

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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July 2, 2002

Mr. Keller called to order a public hearing on the proposed 2003 Tax Budget at 7:33 p.m. and opened up the floor for discussion. There was no discussion. The public hearing was closed at 7:34 p.m.

The regular session of Council 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 st Ward	Michael J. Murray
Council 2 nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3 rd Ward	James E. Morganroth
Council 4 th 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 June 18th, 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 reported that Applegate, Harding, and Mozart Avenues are completed with the exception of line striping which will begin on July 3rd. The work to replace the water main on Bridgetown Road is still ongoing, the contractor will move on to Robb Avenue to replace the water main when they have completed work on Bridgetown. The bids for Meyerfeld and Taft Avenues have been completed, but there has been no pre-construction meeting as of July 2nd. Cinergy is replacing the natural gas main on School Section Road. Cinergy will be replacing the gas main on Smith Road before the reconstruction begins there. The Municipal Pool is open; attendance has been down from previous years, mainly from the cooler temperatures and rain. Mr. Neal wanted to commend the Police Department, the Police Explorers, the Fire Department, the Maintenance, and Waste Collection Departments for the hard work that they put into the WestFest Event held in Cheviot on June 29th. Mr. Neal also wanted to congratulate the organizers of the event for a job well done. It was believed that there were 30 to 35 thousand in attendance for the one day festival. Mr. Mestemaker wanted to commend Mr. Neal for his help with WestFest. There was much discussion about WestFest.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Laumann talked about the proposed tax budget for 2003. The highlights include a modest 5% increase in revenue due to a reduction of the estate tax. The associated charges for EMS runs are expected to help offset some to the loss from the estate tax. There is an expected Automotive Equipment Bond. The budget was done in a worst case scenario. The mayor also wanted everyone to know that the budget includes a slight increase in property tax because of the proposed re-evaluation. He also stressed that this does not effect the City's operating levies that were passed in 2002. Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Approve The Projected Year 2003 Tax Budget For The City Of Cheviot, Ohio; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Murray made a second to the motion. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD02-21. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to adopt ORD02-21 with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. The Mayor encouraged the members of Council to attend the post-event meetings for WestFest. The mayor also wanted to point out the level of cooperation between the Cheviot-Westwood Business Association and the City of Cheviot.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters reported that the State has changed the Law about designating the banks that a City can deposit into. The law used to require the City to review once every two years. The law now states that Cities are required to review the depositories once every five years. Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Designate Three Public Financial Institutions For The Deposit And Safekeeping Of Funds Of The City Of Cheviot, Ohio; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mrs. Zech made a second. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote, with Mr. Mestemaker abstaining. The motion was assigned as ORD02-22. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote with Mr. Mestemaker abstaining. Mr. Morganroth made a motion to adopt with a second from Mrs. Gooch. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote; Mr. Mestemaker abstained.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report. Mr. Murray mentioned that there is a website for the Cheviot and Northbend Roads corridor study and that he added a link to the Cheviot website. It can be found at www.northbendcheviotroad.com. Mr. Murray thanked those that took pictures for the Cheviot.org website for him. Mrs. Gooch added that the next meeting pertaining to the Corridor study is on Friday, August the 2nd at the Green Township Senior Center at 9 A.M. She also added that she has information about the study and that those interested in it can obtain a copy from City Hall.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Morganroth had no report

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch made a motion *To Transfer Funds; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Morganroth seconded the motion which passed 7-0 by voice vote. The motion was assigned RES02-10.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker read a Public Works & Utilities report into record. Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mrs. Gooch. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Mestemaker also wanted to mention that the WestFest was a great event for Cheviot. He wanted to commend the Cheviot Police and Police Explorers, the CWBA, and everyone else involved with WestFest.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech read a Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee report into record. Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 7-0.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no report.

Further Business

Former Council member Mrs. Goedl sent a copy of an article written about the success and/or lack of success of the DARE program to the Mayor's Office. The Mayor's assistant distributed a copy to all members of Council.

Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to receive and file the Mayor's Courts Receipts for the month of June. Mrs. Gooch made the second. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

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 8:10 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council