

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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November 21, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Mr. Keller asked all to keep in their prayers Mr. Mastruserio who had surgery recently. 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 2nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3rd Ward	James E. Morganroth
Council 4th Ward	Debra A. Gooch
Council at Large	Kathleen Zech
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker
Council at Large	Kathleen M. Goedl

There was a motion to excuse Mr. Mastruserio made by Mr. Mestemaker with a second by Mrs. Goedl. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. The minutes of the October 17 meeting were approved. Mr. Keller called for reports from Council. There was discussion regarding the bagging of the parking meters in the city for the holiday season. There was a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Stay Enforcement Of Metered Parking In The City Of Cheviot Business District From December 1, 2000 Through December 31, 2000; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-41. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote and ORD00-41 was adopted.

Recognition of the Public

Mr. Michael L. Schmidt of 3653 Mozart Avenue #11 addressed council with a complaint about the Police Chief.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal thanked the voters of Cheviot for renewing the operating levy and the street levy. Mr. Neal announced that in 2001, the city will receive S.C.I.P. money for Applegate Avenue. Harding Avenue between Robb and Glenmore Avenues will be on the list of street repairs for next year as well. Mr. Neal stated that water main work is to begin soon on Phoenix Avenue. He requested that an ordinance be passed amending the current street contract to include the water main work. Cincinnati Waterworks will pay the city for the work. The Nativity Scene Dedication is December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Leaf pickup is continuing in the city. Yard Waste Collection will move to Fridays starting December 1st. Mr. Neal read a report from Chief Voss regarding a bank robbery on November 17th. There was discussion regarding the Washington Avenue project. There was a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Authorize And Direct The Safety-Service Director To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With Hamilton County For The Use Of The Cheviot Municipal Building For Hamilton County Municipal Area Court; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mrs. Zech with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-42. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Mestemaker with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote and ORD00-42 was adopted.

Mayor's Report

Mr. Keller announced that Mayor Laumann turns fifty tomorrow. Mayor Laumann spoke about State House Bill 138 that created a Statewide Hospital Trauma System and the funding for this program. The mayor recommended that an ordinance be passed to modify certain payouts. This was placed in the Laws, Rules and Ordinance Committee. Mayor Laumann stated that he did receive a legal opinion from the Law Director regarding political signs. This opinion has been forwarded to the police department. The mayor announced the C.W.B.A.'s plan to hold a Christmas Walk the weekend of December 1-3. The city will add lights to Pioneer Park.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Keller congratulated Mr. Waters and his wife on the birth of their son, Mark James on November 18th. Mr. Waters had comments regarding the October 17th meeting, calling it very unprofessional and asking the mayor, the president of council, and council members (who voted on an oral motion) for a public apology. Mr. Waters gave an update on the Preggar vs. Flick suit and the Klein vs. Chief Voss case. Mr. Waters reported that Lt. Siciliano has been terminated from the fire department as of November 7th. An appeal has been filed with the Civil Service Commission, who has thirty days to hear the appeal. There was further discussion regarding the October 17th meeting. Both the Mayor Laumann and Mr. Waters stated that they were "satisfied that the matter was behind us".

Committee Reports

Ward 1 – Mr. Keller, filling in for Mr. Mastruserio, stated that there has been an ongoing discussion with Time Warner Cable. There was a committee meeting with representatives from Metricon. A committee recommendation is forth coming.

Ward 2 -- Mr. Dinkelacker stated that he would like to work with the county and Wagner-Smith on the possibility of having a crosswalk and flashing light installed across School Section Road at Homelawn Avenue. He wished all a happy thanksgiving. Mrs. Goedl asked about speed humps.

Ward 3 -- Mr. Morganroth read a Police & Fire Committee report regarding paramedic training into the record. There was a motion to receive and file the report made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mrs. Goedl. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Mayor Laumann stated that the Fire Department made a very compelling case for proceeding with this training. Mr. Morganroth announced that Cheviot Action Partnership is selling ribbons for "Tie One On For A Safe Holiday Season". He wished everyone a happy thanksgiving.

Ward 4 – Mrs. Gooch had no report. Parents of Cheviot School students are forming a school association. The girl scouts will be getting with residents of Terrace View Gardens Nursing Home, who are interested in decorating a tree by the nativity scene. She wished everyone a happy thanksgiving.

Council at Large -- Mr. Mestemaker had no report. He congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Waters on the birth of their son. He wished Mayor Laumann a happy birthday and everyone a happy thanksgiving.

Council at Large – Mrs. Zech had no formal report. She is waiting on information from the Tax Office. She wished everyone a happy thanksgiving.

Council at Large -- Mrs. Goedl stated there are several transfers needing passage. There was a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Transfer Certain Funds; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-43. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote and ORD00-43 was adopted. There was a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Transfer Certain Funds, To Close Out The "COPS" Cash Account; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-44. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Mestemaker with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mrs. Goedl. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote and ORD00-44 was adopted. Mrs. Goedl called for a Finance Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a contract with Municipal Tax Consulting and Management. Mrs. Goedl announced a meeting to be held on November 30th at 2:00 p.m. to discuss nominations to the Outstanding Citizen Award. Mrs. Goedl announced that the C.W.B.A. is selling banner sponsorships for \$100.00 for the banners that hang on the poles in the business district. There was a motion to introduce a *Resolution Accepting The Amounts And Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission And Authorizing The Necessary Tax Levies And Certifying Them To The County Auditor* made by Mrs. Zech with a second by Mrs. Goedl. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES00-31. The Community Press Newspaper is looking for nomination for "Ten Who Care".

Further Business – There was a motion to receive and file the Treasurer’s Report for October 2000 made by Mr. Mestemaker with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. There was a motion to receive and file the Mayor’s Court Receipt Report for October 2000 made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence – The Clerk received a letter from Ward 1 representative Mike Mastruserio thanking everyone for the dried flower wreath arrangement and how he is looking forward to returning to council. A letter was received from OKI regarding nominations for a representative to the board of trustees for 2001. A letter was received from the Ohio Ethics Commission regarding the roster of elected officials in the city.

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 9:08 p.m.

Michael J. Murray
Clerk of Council

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council