

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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February 1, 2005

The regular session of Council was delayed because of the final Tax Levy Public Hearing. The meeting was called to order at 8:21 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

Mayor	Samuel D. Keller
President of Council	James E. Morganroth
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Safety Service Director	Steven O. Neal
Council 1 st Ward	Michael J. Murray
Council 2 nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3 rd Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker

Mrs. Gooch was out of town for a work meeting. Mrs. Zech made a motion to excuse Mrs. Gooch. Mr. Mestemaker made the second. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The minutes of January 18, 2005 were approved. President Morganroth called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

No one wished to address Council.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal had no formal report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller explained that tonight was the final public forum about the tax levy. He explained that the levy is for 4.25 mils. He asked the residents to vote on February 8 whether they support the levy or not. But he also stated that Council and both political parties in Cheviot support the levy. Mayor Keller explained that Issue 1 was the only item on the ballot in Cheviot and that it was for the renewal of 2 mils, plus an addition of 2.25 mils. He explained that the last tax increase in Cheviot was in 1980. Finally it was explained that the Political Action Committee that was formed put together a mailing and that residents should receive it the weekend before the election.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters reported that the Auditor's Office requires a resolution for exemption processes for property tax. Since there are no properties which require exemption in Cheviot there is no need for a resolution.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray reported that in mid-February the Recreation Commission will begin to issue permits for use of the baseball fields. Mr. Murray suggests that the Parks and Recreation Committee meet to discuss any fee increases which would be made by the Recreation Commission. After discussion, Mr. Murray said that after the Recreation Commission makes its decision he will call a meeting of the Parks and Playground Committee. He also explained to the residents that SORTA which runs METRO bus will raise rates to \$1.00. METRO will continue to run on Sundays.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion *To Rescind The City's Request To Participate In The Hamilton County Regional Storm Water District; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES05-02. There was much discussion about this topic.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus had no formal report. He urged all residents to support the tax levy on February 8, 2005.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch was not in attendance. She had left a request to have a meeting of the Finance Committee with Mr. Neal and Maintenance Foreman Tom Braun in attendance. A meeting of the Finance Committee was called for Wednesday, February 9, 2005 at 6:30 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion *To Amend The 2005 Annual Budget Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD05-04. Mrs. Zech made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mayor Keller explained that this was to add a line item for the \$106,000 grant from the Federal Government to cover the costs of new gear in the fire department. Mr. Mestemaker made another motion *To Amend the 2005 Annual Budget Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD05-05. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Council at Large – Mr. Mestemaker had no report. He reminded President Morganroth that he did help the TV Crew at the CFA Shootout during the first week. Mr. Mestemaker also asked all residents to vote for the tax levy on February 8, 2005.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech read a report of the Laws, Rules and Ordinance Committee into the record. Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. Mrs. Zech asked all residents to please vote yes on the tax levy.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. He also asked all voters to vote yes for the tax levy.

Further Business

Mr. Neal explained that the siren at Cheviot School has now been turned off. Mr. Neal explained that there will be an article in the newspapers and a few of the local television stations will also carry a story about this in the next few days. Mr. Neal still feels that the siren is the responsibility of the County and that they should pay for the siren.

Correspondence

A notice from Cinergy came explaining that they want to increase electric rates effective January, 2006. The notice is on file.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

James E. Morganroth
President of Council