

**January 2, 2024  
City Council, Cheviot, Ohio**

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Council President Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer. Roll was then called, and the following members were in attendance:

Mayor	Sam Keller
President of Council	Kerry Smyth
Law Director	Kimberlee Rohr
Safety Service Director	Tom Braun
Council Ward 1	David Voss
Council Ward 2	John Hardig
Council Ward 3	Brian Smyth
Council Ward 4	Lindsay Jones
Council At Large	Troy Borgmann
Council At Large	Stefanie Hawk

Mrs. Richter was excused due to illness with a motion by Mr. Hardig, second by Mr. Smyth.

Minutes from the December 19 meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Hardig, second by Mr. Smyth.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

Ms. Jones read into record her report from the December 18 Streets & Sidewalks Committee where discussion centered around amending the current food trucks ordinance.

Mr. Voss's report from the Finance Committee meeting held on December 19 will be presented at the January 16 meeting.

**Legislation:**

**ORD 23-23** To Amend Sections 114.01, 114.02 and 114.04 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances Chapter 114: Mobile Food Vendors. Motion for adoption was made by Ms. Jones, second by Mr. Smyth. Changes described in Ms. Jones' report (no overnight parking and proximity to the business's main entrance) will be reflected in the final copy, which will be presented for the appropriate signatures at the January 16 meeting.

**ORD 24-01** To Modify And Establish A Salary Range For Tax Clerk; And To Declare An Emergency Introduced by Mr. Voss, second by Ms. Hawk. There was some discussion concerning the timing of the ordinance and the fact that it had not been discussed in committee, but Mayor Keller stated that due to the current tax specialist giving only four days notice of her resignation, it is necessary to pass this ordinance as an emergency so the hiring of a new tax clerk can take place as quickly as possible. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Voss, second by Ms. Hawk. Motion to adopt was made by Ms. Jones, second by Ms. Hawk. All motions carried unanimously.

**Administrative Reports:**

-Mayor Keller's State of the City address will be presented at the January 16 meeting. The chain link fence along the sidewalk in front of Cheviot School was again destroyed by a car. The City is looking into replacing the chain link fence with a concrete barrier to assure the safety of the school children and pedestrians who use the sidewalk there.

-Safety Service Director Braun had no report

-Law Director Rohr read her annual report. Notably, no lawsuits were filed against or by the City, nguiltly convoito money was collected by the LD office, no objections of liquor licenses or renewals were filed. Mayor's Court had multiple convictions. Work continues on updating court costs and getting court aligned with the Supreme Court's practices for interpreters. The Law Director's office oversaw several large public records requests. All requests

were completed. Mrs. Rohr reminded council that the Sunshine Law training is required for all elected officials, and encouraged all to complete the training themselves instead of using a designee.

Mrs. Rohr will not be present at the January 16 meeting. Please plan ahead if you need legislation prepared for that meeting.

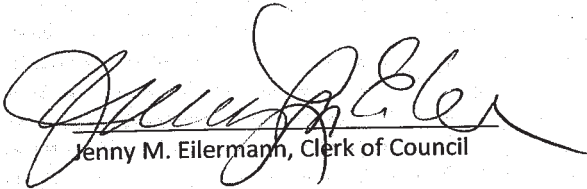
**Public Recognition:**

Brad Sulken, owner of Legends at 3801 Harrison Avenue came to council with concerns that his landlord is not dealing with health and safety issues that are ongoing at the property that he rents for his business. While Council appreciates being kept in the loop, the concerns are not something the City has control over, other than safety issues that were addressed by firefighter Scott Scherpenberg.

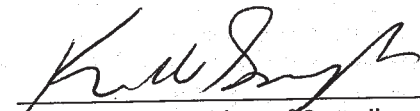
**Other Business:**

-Treasurer's Report from November 2024 was received and filed.

Seeing no further business before this Council, Mr. Hardig motioned for adjournment. Mr. Hardig seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.



Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of Council



Kerry Smyth, President of Council