

**February 20, 2024  
City Council, Cheviot, Ohio**

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Council President Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer. Roll was then called, and the following members were in attendance:

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| Mayor                   | Sam Keller    |
| President of Council    | Kerry Smyth   |
| Safety Service Director | Steve Braun   |
| Council Ward 1          | David Voss    |
| Council Ward 2          | John Hardig   |
| Council Ward 3          | Brian Smyth   |
| Council Ward 4          | Lindsay Jones |
| Council At Large        | Troy Borgmann |
| Council At Large        | Stefanie Hawk |
| Council At Large        | Amy Richter   |

Minutes from the February 6 meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Hardig, second by Mr. Voss.

Year end reports from the Police and Fire Chiefs were received and filed with a motion by Mr. Smyth, second by Mrs. Richter and unanimous voice vote.

New canine Shadow and his handler, officer Jeff Miller were introduced by Police Chief Patton. P/O Miller fielded questions from Council regarding the background and training of Shadow.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

Mrs. Richter presented her report of the Parks & Playgrounds committee held on February 6. The focus of the meeting was to set new rates for facilities at Harvest Home Park as well as updated rates for pool passes and daily admission. The report was received and filed with a motion from Mrs. Richter, second from Mr. Hardig. The report is posted at cheviot.org

**Administrative Reports:**

-Mayor Keller spoke about the new Pom Parking Meters that would be an alternative to the kiosks previously discussed. The meters are fully programmable and the cost would be significantly less, given the the administrative costs would be minimal, and passed on to the end user. Council agreed to authorize the Safety Service Director to use \$88,000 that is already budgeted to purchase between 80 to 85 meters. Mr. Braun will order one unit including two meters to test them out prior to purchase. Council adopted Resolution 24-01 to authorize the use of funds. Mayor will be in touch with LD Rohr to have her draw up the resolution for signatures at the next meeting.

-Safety Service Director Steve Braun reported that the Memorandum of Understand with Xavier University has been executed.

**Public Recognition:**

-Irene Vitalkis, of Eagle Riders addressed council to report that the local Eagle Riders chapter has disbanded. Monies left in their account, as per law, were presented to the Cheviot Police and Cheviot Firedepartments as a charitable donation. The total was around \$850. The money is to be used for equipment for the two departments at the chiefs' discretion.

**Other Business:**

-Council voted 6-1 in favor of the Committee Assignments suggested by President Smyth. Ms. Hawk was the sole NO vote.

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-Mayor's Court receipts from December 2023 were received and filed with a motion by Mr. Hardig, second by Mr. Smyth

-Treasurer's Credit Card report was received and filed with a motion by Mr. Hardig, second by Mr. Smyth. At sometime in the future, new legislation will be needed to raise the credit card limits as established by the vendor.

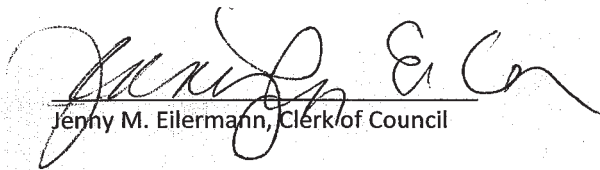
-Treasurer's Report from December 2023 was received and filed, and signed off on by POC Smyth

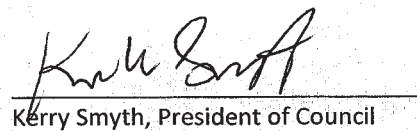
-Finance Committee (Voss) will meet immediately following the Council meeting on March 5 to discuss annual appropriations.

-Ms. Hawk announced the Historical Society is hosting a meeting for all community groups on March 26 6:30-8:30PM in the lower level of Cheviot Fieldhouse to discuss how difference organizations may be able to assist each other with community events.

-Mrs. Richter announced a Night At The Races at St. Martins held on Saturday, May 4. More information is forthcoming.

Seeing no further business before this Council, Ms. Hawk motioned for adjournment. Mrs Richter seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

  
Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of Council

  
Kerry Smyth, President of Council