

# **MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO**

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March 19th, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 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 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Michael J. Murray
Council 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	James E. Morganroth
Council 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward	Debra A. Gooch
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker

The minutes of March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002 were approved. President Keller 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 mentioned that the two track hoes on the former Centennial Bank site will begin demolition on March 20, 2002. They expect to be on the site for a month. In addition, the contractor stated that Auto Zone is attempting to design the site so that the Nativity scene can remain on the corner of Harrison and Washington Avenues. Mr. Neal also reported that the Cincinnati Water Works will be replacing the water main on West St. Martins now. This is a change from their previous statement. Finally, Mr. Neal mentioned that the City marked 150 properties last summer for sidewalk repairs. He mentioned that those that did not repair the sidewalk will be billed an 18% surcharge when the City hires the contractor for the work. The repair fee will be added to the taxes of the property owner if they do not pay. Mr. Neal said that he asked the Law Director for advice on how to handle those that did not pick up the certified letter. Mrs. Gooch asked Mr. Neal to see if he could ask the contractor on the Auto Zone site if they would donate a few young trees to the City for use in the park.

## **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor had no formal report. Mayor Laumann mentioned that he was still working with the Cincinnati Public Schools to help find an adequate swing site. He mentioned that Cincinnati Public Schools will be taking a walk through the old Hillenbrand site on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March.

## **Law Director's Report**

Mr. Waters mentioned that the hearing for the proposed cell tower has been moved to April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in Judge Niehaus's room.

## **Committee Reports**

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray read a report of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee into record. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. Mr. Murray made a motion *To Fix the Rates for Usage of the Cheviot Pool at Harvest Home Park for the 2002 Season; And to Declare an Emergency*; second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned as ORD02-08. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. A motion to Adopt ORD02-08 was made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mr. Murray. The motion passed

7-0 by roll call vote. Both Mayor Laumann and Mr. Murray stressed that this was the first increase in the pool rates in five years. Mr. Murray also reported that the new playground equipment had arrived, and that the City was waiting for better weather to install it. Mr. Keller asked Mr. Murray to hold a Parks meeting for the purpose of discussing the vandalism, foul language, and general misbehaving that has been occurring at the Harvest Home Park basketball courts. Mr. Neal responded that he was planning on approaching the kids and reminding them that he will take the hoops down if this continues. Mr. Mestemaker suggested that the Police identify the times where these problems are the worst, and to patrol the park during those times. Mr. Norman also said that he had discussed the problem with a resident on Augusta. Mr. Murray called for a Parks and Playgrounds Committee meeting on Thursday, March 28 at 6 p.m. in the Harvest Home Lodge.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no report. Mr. Dinkelacker mentioned that the MSD CDM Sewer Project report will arrive soon. He also wished his father a speedy recovery from the emergency back surgery he underwent earlier in the day.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth had no report. He thanked Police Chief Voss for the report of activity that the Police Department gave to Council. In addition, he mentioned the Easter egg hunt hosted by the Cheviot Police and Cheviot Fire Associations along with the Cheviot Action Partnership.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch mentioned that there was a meeting of the finance committee to discuss the appropriations. She informed Council that there would be a report at the next Council meeting. Mrs. Gooch mentioned that this year's appropriations will fall with-in the available funds reported to Council by the Auditor. Mrs. Gooch then made a motion to adopt the *Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2002 Ending December 31, 2002; And to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. Morganroth seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD02-09. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to suspend the rules with a second by Mr. Murray. The motion passed 7-0 by roll-call vote. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. Mestemaker with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Gooch then made a motion after a correction pointed out by Mr. Neal *To Authorize and Direct the Safety Service Director to Advertise for Bids for the City's Purchase of a 25 Cubic Yard Load Packer Unit for Use by the Cheviot Public Works Department; And to Declare and Emergency*; second by Mr. Murray. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES02-06. Finally, Mrs. Gooch mentioned that her Church was also sponsoring an egg hunt at Harvest Home Park.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker had no report. He made a motion To Accept the Bid of Barrett Paving Materials for the Provision of Bituminous Materials to the City of Cheviot; And to Declare an Emergency. Mr. Norman seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD02-10. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules; second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mrs. Gooch. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no report.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no report.

### **Further Business**

A motion to receive and file the Treasurer's for February 2002 was made by Mr. Mestemaker with a second by Mrs. Gooch. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Keller received an invitation to attend the 2001 Growth Awards which he could not attend. Mr. Norman agreed to represent the City of Cheviot. Mr. Murray mentioned that Cheviot Police Officer Russell Schuckman was leaving the department to take a job with the Green Township Police force. Mr. Murray thanked Mr. Schuckman for his service to Cheviot.

**Correspondence**

The Ohio Municipal League invited all new members of Council to attend a training session. There were two other letters from the Ohio EPA and the MetroMoves Program. Copies were made for all members of Council.

There was a motion to adjourn by Mr. Morganroth with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Ryan T. Zech  
Clerk of Council

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Samuel D. Keller  
President of Council