

July 18, 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
Safety Services Director	Tom Braun
Council Ward 1	David Voss
Council Ward 2	John Hardig
Council Ward 3	Brian Smyth
Council at Large	Amy Richter
Council At Large	Kitty Zech
Council At Large	Stefanie Hawk

Ms. Jones's absence was excused by a motion by Mr. Smyth, second by Mrs. Richter and a 6-0 voice vote.

Mrs. Rohr, who was not present at roll call, arrived at 7:44.

Fire Chief Klein met in the center of the room and Chief Klein called forward Eric Sullender. Mayor then administered the oath of office to install Lieutenant Sullender. Lt. Sullender was pinned by his daughters.

Guest T. J. White from the Center For Local Government was in attendance to speak about the organization and the features and benefits that can be utilized by its members. A meeting will be held in the Internal/External Affairs Committee to determine if the cost is feasible. Date TBD.

Minutes from the June 20 meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Smyth and 6-0 voice vote.

Department Reports: Police Chief Patton's first quarter report was received and filed with a motion by Ms. Hawk, second by Mrs. Richter.

Ordinance 23-16 To Amend The 2023 Annual Budget Appropriations And To Declare An Emergency. Introduced by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Smyth. There was no discussion. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Richter, second by Ms. Hawk. Motion to adopt made by Mrs. Zech, second by Mrs. Richter. All motions passed unanimously.

Resolution 23-10 To Approve The 2024 Tax Budget. Introduced by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Hardig. There was no discussion. Motion to adopt made by Ms. Hawk, second by Mrs. Richter. All motions carried unanimously.

Resolution 23-11 To Authorize The Purchase Of Lockers With Monies From The Criminal Activity Forfeiture Fund. Introduced by Mr. Voss, second by Ms. Hawk. There was no discussion. Motion to adopt made by Mrs. Zech, second by Mrs. Richter. All motions carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Keller said that if any council member has printing needs, please let Erin know. Road diet construction has begun. He is requesting Executive Session tonight for discussion of the rental of city-owned property.

Safety Services Director's Report: Mr. Braun reported that some old street car rails were found under the pavement during the removal of pavement on Harrison Ave. The paving project at Harvest Home Park near the lodge is waiting for County approval.

Law Director's Report: Mrs. Rohr notified council of about a case where residents of Milford, Ohio are suing over that village's ban on short-term rentals

Public Recognition:

-Ray Kroner, of the Cheviot Business Alliance addressed council regarding the upcoming Cheviot Westoberfest being held on October 14. The organization is asking that the rental fee be waived for this event, as proceeds will benefit many non-profit organizations within the city.

Other Business:

-Mrs. Richter announced that the Historical Society is working on a Cheviot Monopoly game, and that they have keychains for sale with the We <3 Cheviot emblem on them.

-Council's annual recess will be Tuesday, August 1. The next regular council meeting will be on Aug 15.

Treasurer's Report from May 2023 was received and filed with a motion by Mr. Hardig, second by Mrs. Richter.

At 8:26PM Ms. Hawk motioned for Executive Session, second was by Mrs. Richter, third by Mrs. Zech.

Council meeting reconvened at 8:30. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hardig, second by Mr. Smyth.


Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council


Kerry Smyth, President of Council