

May 20, 2025
Cheviot City Council

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Council President Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer. Roll was then called, and the following members were in attendance:

President of Council	Kerry Smyth
Mayor	Sam Keller
Law Director	Kimberlee Rohr
Safety Services Director	Steve Braun
Council Ward 2	John Hardig
Council Ward 4	Lindsay Keeble
Council At Large	Stefanie Hawk
Council At Large	Amy Richter

The absences of Mr. Voss, Mr. Smyth and Mr. Borgmann were excused with a motion from Ms. Hawk, second by Mr. Hardig.

Mr. Hardig motioned to approve the minutes from the April 15 meeting. Motion seconded by Mrs. Richter.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Mr. Harding read into record his report on the Zoning Committee meeting held on April 15. This report had previously been received and filed, but had been amended.

Ms. Hawk read into record her report of the April 15 meeting of Internal/External Affairs. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss formalizing the relationship between the Cheviot Historical Society and the City of Cheviot. It was received and filed with a motion by Ms. Hawk, second by Mrs. Richter. Ms. Hawk requested a meeting for June 3 immediately following the regular council meeting for further discussion of an ordinance and possible MOU.

Public Recognition on Agenda Items:

No one from the public asked to address council.

Legislation:

Resolution 25-14 To Approve Contract With The American Federation Of State, County and Municipal Employees Labor Union For The Period Beginning May 1, 2025 And Ending April 30, 2028. Following introduction by Mr. Hardig and second by Mrs. Richter it was determined that because some Council members had been unable to access their email and had not had the opportunity to review the contract. Council opted to move to executive session near the close of the meeting for additional discussion and final vote.

Resolution 25-15 In Support Of Mayor Execute Trex Form For Kangasdan, Inc.'s Application for Liquor Permit. Introduced by Mr. Hardig, second by Mrs. Richter. The owner of Sue's Thai Kitchen was present to answer questions about the new restaurant. She already owns the liquor license and is requesting to transfer it from her other restaurant, located in Cincinnati, to Cheviot. Motion to adopt was made by Ms. Hawk, second by Mr. Hardig.

Ordinance 25-09 An Ordinance To Amend Sections Of Section 30.11 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances. This action concerns the City's use of credit cards. Introduced by Mr. Hardig, second by Mrs Richter. This constitutes the first reading.

Administrative Reports:

- Mayor Keller had no report, other than that 124 tall grass orders have been issued. He is offering seasonal grass cutting jobs to some retirees, and is requesting more flexible pay rates for seasonal and part time employees. He will present a proposal to council via email.
- Safety Service Director Braun had no report. Ms. Hawk asked if some graffiti could be removed from signage along Harrison Avenue prior to WestFest. He noted the locations and it will be taken care of.
- Law Director Kimberlee Rohr had no report.

Public Recognition:

Kevin Leidecker, local business owner, feels that the food truck located on the property of the former UDF store at the southwest corner of Westwood Northern and North Bend Road may be in violation of safety code, and questioned if it is in violation of Cheviot's food truck ordinance. Mr. Braun stated that the truck was issued the necessary permits and was not found in violation, but would check into it further. Mrs. Rohr stated that because the truck is located on private property, the ordinance would not apply. The truck is owned by the proprietor of the business whose lot it is on.

Other Business:

- Mrs. Richter reports that Family Day is June 4, 4-8 PM. Drama Workshop new series tickets are now on sale.
- Mrs. Rohr reported that the 9-1-1 Communications Director has requested a resolution to support the new plan. She will prepare a resolution for the next meeting.
- Ms. Hawk reminded that the Memorial Day parade and new flag pole dedication will take place on Monday, May 26. She noted the new parade route.
- Treasurer's Report from April 2025 was received and filed with a motion by Mr. Hardig, second by Ms. Hawk.
- Mayor's Court receipts from April 2025 were received and filed with a motion by Ms. Hawk, second by Ms. Richter

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Council adjourned to executive session for discussion of the new AFSCME contract with a motion by Ms. Hawk, second by Ms. Richter, third by Mrs. Keeble.

Council reconvened at 8:16PM, adopted Resolution 24-15 unanimously, then adjourned for the evening.

All motions presented in this meeting were approved unanimously unless otherwise noted.



Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of Council



Kerry Smyth, President of Council



Third Party Signature