

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

January 18, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

Mayor	J. Michael Laumann
President of Council	Samuel D. Keller
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Safety Service Director	Steven O. Neal
Council 1st Ward	Michael N. Mastruserio
Council 2nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3rd Ward	James E. Morganroth
Council 4th Ward	Boyd T. Miller
Council at Large	Kathleen Zech
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker
Council at Large	Kathleen M. Goedl

The minutes of the December 21, 1999 and the January 1, 2000 meeting were approved. Mr. Keller called for reports from Council.

Recognition of the Public

Mr. Bob Neal of 3990 Kenkel Avenue addressed Council regarding (1) the Harrison Avenue Corridor Study and (2) the loss of income tax to the city due to a proposal by Mr. Seitz of Green Township. There was general discussion.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal had no report.

Mayor's Report

As per the statutory obligations spelled out in the Ohio Revised Code, Mayor Laumann gave a report of the affairs of the city to Council. He stated that for the ninth straight year, the city has operated in the black. He touched on the issues of maintaining properties in the city, the business district, schools, wage negotiations, streets, and reducing long-term debts. He spoke on the issue of the census that will be taken this year and how the public needs to be well educated on the importance of the census and accurate numbers. He mentioned that the precinct and ward boundary lines in the city will have to be modified in conjunction with the census. Mr. Miller asked if there has been any discussion in regards to the Centennial Bank property that has been recently purchased by Provident Bank.

Law Director's Report

As per §733.62 of the Ohio Revised Code, Mr. Waters gave Council an annual report of his office. (1) He stated that the F.O.P. has filed a suit on behalf of Kevin Broderick in which the case is pending. (2) There has been a settlement in the Joe Schnetzer case. The city is only obligated to pay \$47.60 in court costs. (3) With regards to the Jim Siciliano case, the city is entitled to a certain offset for any amount of money he earned or could have earned during the period he was excluded from employment with the city. The amount is being worked out with Mr. Siciliano's attorney and Mr. Waters will keep council apprised. (4) A letter has been sent to the hearing officer in the "Patty's Place" liquor license transfer case. (5) Mr. Waters stated that in discussion with Chief Voss and Fran Kloepfer (Clerk of Courts), a cost schedule of copies of accident reports and other public records has been set. The policy is available from the Clerk of Courts. (6) The city received three payments totaling \$14,391.16 from the estate of Mary Lou Grote, which was forwarded to the Treasurer. (7) \$462.00 was refunded to the city in the Taylor case. (8) Labor negotiations are coming up this year for all three unions (police, fire and maintenance workers). (9) Thriftway is closing in Western Woods and Mr. Waters would like the city to encourage them to relocate to Cheviot if possible. (10) Mr. Waters plans on updating the city's sexual harassment policy. (11) Per request of Mr. Neal, Mr. Waters will look into the 5-ton weight limit with regards to Bruestle Avenue. (12) The Clerk of Courts asked that an ordinance be drafted to make a change to the depository for Mayor's Court receipts. (13) Mr. Waters stated that although Cheviot has a healthy Mayor's Court and that we now have hired a magistrate to hear trials and to sign warrants, there is an organized group that wants to do away with Mayors Court all together. Mr. Morganroth asked about the Garvey Case.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 -- Mr. Mastruserio stated that trenches have been filled in on Westwood-Northern Blvd. and the contractors will be back in the spring for seeding. He asked Mr. Neal to look into the traffic light at North Bend Road and Westwood-Northern Blvd. Traffic seems to be backing up on North Bend Road.

Ward 2 -- Mr. Dinkelacker had no report. He stated that he is looking forward to working with each member of each committee he has been assigned to.

Ward 3 -- Mr. Morganroth had no report. He will get with Mr. Neal to go over the list of streets to be done. He announced a Streets Committee meeting to be held on Monday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Dinkelacker had a question on the determination of whether a street project is done as a total rehab or just a resurface. There was general discussion.

Ward 4 -- Mr. Miller had no report. He expressed his sympathy to the family of Al Huseman who passed away. Al was very instrumental in work with the Cheviot Historical Society. Mrs. Zech asked Mr. Miller if he was compiling a list of names of individuals who could shovel snow or cut grass for the elderly residents in the city. There was general discussion.

Council at Large -- Mr. Mestemaker had no report.

Council at Large -- Mrs. Zech had no report. Mr. Morganroth asked if there was anything pending with Laws, Rules and Ordinances. She stated that one item was pending regarding parking cars on the lawn and she was waiting on proper wording.

Council at Large -- Mrs. Goedl stated that on January 7, she attended a LSDMC meeting at Cheviot School. They are adding another second grade and will remodel the library to accommodate them. Mrs. Goedl announced a Schools Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Further Business -- Mr. Morganroth announced that the CFA Cheviot Shootout Basketball Tournament begins Friday, January 21 at 5:00 p.m.

Correspondence -- (1) There was a motion to receive and file the Mayor's Court Receipt Report for December 1999 made by Mr. Mestemaker with a second by Mr. Miller. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. (2) All elected officials have received a financial disclosure statement to be filed with the Ohio Ethics Commission. (3) Ordinances, Resolutions and City Tax Forms will now be available on the city's website beginning this year.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Council adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council

Michael J. Murray
Clerk of Council