

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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May 4, 2004

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:28 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
Council 1 st Ward	Michael J. Murray
Council 2 nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3 rd Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council 4 th Ward	Debra A. Gooch

Several members of Council were unable to attend due to a prior commitment. There were not enough members in attendance to excuse Mr. Mestemaker, Mr. Norman, or Mrs. Zech. There were not enough in attendance to approve the minutes of April 20, 2004.

Recognition of the Public

No one wished to address Council.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal was not in attendance. His report is on file.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller reported that Passes for the Cheviot Pool were now on sale. The pool opens June 5th. Mayor Keller addressed a rumor that had been circulating about the baseball field which the Cheviot Patriots are repairing and updating. Mayor Keller explained that the Cheviot Patriots are not going to be the only team allowed to use the field. He stated that the field is owned and will continue to be owned by the City of Cheviot for use by the residents of Cheviot. He mentioned that the field will still be available to the little league and softball teams in addition to the Cheviot Patriots. Mrs. Gooch mentioned that she had received similar comments and she wanted to remind residents that this was much like how the Kiwanis upgrade Harvest Home Park for the Harvest Home Fair. She mentioned that both organizations donate and use their time to improve the facilities. Mayor Keller reiterated that this was a good thing for the City of Cheviot. Mayor Keller went onto discuss that he received a letter from Current Communications, a partnership or sub-company which is affiliated with Cinergy. They want right of way access for their high speed internet access which is carried over power lines. Mayor Keller chose to send this information along to Mr. Mestemaker so that it can be discussed in committee. He reported that the CCLT met on April 27 and at that meeting a new harassment policy was established. This policy covers all departments of the City of Cheviot and covers all forms of harassment. The CCLT is working on a substance abuse policy for all City employees. Officer Joe Lally was recognized at career day at St. Al's elementary school. Police sergeant Ed Taylor and Fireman Guy Baggot will be recognized on May 17 at the American Legion Post dinner at Harvest Home Lodge.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters did not leave a report.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray mentioned that the C.W.C.A. Young Citizen's Awards Banquet would be tomorrow, May 5. He thanked Steve Campbell for the bike donations to the Cheviot Police. He also reminded the public that there would be a Memorial Day Veterans Memorial ceremony at the Harvest Home Lodge at noon.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker mentioned that M.S.D. was working on Jay Hick's home. The sealing of his basement is nearly complete. He also had received several questions on who follows up on the citations which the Building Department writes.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus mentioned that the turn out for the bicycle safety day was very good. The bike helmets were popular and sold so well that some additional helmets needed to be ordered. He wanted to thank the corporate sponsors which include Cheviot IGA, Cheviot Savings Bank, the Cheviot-Westwood Kiwanis, and Advantage Bank. He also wanted to congratulate the Cheviot Police Explorers who competed at the regional challenge on April 26 and placed 3rd in auto accidents and placed 1st in Burglary. This was first time the Cheviot Police Explorers took home more than one award and was the first time they received a first place. Mr. Sunderhaus congratulated Capt. Greg Titgemeyer, Lt. Erica Stewart, Sgt. Justin Habig, Sgt. Jordan Jeffries, Ben Meyer, Catherine Gooch, Mathew Phelan, June Simonson, Jordan Martz, Nick Kidd, Mathew Dunn, Tim Ohmer, and Joseph Butler. Mrs. Gooch mentioned that she was able to attend the competition and that she said that their performance was awesome.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch had no formal report.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker did not forward a report.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech did not forward a report.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman did not forward a report.

Further Business

There were not enough in attendance to receive the Mayor's Court receipts.

Correspondence

Two Ohio Municipal League Reports and Two Reports from the Cheviot Building Department were received.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Gooch with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed 4-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

James E. Morganroth
President of Council