approved with a motion by Mrs. Zech, second by Mr. Smyth unanimous voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Voss read his report from the Finance Committee meeting held on April 18. Motion to receive and file was made by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Hardig, and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Keller reported that there was only one bid received for the Road Diet project, and that it came in much higher than expected. The bid will require the City's portion to be raised by \$350,000. Mayor and SSD will be exploring options to reduce this cost, including having the bidder review their proposal to look for typos or miscalculations.

A motion was made by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Hardig to move forward with a resolution to authorize the release of additional funds to cover the additional cost of the Road Diet project. The motion carried unanimously. This will be considered the adoption of the resolution, read by title only. Mayor will speak with Law Director Rohr and ask her to prepare the resolution. The clerk gave Mayor Keller a copy of the proposed resolution to give to Mrs. Rohr.

Public Recognition: Mr. Richard Wilke, of Taft Ave addressed council with issues stemming from a rental property on his street, not limited to parking in the yard, employees of the tenants business taking up parking spaces on an already crowded street with parking only available on one side, excessive garbage being strewn about, children running into traffic. Mr. Wilke was instructed to keep reporting trouble each time it happens. The owner of the building can be cited as a nuisance property.

-Mr. Ray Kroner, owner of Kroner's Dry Cleaners and CBA member wanted to thank all city officials and admins who supported the Young Citizens Banquet. He also thanked Carolyn Statkus for facilitating the Façade Improvement Grant. Mr. Kroner spoke briefly of an event being hosted by CBA and Kiwanis in

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October. He asked Council to consider allowing the use of Harvest Home Park at no charge for this community event. CBA will be holding a Mayoral Forum in the fall to showcase the mayoral candidates and allow the public to pose questions to them.

-Kevin Leidecker, owner of NYPD Pizza asked whether vehicles other than electric ones could park in the EV stations, and if parking there could result in a parking ticket. Council person Smyth stated that he found no such ordinance where parking there is illegal, and stated that if he was ticketed, he (Mr. Smyth) would contest it in court.

Other Business:

-Mrs. Richter asked if there could be something done to better the Wi-Fi in the basement of Cheviot Fieldhouse. Mayor said that the Wi-Fi is paid for by St. Ignatius.

-Mrs. Richter gave a brief update about the upcoming Family Day at Harvest Home Park, Wednesday, June 7 from 5-8PM. She publicly thanked Kevin Leidecker for his continued support of the event.

-Parks and Playgrounds Committee will revisit the Kiwanis request to update the Harvest Home Park deed until after the fair this year. The current arrangement is effective until 2025.

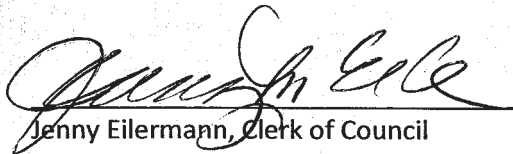
-The clerk advised council about Cheviot School's upcoming field day, and the PTA's request for sponsorship of the Kona Ice fundraiser in case anyone wanted to "pay it forward" to enable all children to receive a snow cone.

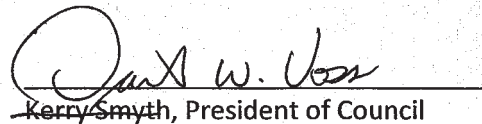
-Treasurer's Report, received this afternoon, will be deferred to the next meeting, allowing all council members to review it.

Upcoming Meetings:

Mrs. Richter called a meeting of the Parks & Playground Committee do discuss allowing the CBA and Kiwanis to use Harvest Home Park on October 14 for a public event.

Seeing no other business before this council, Mrs. Richter motioned for adjournment. Mrs. Zech seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:48PM.


Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council


Kerry Smyth, President of Council