

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

February 1, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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 at Large	Kathleen Zech
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker
Council at Large	Kathleen M. Goedl

A motion to excuse Mr. Miller was made by Mrs. Zech with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. The minutes of the January 18, 2000 meeting were approved. Mr. Keller called for reports from Council and read a list of ordinances and resolutions to be presented.

Recognition of the Public

Dr. Jean Siebenaler of Green Township addressed Council regarding Rescue Health Care Day to be held from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on April 1, 2000.

Mr. Keller announced some conflicting dates for council meetings; that being March 7, July 4 and November 7, 2000. There will be no council meeting on those dates.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal read his report into the record. He complimented the Maintenance Department for taking care of clearing the streets during the recent snowstorms. The city's ordinance regarding snow removal in both the business and the residential district is enforceable. There was general discussion. Christmas trees will be chipped and shredded over at the park as soon as the snow melts. The Census workers will be using the council conference room from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. on both March 3rd and 10th. Mr. Neal also read a report submitted by Police Chief Voss into the record. There were some grant moneys received by the department that was turned over to the Auditor's Office. The full-time Officers are now on permanent shifts. The Safe & Sober Campaign will be underway from February 13th through the 18th. The department's year-end report is complete and on file in the Chief's office.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Laumann spoke on the retirement of two city employees: Ken Taylor of the Maintenance Department and Sgt. Tom Baldock of the Police Department. Mr. Neal is accepting applications to fill the vacancy in the Maintenance Department. A Civil Service promotional exam is scheduled for March 4th to fill the sergeant's position. Wage negotiations for the departments are under way with the various bargaining units. The Mayor's Court checking account will be moved from Provident Bank to Fifth-Third Bank in order to avoid service charges. A resolution has been drafted in order to accomplish this. A new part-time police officer, Christina Mock, has been sworn in. There have been discussions with the people at Provident Bank regarding their intentions with the Centennial Bank property. The Mayor thanked Time Warner Cable for their help in taking down and putting up the banners in the business district. The Mayor is in the process of updating the list of boards and commissions due to some vacancies and will have that list by the next council meeting. There was general discussion regarding the Centennial Bank property.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters will prepare a table of wage negotiation deadlines. He received a letter from Kevin Broderick's attorney claiming that he is still due about \$2300.00 from the city. He disagrees with the claim and will aggressively defend the city. Mr. Waters has received a couple of request for opinion letters. He has also received a packet from Chuck Mitchell who is representing Lt. Siciliano over the back wage issue.

There was a motion to introduce a resolution To Authorize The Transfer Of The Cheviot Mayor's Court Fund Account And Cheviot Mayor's Court Bond Account To The Fifth-Third Bank And To Declare An Emergency made by Mrs. Goedl; second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES00-01.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 -- Mr. Mastruserio asked Mr. Neal about his findings with the traffic light at North Bend Road and Westwood-Northern Blvd. Mr. Neal stated that adjustments to the timing sequence have been made and it seems to be working fine. Mrs. Goedl inquired about the light on Glenmore Avenue. Mr. Mastruserio made a motion to introduce a resolution To Authorize The Safety-Service Director To Advertise For Bids For Bituminous Materials And To Declare An Emergency. There was a second by Mrs. Goedl. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES00-02.

Ward 2 -- Mr. Dinkelacker had received some calls regarding getting crosswalks painted where Homelawn and Janward each meet School Section Road. He also was contacted about removing parking meters in Cheviot. There was general discussion. This issue was placed in the Lights and Traffic Committee for further research.

Ward 3 -- Mr. Morganroth stated that Chief Clark has prepared a year-end report of the Fire Department. Mr. Morganroth also read a Streets and Sidewalk Committee report into the record. There was a motion made to receive and file the committee report by Mr. Morganroth; second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. A motion to introduce a resolution To Authorize And Direct The Safety-Service Director To Advertise For Bids For Street Improvement Project For The Year 2000 And To Declare An Emergency was made by Mr. Morganroth; second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES00-03. Mr. Morganroth announced that the Cheviot Eagles are holding their Hall of Fame Dinner on Wednesday, February 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Neal along with four other people will each receive a civic appreciation award that night.

Ward 4 -- No report.

Council at Large -- Mr. Mestemaker had no report. He reminded residents to be aware of scam artists that may be going door-to-door casing out homes. Mrs. Goedl added that anyone going door-to-door in the city must have a permit on them and also may not solicit after 6:00 p.m.

Council at Large -- Mrs. Zech had no report. She complimented the production staff putting on the CFA Shootout.

Council at Large -- Mrs. Goedl made a motion to introduce a resolution To Transfer Funds And To Declare An Emergency. There was a second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES00-04. Mrs. Goedl read a Schools Committee report into the record. There was a motion to receive and file the report made by Mr. Mastruserio with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote.

Further Business -- (1) There was a motion to receive and file the Mayor's Court Receipt Report for January 2000 made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. (2) There was a motion to receive and file the 1999 Treasurer's Annual Report made by Mrs. Zech with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. (3) There was a motion to receive and file the Treasurer's Report for December 1999 made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. (4) There was a motion to receive and file the 1999 Tax Department Report for December 1999 made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. (5) Mr. Morganroth announced a Police and Fire Committee meeting will be held Saturday, February 5th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss part-time wages.

Correspondence -- None received.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Mr. Dinkelacker with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. Council adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council

Michael J. Murray
Clerk of Council