

**February 7, 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:

Mayor	Sam Keller
President of Council	Kerry Smyth
Safety Service Director	Tom Braun
Law Director	Kimberlee Rohr
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
Council At Large	Amy Richter

The floor was turned over to Mayor Keller for the swearing in of Jeff Patton as the Chief of Police. Police Officer Ian Courtney was sworn in as a Sergeant.

Mayor Keller then announced that Chief Patton will remain the canine officer for now until Kuno retires. At that point a new canine officer will be named.

Minutes from the January 17 meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Smyth, a second by Mrs. Richter and a 7-0 voice vote from Council.

Fire Chief Klein had emailed his year end report, and was present to expound on some of its main talking points.

Ms. Jones presented her report from the Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting held on January 3. The report was received and filed with a motion by Ms. Jones, second by Mrs. Richter and unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Voss presented his report from the Finance Committee's January 17 meeting. The report was received and filed with a motion by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Richter and unanimous voice vote.

**Legislation:**

-Resolution 23-03 To Authorize The Safety-Service Director To Solicit Bids For The Reconstruction of Applegate Avenue. Introduced by Ms. Jones, second by B. Smyth. There was no discussion. Motion to adopt was made by B. Smyth, second by Mr. Hardig.

-Ordinance 23-02 To Authorize Additional Amounts In Excess Of The Bid Of Adleta, Inc. For The Reconstruction of Herbert, Florence, Alta Vista And Mayfair Avenues And To expand The Reconstruction To Include The Grinding And Repaving Of Darwin Avenue; And To Declare An Emergency. Introduced by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Smyth. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Zech, second by Mrs. Richter. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Smyth, second by Mrs. Richter.

-Ordinance 23-03 To Direct The Auditor Of Hamilton County To Assess Additional Tax Liability To Parcels Of Real Estate In The City Of Cheviot, Ohio; And To Declare An Emergency. Motion to introduce made by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Smyth. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Smyth, second by Mrs. Zech. Motion to adopt made by Mrs. Zech second by Ms. Hawk.

-Ordinance 23-04 To Transfer Certain Funds And To Declare An Emergency. (General Fund to Police & Fire Pension Fund and Energy Efficiency Fund.) Motion to introduce made by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Smyth. Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Smyth, second by Mrs. Zech. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Smyth, second by Mr. Hardig.  
All motions carried unanimously.

**Administrative Reports:**

-Mayor Keller had no report. Mrs. Richter stated that the sign in front of the new Marathon station may obstruct the view of traffic on Harrison Ave for those making a turn from Carson Ave. Mr. Braun stated that the sign would likely be raised higher to allow better view of oncoming traffic. She also stated that Family Day will be held on Wednesday, June 7.

-Safety Service Director Tom Braun reports that the Harvest Home Lodge project is being punchlisted. The re-paving of the lodge area is still awaiting comment from the Historic Review Board. Road diet will go out to bid in April for work beginning in June. The work should be complete before the Harvest Home Parade.

-Law Director Rohr had no report.

**Public Recognition:** Ray Kroner and Emily Donohue addressed council regarding some art installations along the Harrison Avenue corridor in conjunction with the road diet project. The current ordinance regarding signage does not allow for signs to be painted on commercial buildings, but makes no allowance for the painting of artistic murals. Mr. Hardig's Zoning Committee will meet on February 21 at 7PM to discuss amendment to the current ordinance, along with funding (i.e., grant money, private donations) for such an undertaking.

**Other Business:** Financial Disclosures are due by May 15. Harvest Home Fair Planning meeting is February 9 at 6:30 at the Lodge. Mrs. Richter is encouraging all of Council to join the Cheviot Historic Society. Membership is only \$10 per year. Ms. Hawk announced that Leadership Day at Cheviot School will be held on February 10.

Treasurer's Receipts for November and December 2022 were received and filed.

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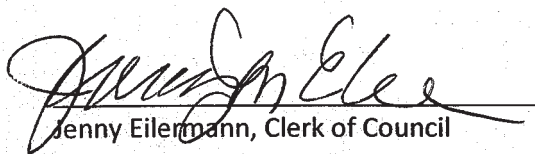
Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, February 13 7:30 Finance Committee for continuing discussion of revenue streams

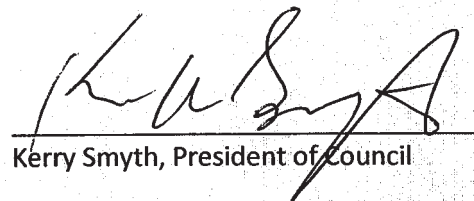
Tuesday, February 21 7:00 Zoning Committee to discuss artistic installations (murals)

Tuesday, February 21 8:00 Finance Committee for continuing discussion of revenue streams

Seeing no further business before this council Mr. Smyth motioned for adjournment, second was by Mrs. Richter and the meeting adjourned at 8:33PM.



Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council



Kerry Smyth, President of Council