

# MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

February 15, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

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

Mr. Miller was absent. The minutes of the February 1, 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**

There was no one at this time.

## **Safety Service Director's Report**

Mr. Neal read his report into the record. Mulch from the Christmas trees is in the parking lot over at Harvest Home Park for anyone who wants it. The City Engineer has advised Mr. Neal that bids for road construction are high this year due to the cost of blacktop is up about \$4 to \$5 per ton over last year. The various department heads are budgeting 40% more this year for fuel. The Mayor was supposed to present his appointments to the various boards and commissions this evening but a recent resignation has delayed this until the next meeting. A report from the Recreation Commissioner was read into the record and is on file. In response to Mr. Morganroth's question, Mr. Neal stated that the city purchases fuel through the state co-operative program.

## **Recognition of the Public**

Referring to council's agenda, Mr. Keller asked for a vote to allow the representatives of the US Census Bureau who arrived late to speak. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. Susan Fongheiser and Tracy Watson of the Blue Ash Local Office of the U.S. Department of Commerce - Bureau of the Census addressed Council regarding the 2000 census being taken this year and the importance of being 'counted'. Forms will be mailed to homes starting March 13<sup>th</sup> and should be filled out and mailed back in by April 1, 2000.

## **Mayor's Report**

No report.

## **Law Director's Report**

Mr. Waters filed an application with the court to dispose of nineteen abandoned and unclaimed vehicles that the city has in its possession. All members received a copy of a letter filed with the Auditor regarding current lawsuits facing the city. There has been continuing discussion with Mr. Mitchell, who is representing Lt. Siciliano, over the back wage issue.

## **Committee Reports**

Ward 1 -- Mr. Mastruserio asked Mr. Neal when the spring newsletter would be going out to the residents. Mr. Neal stated that it would be sometime in the middle of May. Mr. Mastruserio stated that he would like to see another Clean Up Cheviot Day. He also asked if there is any progress in the issue of parking cars on lawns. The issue is currently in Mrs. Zech's committee. There was general discussion. Mr. Mastruserio called for a Public Works Committee meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss issues regarding Time Warner Cable. Mrs. Goedl thanked Time Warner Cable for their help in removing the Christmas banners and erecting the "A Great Place To Be" banners in the business district.

Ward 2 -- Mr. Dinkelacker has made a few contacts regarding the possibility of grant money or bond money that may be available to help with the sewer problems in the city. Mr. Dinkelacker announced a meeting with the CWBA and members of the business community to be held at Anthony's regarding parking meters in Cheviot. The meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m. on February 16<sup>th</sup>. He also wished his daughter Danielle a happy 14<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Ward 3 -- Mr. Morganroth read a Police and Fire Committee report into the record. There was a motion made to receive and file the committee report by Mr. Mastruserio; second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. A motion to introduce an ordinance *To Increase The Wage Rates Of Part-time Police Officers, Meter Person and Crossing Guards; And To Declare An Emergency* was made by Mr. Mestemaker; second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-02. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Zech with a second by Mrs. Goedl. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Morganroth. That motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote and ORD00-02 was adopted. Mr. Morganroth reminded council members of the Cheviot Eagles Civic Appreciation Awards Dinner to be held on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Ward 4 -- No report. Mrs. Zech announced that there would be an Arbor Day celebration this year. The clerk announced the date as being the last Friday in April.

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

Council at Large -- Mrs. Zech had no report. There will be a Laws, Rules and Ordinance committee meeting TBA.

Council at Large -- Mrs. Goedl called for a Schools Committee meeting to be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the possibility of transferring into the Oak Hills School District.

Further Business -- Mr. Keller announced that there will not be a regular council meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> due to the Ohio Primary and the fact that city hall is a polling place. He reminded the public to exercise their right to vote. The next council meeting will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Correspondence -- A franchise revision agreement from Time Warner Cable was received and turned over to the Law Director for review. It's finals night at the Cheviot Shootout on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. Council adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Samuel D. Keller  
President of Council

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Michael J. Murray  
Clerk of Council