

April 16, 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
Safety Service Director	Steve Braun
Law Director	Kimberlee Rohr
Council Ward 1	David Voss
Council Ward 2	John Hardig
Council Ward 3	Brian Smyth
Council Ward 4	Lindsay Keeble
Council At Large	Troy Borgmann
Council At Large	Stefanie Hawk
Council At Large	Amy Richter

Eric Recker, of ICM Ventures addressed council regarding plans to use the former UDF building on North Bend Road for a medical and recreational marijuana dispensary. He presented details on how the building will be retrofit to fit the needs and specifications for a dispensary and also presented projected tax revenue for the city.

Minutes from the April 2 meeting were approved with a motion by Voss, second by Smyth.

Legislation:

ORDINANCE 24-07 To Maintain And Confirm The Neutrality Of The City Of Cheviot Towards All Its Residents. This was to have been the third and final reading of an amended ordinance. Hawk wanted to table passage for further discussion within committee. There was no support for her proposal. Discussion continued about the fact that no one from the committee has requested a legal opinion from the Law Director. A vote was taken among Council members as to whether or not to table for further discussion. Voting to table were Keeble, Hawk and Borgmann. Voting to proceed without legal opinion were Voss, Hardig and Smyth. Richter abstained. Borgmann requested the legal opinion. LD Rohr could not give a timeline as to when the opinion would be available. There was much discussion.

RESOLUTION 24-02 To Approve The Rental Agreement For Use Of Cheviot Fieldhouse Parking Lot. Introduced by Voss, second by Smyth. Motion to adopt carried 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

-Mayor Keller: Façade improvement grants will be made available again, likely starting in July. A company selling peaches has requested to use the parking lot at Cheviot Fieldhouse for three hours at a time to sell peaches. An existing rental agreement was modified to enable the request. The cost will be \$1000 total for the four days. LD Rohr prepared a resolution (24-11) to be adopted by title. The grant for the demolition of a portion of the Cappel's property has not yet been awarded.

-Safety Service Director Braun stated that sidewalk marking will continue in Ward 3. Tall grass orders have been written. City Engineers are looking into a SORTA grant that would cover resurfacing of a portion of Bridgetown Road and Nolan Avenue. The road diet surfacing portion should be completed by the end of May.

-Law Director Rohr stated that the CRA agreement with Family Dollar has been terminated, so the store's closing will not require any action in this regard.

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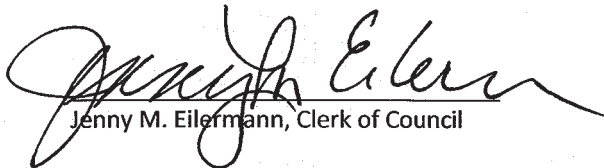
OTHER BUSINESS:

-Richter reported that Family Day will be held on June 5, 5-8pm. She asked that if any council member who cannot attend and help out would consider making a cash donation to the cause. Night At The Races to benefit St. Martins will be held in the gym at the church on May 4. A charter school is working to take over the school building.

-Treasurer's Report from March 2024 was received and filed with a motion by Hardig, second by Richter.

-Cheviot Business Alliance meeting will be held April 17 at 6:30 PM in the lower level of the Public House.

Seeing no further business before this council, Richter motioned for adjournment. Smyth seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.


Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of Council


Kerry Smyth, President of Council