

March 21, 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 At Large	Stefanie Hawk
Council At Large	Amy Richter

Mrs. Zech's absence was excused with a motion and a 6-0 voice vote.

Minutes from the March 7 meeting were approved with a motion and a 6-0 voice vote from Council.

All present members had received a copy of Chief Patton's end of year report via email.

Mr. Voss read into record his reports from the 3/14 Finance Committee meetings, which focused on annual appropriations. Motion to receive and file was made by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Smyth. There was much discussion including Ms. Hawk's comment that there was discussion during the finance meeting that the increase to the healthcare appropriation was largely due to the new hires in the police and fire departments, and that there was an approximately 8% increase in the healthcare premiums over the previous year because of that. Ms. Hawk motioned to amend the minutes, but there was no second so the minutes stand as reported.

Ordinance 23-07 To Amend The Trash Collection Services Fee Pursuant To The Code Of Ordinances Section 50.03. Mr. Voss read the Ordinance by title. This constitutes the second reading. It was noted that the adjusted fees on the schedule fees attached to the ordinance that the changes Mrs. Richter had requested had not been made. This can be amended prior to the final reading.

Ordinance 23-09 Annual Appropriations Ordinance For Calendar Year 2023. Mr. Voss motioned to introduce. There was much discussion, and at the time when there would have been a motion to suspend the rules and to declare an emergency the vote was 4-2, with Messers Voss and Smyth voting no, thereby requiring that additional meeting be held to get a majority of Council in favor of the motion. The meeting(s) will be held on at 6:45 on both Monday, March 27 and Tuesday, March 28.

Ordinance 23-10 To Authorize The Safety Services Director To Enter Into An Agreement Between The City of Cheviot And Ohio Department Of Transportation For Payment For Construction Of A section Of

Harrison Avenue, And To Declare An Emergency. Introduced with a motion my Ms. Jones, second by Mr. Smyth. Motion to Suspend the Rules and declare an emergency made by Mr. Smyth, second by Mr. Voss. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Smyth, Second by Mrs. Richter. All motions carried 6-0.

Administrative Reports:

-Mayor Keller had no report. Mrs. Richter asked if Mayor would be willing to meet with the new pastor of St Martins to discuss the potential of closing the school/church. Father has some availability in April. Mrs. Richter will work to facilitate the meeting and invites anyone with interest to attend.

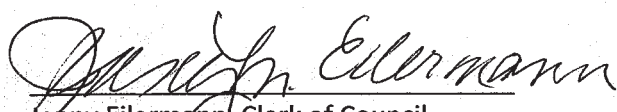
-Safety Service Director reports that he is scheduling a public hearing for discussion of the use of CBDG funds for the paving project at Harvest Home Park. The hearing will be held at 7PM on April 18 in council chambers.

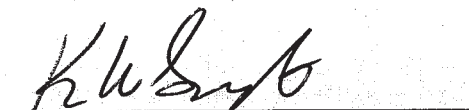
-Law Director Rohr had no report.

Public Recognition: Irene Vitalkis announced the date of this year's Honor Run will be Saturday, June 17. Now in its twelfth year, the Honor Run has raised nearly \$250K for Honor Flights. The event kicks off at 11AM. Riders return to Cheviot Eagles for buffet dinner at 6PM. The dinner is open to all. The cost is \$12 per person. Irene would love to see as many elected officials present to show their support.

Other Business: Ms. Hawk presented a report from the LSDMC meeting, and offered appreciation for Chief Patton's presence during the St. Patrick's Day festivities.

Seeing no other business before this council, Mr. Smyth motioned for adjournment. Mrs. Richter seconded.


Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council


Kerry Smyth, President of Council