

September 6, 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
Law Director	Kimberlee Rohr
Safety Services Director	Tom Bruan
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

Motion to approve the minutes from the August 16 meeting was made by B. Smyth, second by A. Richter. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to approve the minutes from the August 30 Special Meeting was made by K.Zech, second by A. Richter. This motion also carried unanimously.

There were no department reports.

L. Jones read into record her report from the 7/122 Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting, during which food trucks were discussed. The report is posted online for public review. Motion to receive and file was made by L. Jones, second by A. Richter. Motion carried unanimously.

A Richter read into record her report from the Parks & Playgrounds Committee meeting held on 8/16/22 to discuss use of the cemetery on Harrison Ave., next to Dean's Hops & Vines. There had been a request to be able to place outdoor seating in the area directly next to the business. A vote was taken in the group and no one in attendance was in favor of using the cemetery in this way. Motion to receive and file was made by A. Richter, second by B. Smyth. Motion carried unanimously. The report is posted online at www.Cheviot.org.

No one from the public addressed Council on any agenda items.

Ordinance 22-18 To Transfer Certain Funds; And To Declare An Emergency (Police & Fire Pension Fund, Waste Collection Fund and Energy Efficiency Fund) Motion to introduce was made by D. Voss, second by K. Zech. There was no discussion. Motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency was made by S. Hawk, second by A. Richter. Motion to adopt made by D.Voss, second by K. Zech. All motions carried unanimously.

Ordinance 22-19 To Levy Assessments For The Unpaid Costs Of Private Lead Service Line Replacements In Accordance With The Assessment Agreement Between The City Of Cheviot And The City Of Cincinnati Through The Great Cincinnati Water Works' Lead Service Line Replacement Program; And To Declare An Emergency. Motion to introduce was made by A. Richter, second by J. Hardig. There was no discussion. Motion to suspend the rules was made by A. Richter, second by D. Voss. Motion to adopt was made by A. Richter, second by S. Hawk. All motions carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Keller is considering an offer to a potential occupant for the Cappel's building. More details will be given as they become available. Line up for the parade by 5:30 on Thursday on the north side of Bridgetown Road by CVS. A. Richter asked if there is any news about the Marathon project. Few details are available, including the hours of operation and the type of food that will be offered.

Safety Services Director: Mr. Braun stated that the water lines for Florence/ Alta Vista/ Mayfair project are nearing completion. The next phase will be the re-surfacing. The HVAC system is at Harvest Home Lodge, but is not yet installed. The Harrison Ave. Safety Project is slated to begin next Spring. The City received a CDBG for the repaving of the parking lot at Harvest Home. Some grant money may be available to provide for some new fencing around the park. A two-year agreement has been reached for gas aggregation with IGS. While not as low as in previous terms, it is less costly than Duke Energy's rate. Updated ordinance books are in the center office.

Law Director: The city is in arbitration with the police union. Hearing dates TBD. The fireworks ordinance is being prepared. Mrs. Rohr wanted to get some clarification on some of the details. There was some discussion with K. Zech and members of the LRO committee. The ordinance should be ready to present to Council for vote at the next meeting.

Other Business: Three individuals wanted to address Council. First was Irene Viltralkis, who was requesting volunteers to help with this weekend's Harvest Home Fair. Fire Chief Bob Klein addressed council regarding the administrative wage package currently being discussed by Council. Fire Chief Emmett Stone also addressed Council on the administrative wage package.

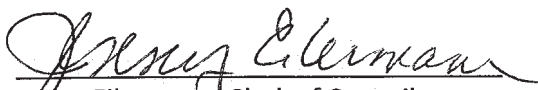
There was no Treasurer's Report.

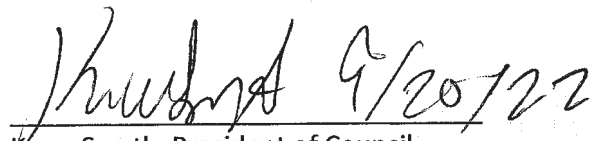
There was no Mayor's Court distribution log.

The clerk read a letter that had been received at City Hall from a gentleman who lost a watch in Cheviot between 1996 and 1996. He described the watch in detail and gave a phone number where he could be reached if someone had found the watch.

At 8:15 there was a motion made by B. Smyth for Council to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of further discussion of wage increases for administrative employees. There was a second made by A. Richter and a roll call vote, showing that all members of council were in favor of the executive session.

Council re-convened at 9:47. Seeing no further business before this council, J. Hardig motioned for adjournment. Motion was seconded by B. Smyth, and the meeting adjourned.


Jenny Eilermann, Clerk of Council


Kerry Smyth, President of Council