

August 16, 2022
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
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

Law Director Rohr and Councilmember Richter were not present at roll call but arrived shortly thereafter. Safety-Services Director Braun was absent.

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 19 meeting was made by D. Voss, second by K. Zech. Motion carried unanimously.

All of Council had received a copy of Police Chief Stone's Quarter 2 Department report. A copy is posted to the City's website.

K. Zech read into record her report from the July 19 Laws, Rules and Ordinances committee. She motioned to receive and file, second was made by Mr. Voss. A copy of the report is posted to the website.

L. Jones's report from the Streets & Sidewalks committee will be presented at the September 6 meeting.

Ordinance 22-16 To Amend The 2022 Budget Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency. This legislation involved Fieldhouse & Harvest Home Lodge rental refunds as well as increased fuel costs and garbage truck repair, and the purchase of some new software for use in Mayor's Court. Motion to introduce was made by D. Voss, second by A. Richter. Motion to suspend the rules was made by K. Zech, second by A. Richter. Motion to adopt was made by D. Voss, second by S. Hawk. All motions carried unanimously.

Ordinance 22-17 To Authorize The Establishment Of Historical Society Fund (Fund No. 238); And To Declare An Emergency. Motion to introduce was made by D. Voss, second by A. Richter. Motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency was made by S. Hawk, second by A. Richter. Motion carried 6-1, with J. Hardig being the sole NO vote.

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At this time, Mayor Keller explained that no city funds are being added to this fund. The sole purpose is to enable CHS to receive funds from donations. This action will also enable CHS to apply for grant money. A. Richter then motioned for adoption, second by S. Hawk. The motion was approved unanimously. A. Richter then asked the Law Director to prepare legislation that would name the City of Cheviot as sole proprietor of the archives, which will call for the preservation of all curated items.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Keller gave an update on the new proposed expansion at the Hillebrand facility. The facility was fortunate enough to have fallen under the legislation that gave an extra two years to all the facilities that had presented certificate of needs during Covid. Once construction costs and borrowing costs come down, they will be ready to move forward. In the meanwhile, they are creating a Davida dialysis clinic in the lower level. It is expected that the facility will be fully operational by the end of August. Mayor also mentioned that our email, under the new server, is up and running. All city employees using email will receive the go-ahead when it's time to change their individual passwords. A Richter asked if our local heroes who acted quickly during the fire at the building at Harrison and Glenmore will be commended for their actions. Chief Klein said that they would, but has not determined a date for that recognition. The Marathon fueling station/c-store is progressing slowly.

Safety Service Director Braun left no report.

Report: Law Director Rohr is reviewing the LRO committee's request to bring out fireworks law up to date so that it mirrors that of the State of Ohio. She will be a determination on whether the existing ordinance should be repealed or replaced by new legislation.

No one from the public addressed Council.

Other Business: S. Hawk presented a report from the LSDMC committee. K. Zech reported that the supplements to the ordinance books are in. She stated that someone needs to take this task after she retires and that every three years or so gets the best price from the publisher. K. Zech motioned, and A. Richter seconded approval of the report from the 7/19/22 public hearing prepared by the council clerk.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

Mayor's Court Receipts for May and June 2022 were received and filed with a motion by B. Smyth, second by D. Voss and unanimous council approval.

Two property maintenance violations were recorded since the last council meeting. Council president Smyth advised that he had been in contact with Rootie's owner regarding a recent incident and damage committed by a patron of neighboring bar Game Time. Police Chief Stone said that the police had received no report of the incident and reiterated the importance of making a report when incidents of this nature occur. S. Hawk suggested that may there needs to be an annual meeting early in the year where council, the police chief and SSD can discuss whether to object to the renewal of an establishment's liquor license.

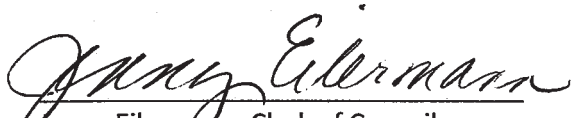
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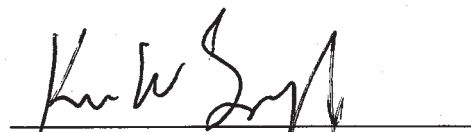
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At 8:40 PM, D. Voss motioned to move to executive session for discussion of wages for administrative employees wages. A. Richter seconded, third was given by B. Smyth.

Council reconvened at 8:39. Council President Smyth announced that there would be a special council meeting held on August 30 at 7:30PM for further discussion of wages for administrative personnel. That meeting will be held in executive session.

Seeing no further business before this council, A. Richter motioned for adjournment, second by S. Hawk. Zech. Meeting adjourned at 9:40.


Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council


Kerry Smyth, President of Council