

October 17, 2023
City Council, Cheviot, Ohio

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President Kerry Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Roll was then called, and the following members were in attendance:

President of Council	Kerry Smyth
Law Director	Kimberlee Rohr
Safety Services 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	Kitty Zech
Council At Large	Stefanie Hawk

Councilperson Richter was not present for roll call, but arrived at 7:41

Minutes from the October 3 council meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Hardig, second by Mr. Voss and unanimous voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Voss presented his report from the October 3 Finance Committee where discussion centered around the viability of granting access to the BUCS accounting system to the Treasurer. There was no opposition, and the committee will move forward and add a line item to the budget for 2024 to cover the costs. Motion to receive and file the report was made by Messrs Smyth and Hardig.

Legislation:

Resolution 23-17 To Adopt The Hamilton County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Agreement Modifying Joint Economic Development District III Earning Tax. Introduced by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Zech. Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Hardig, second by Mr. Smyth.

Resolution 23-18 To Accept The Amounts And Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission; To Authorize The Necessary Tax Levies; To Certify Them To The County Auditor; And To Declare An Emergency. Introduced by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Hardig. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Smyth, second by Mr. Voss.

Ordinance 23-20 To Accept The Bid Of J,K. Meurer For The Repaving Of Harvest Home Park Fairgrounds; And To Declare An Emergency. Introduced by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Hardig. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Zech, second by Mr. Voss. Motion to adopt made by Ms. Hawk, second by Mr. Voss. All motions carried unanimously.

Ordinance 23-21 To Amend Sections 30.17, 70.09 & 130.99 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances To Update The Court Costs For The Cheviot Mayor's Court. Introduced by Mrs. Zech, second by Mr. Hardig. This constitutes the first reading.

Administrative Reports:

Law Director: Mrs. Rohr stated that the City's tax code will need to be updated to reflect changes in taxation for individuals who work for a company, but do so remotely in an area separate from the company's address, ie, working from home.

Public Recognition:

-Ray Kroner, President of the Cheviot Business Association and the LSDMC spoke about the OktoberWest celebration held this past weekend. Lots of fun was had. He thanked the City for the use of the park, and those individuals who helped chair the event and those who volunteered as well as those who came out to support.

Mr. Kroner asked that Council please advise the Business Association whenever grants are available to local businesses so that they can spread the word in the business community.

He also mentioned some disparaging remarks made about Cheviot School during the Mayoral Forum held there. Cheviot School teachers and administrators do a remarkable job considering they are dealing with extremely high (47.8%) absenteeism on a daily basis.

Other Business:

-Ms. Hawk gave a summary of the LSDMC meeting held on October 12.

-Council voted unanimously to not have a meeting on November 7 due to it being Election Day.

-Four property maintenance citations were issued

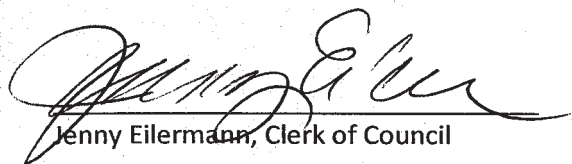
Treasurer's Report for September was received and filed.

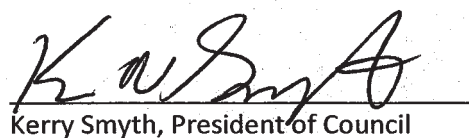
Upcoming Meetings:

-Laws, Rules & Ordinances (Zech), Tuesday, November 21, 8:15 to discuss flag ordinance

-Finance Committee (Voss), Tuesday, November 21, 8:45 to discuss police department's request for drones, body-worn cameras and tasers

Seeing no other business before this council, Mrs. Richter motioned for adjournment. Mrs. Zech seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:17PM.


Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council


Kerry Smyth, President of Council