

March 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 At Large	Kitty Zech
Council At Large	Stefanie Hawk
Council At Large	Amy Richter

Ms. Jones' absence was excused with a motion by Mr. Smyth, second by Mrs. Richter and 6-0 voice vote.

Mayor Keller took the floor to introduce the City's new Administrative Assistant, Erin Gossett.

Nicole Key, of Hamilton County Health Department's We Thrive program spoke about some mini grants that are available and the Community Health Assessment that will be underway in the coming months. The purpose of the assessment is to target areas the city could improve upon, with the county's assistance. The results of the assessment will be presented on September 19, 2023, at 6:30 PM. Ms. Key also fielded questions from newer council members who were not familiar with the City's existing relationship with the WeThrive program.

Minutes from the February 21 meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Richter 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. Hardig read into record his report of the Building, Annexation & Zoning Committee which focused on the implementation of plans for community murals. The report was received and filed with a motion by Mr. Hardig, second by Mr. Smith. The next meeting will be on March 21.

Mr. Voss read into record his reports from the 2/21 and 2/28 Finance Committee meetings, which focused on increasing garbage collection fees. The reports were received and filed with motions by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Smyth (2/21) and second by Mr. Hardig (2/28). The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on March 14 at 7PM to discuss appropriations.

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Resolution 23-04 To Strongly Urge The Ohio Governor And Members Of The Ohio General Assembly To Restore The Local Government Fund To Pre-recession Levels. Introduced by Ms. Hawk, second by Mr. Smyth. Motion to adopt made by Ms. Hawk, second by Mr. Smyth. Both motions carried 6-0.

Resolution 23-05 To Authorize The Purchase Of Firearms And Business Cards With Monies From The Criminal Activity Forfeiture Fund. Introduce by Mr. Smyth, second by Mr. Hardig. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Smyth, second by Mrs. Zech.

Ordinance 23-06 To Modify And Establish A Salary Range For Administrative Assistant And to Declare An Emergency. Introduced by Mr. Voss, second by Mrs. Zech. Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Hawk, second by Mrs. Zech. Motion to adopt made by Ms. Hawk, second by Mrs. Zech. All motions carried unanimously.

Ordinance 23-07 To Amend The Trash Collection Services Fee Pursuant To The Code Of Ordinances Section 50.03. Motion to introduce was made by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Hardig. Law Director Rohr will amend the ordinance making the effective date May 4, 2023, allowing Council to read the ordinance at three separate meetings prior to adoption. This constitutes the FIRST READING.

Ordinance 23-08 To Accept The Bid Of Rack & Ballauer Excavating For The Applegate Avenue Reconstruction Project; And To Declare An Emergency. Introduction by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Smyth. Motion to suspend the rules by Ms. Hawk, second by Mrs. Zech. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Hardig, second by Mr. Smyth. All motions carried 6-0.

Administrative Reports:

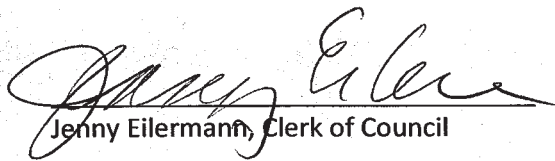
- Mayor Keller reports that there is much interest in the Cappel's building. The Marathon station is open.
- SSD Braun reports that we have only three lifeguards for the upcoming pool season, and all three want only part time hours. There is a possibility that the pool will not be able to operate this summer.
- Law Director Rohr asks that all requests for legislation be sent to her as early as possible so that if research is needed she has time to complete that in a timely manner. Also, it is the responsibility of the committee chair to let the clerk know of the legislation so it can be included in the agenda.

Other Business: Ms. Hawk asks for a meeting to be called by the Parks and Playgrounds Committee to discuss extending the deed restriction on Harvest Home Park to allow the Fair to continue to use the facility after 2025 when the current restriction expires. Mrs. Richter has called that meeting for Tuesday, April 4 immediately following the council meeting.

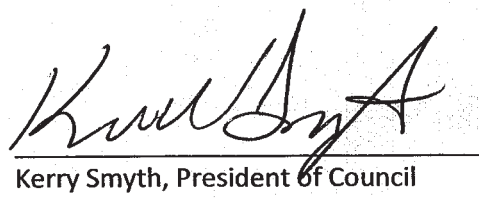
Mrs. Zech motioned for council to move to executive session to discuss a resolution for the sale of the Cappel's building. Mr. Smyth seconded, third by Mrs. Richter and full council voice vote in favor. Council moved to executive session at 8:38PM.

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Council returned to chambers at 9:32. Seeing no further business before this council Mrs. Zech motioned for adjournment. Mrs. Richter seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council



Kerry Smyth, President of Council