

July 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:

President of Council	Kerry Smyth
Mayor	Sam Keller
Safety Services Director	Steve Braun
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

Minutes from the June 18 meeting were approved with a motion by Hardig, second by Voss.

Reports of Standing Committees: Hardig read into record his report from the 6/25/24 meeting of the Zoning Committee where discussion centered around whether or not to accept the grant from Hamilton County for the partial demolition of the property located at 3625 Harrison Ave., and stipulations therein. Hardig motioned to receive and file the report. Hawk seconded.

Legislation:

ORDINANCE 24-12 An Ordinance To Amend Sections 150.03, 150.06 and 150.07 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances To Remove The Prohibition On The Cultivation, Processing, And Sale Of Medical Marijuana In Certain Zoning Districts Of The City Of Cheviot. Presented for its final reading by Hardig. Motion for adoption made by Hardig, second by Voss. Motion carried 6-1, with Smyth being the solitary NO vote.

RESOLUTION 24-05 To Authorize The Safety-Service Director To Enter Into An Agreement With Hamilton County For The Community Development Block Grant. Council voted to move forward to accept the grant despite having no developer under contract, as this action will make the property more marketable for future development. Motion to introduce was made by Hardig, second by Borgmann. Motion for adoption was made by Smyth, second by Richter. Both motions carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

-Mayor Keller announced that a new round of grants from the County for façade improvements will be forthcoming. The amounts will be smaller and per usual, a 40% match is required. Details will be posted to the City's website as they become available. Mayor will let Eric Recker know that Ordinance 24-12 has been adopted. Funds have been secured for the reconstruction of Tangent Drive, Grotto Court, Selby Court and Alex Avenue. Richter mentioned that the US 250 year anniversary (Semiquincentennial) is coming up in 2026 and would like to see some involvement from the city to celebrate. She stated that grants are available to fund some events.

-Safety Service Director Braun reported that utility pole replacements are underway on Harding, Carson, and Lovell Avenues by Duke Energy. Problems at the swimming pool have decreased due to the new age restrictions.

-Law Director: Prior to the adoption of Resolution 24-05, Mrs. Rohr had laid out the changes she made to the acceptance agreement and gave a thorough explanation of the changes she had requested from the County. She also advised that she will be absent from the July 16 and to plan ahead if legislation needs to be prepared.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

No one from the public requested to address Council.

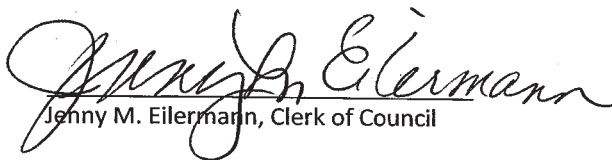
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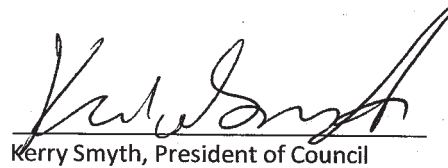
Other Business: Discussion began regarding the renewal of the 5.61 Operating Levy, which expires at the end of the year. Council is in full agreement that it needs to move forward with the process. The Law Director was asked to prepare a Resolution of Necessity to be adopted at the July 16 meeting. Once the Auditor's office returns the information needed, an Ordinance will be prepared to be sent to the Board of Elections requesting to have the levy placed on the November ballot.

Richter motioned to have Council's annual vacation day moved to September 3 instead of in August so as not to delay the process of getting the operating levy on the ballot. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Court receipts from May 2024 were received and filed with a motion by Hardig, second by Richter.

Seeing no further business before this council, Smyth motioned for adjournment. Hawk seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:13.


Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of Council


Kerry Smyth, President of Council