

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

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May 21, 2002

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:

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 May 7<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 updated council that Mozart and Harding Avenues had the first stage of resurfacing completed and that the second stage would begin on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The final coat would not be applied until Applegate Avenue was ready for the final coat, so that the contractor can do all three streets at the same time. Mr. Neal expects all three streets to be completed within the next few weeks. The Glenmore Avenue project is still behind schedule, Mr. Neal reports that he and the Cincinnati Water Works are pushing the contractor to get it done. Mr. Neal reported that he had placed the ads for bids on the West St. Martins and Smith Road resurfacing projects which will also include the water main on West St. Martins. The bids will be opened on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 A.M. Pool pass sales have been going slowly, and discounted season passes will be on sale until May 24<sup>th</sup> at 4 P.M. The Pool will open on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Due to the weather, the Auto Zone building will be completed on June 10<sup>th</sup> instead of the end of May like previously stated. Mr. Neal is confident that the Nativity Scene will fit in the area that Auto Zone has provided, but he did mention that it might have to be laid out a little different. Mr. Neal wanted to remind Council that the Memorial Day Parade would be on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 A.M. Mr. Murray wanted to thank Auto Zone for leaving the space for the Nativity. Mr. Mestemaker asked about a refrigerator that has been sitting out in the trash on Washington Avenue for over a month. Mr. Neal commented that the Mayor has also asked him to look in to that. Mr. Mestemaker also asked if the new storm water drains on Washington Avenue could be painted to look better. Mr. Dinkelacker asked about how the corner of Smith Road and Trevor would be constructed when Smith Road is completed. Mr. Neal said that one of two things will be done; the most cost effective route would be taken. Mrs. Gooch wanted to thank Mr. Neal and whoever was responsible for getting the owner of the lot on the corner of Marydell and Harrison to clean up the brush.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Laumann had no report. Mr. Neal wanted to thank the Mayor for his positive support of the veterans and to congratulate the Mayor for his honorary membership in the Purple Heart Veterans.

### **Law Director's Report**

Mr. Waters reported that he reviewed and approved the contract for the billing service for EMS runs and he turned it over to Mr. Morganroth for his committee to review. Mr. Waters presented a request by the Hamilton County Commissioners for an Ordinance that will allow Cheviot to participate in a corridor study of North Bend Road. Mr. Neal mentioned that he received a request for an easement through the City's

Municipal Parking Lot for a cellular phone company's wiring. Mr. Waters suggested that Council would have to approve that action. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion for *An Ordinance Authorizing An Agreement Relative To The Improvement Of North Bend Road Between The City Of Cheviot And The Board Of Hamilton County Commissioners*; second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned ORD02-14. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

### **Committee Reports**

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray read a Parks and Playgrounds Committee report into record. Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Murray also mentioned that the Greater Cincinnati Foundation rejected the City's request for grant money for the park. Mr. Murray also mentioned that WestFest 2002 will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup>. He announced that there will be a meeting pertaining to WestFest which is open to the public at Celebrations in the lower level of the Westside Racket Club at 11 A.M. on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Finally, Mr. Murray mentioned that the CWBA will be hosting their annual Young Citizen's Awards Banquet on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at the Westwood Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Gooch mentioned that they are still trying to finalize the booth rentals for the WestFest.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth read the report of Police and Fire Committee into record. Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Morganroth called for a meeting on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. for the Police and Fire Committee.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch read the Finance Committee Report into record. Mrs. Gooch noticed that she had inadvertently left Mrs. Zech off the report. She decided to re-type the report so it was not received and filed. Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Amend The 2002 Annual Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. The ordinance was assigned as ORD02-15. Mrs. Zech made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to adopt with a second from Mrs. Gooch. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Gooch called for a meeting of the Finance Committee at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker read the Public Utilities Committee report into record. Mr. Mestemaker called for a meeting of the Public Utilities Committee on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to receive and file the report. Mayor Laumann voiced his concern about the recycling issue. The Mayor and Council had much discussion and debate about the issue. Mr. Mestemaker decided to remove the line about the public hearing out of the committee's report to please the Mayor and others on Council. Mr. Mestemaker made another motion to receive and file the amended report with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion carried 7-0.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech read a report of the Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee into record. Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the committee report. Mr. Murray seconded the motion which carried 7-0 by voice vote. Mrs. Zech called a meeting of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee to be held in conjunction with the Police and Fire Committee at 7 P.M. on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Zech also wanted to congratulate Council Clerk Ryan Zech for receiving his degree in Business Administration from Thomas More College on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Council echoed her sentiments.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report.

**Further Business**

There was no further business.

**Correspondence**

A newsletter from the State Auditor was received. A notice was received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a Liquor License transfer for Skins Place. Council agreed to follow the Police Chief's recommendation on whether to have a hearing.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Morganroth with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. 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