

September 5, 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
Safety Service 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	Amy Richter
Council At Large	Kitty Zech
Council At Large	Stefanie Hawk

Mayor Keller administered the oath of office to new police officer Evan Bisonette. Officer Bisonette was welcomed by all of council.

Hamilton County Commissioner Denise Driehaus addressed Council on current issues currently being addressed by the Commission. There was some positive back and forth discussion between the Commission and members of Council.

Minutes from the August 15 council meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Hardig and unanimous voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Ms. Hawk presented her report from the Internal/External Affairs Committee meeting held on August 15 where re-joining the Center for Local Government was discussed. Motion to receive and file was made by Ms. Hawk, second by Mrs. Richter.

Legislation:

Resolution 23-14 To Authorize The Purchase Of Ballistic Vests With Monies From The Criminal Activity Forfeiture Fund. Motion to introduce was made by Mr. Voss, Second by Mr. Smyth. Adoption was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 23-18 To Transfer Certain Funds; And To Declare An Emergency. Introduced by Mr. Voss, second by Ms. Zech. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Smyth, second by Mrs. Richter. Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Smyth, second by Mr. Voss. All motions carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor Keller: The road diet project is progressing. Paid parking is still in the discussion stage, while the City reviews different options for administrating vendors. Also need to determine who will set the rates. The October 31 deadline has been pushed back to allow for more research.

Safety Service Director Braun: Applegate Avenue resurfacing is nearly complete. Speed signs are on back order. The Harvest Home Park paving project will go out to bid in October. Mrs. Richter again brought up the possibility of installing pickleball parks in the area by the library. She said that Green Township had their public works department do the installation and was able to cut the cost significantly.

Law Director Rohr: Mrs. Rohr spoke about Councilman Smyth's recent request for legislation concerning flying flags on city-owned property. To advance his request, Mr. Smyth needs to first ask that the issue be assigned to committee for discussion, then the committee is to present the request to the law director.

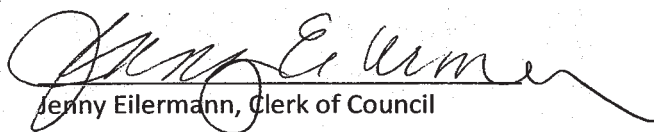
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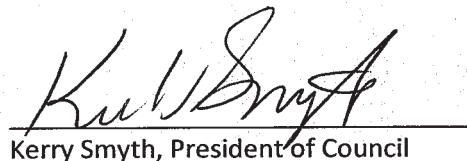
- Ray Kroner, from the Cheviot Business Alliance addressed Council regarding Oktoberfest being held at Harvest Home on October 14. He encouraged all of Council to attend the Mayoral Forum slated for October 10 at Cheviot School.

Other Business:

- Treasurer's Report from July 2023 was received and filed.
- Mr. Voss called a meeting of the Finance Committee (October 3, following the regular council meeting) to discuss gaining the proper licensure to allow the Treasurer to access information online that pertains to her assigned duties.

Seeing no other business before this council, Mrs. Zech motioned for adjournment. Mrs. Richter seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.


Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council


Kerry Smyth, President of Council