

**January 7, 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 called, and the following were in attendance:

President of Council	Kerry Smyth
Mayor	Sam Keller
Safety Service Director	Steve Braun
Law Director	Kimberlee Erdman-Rohr
Council Ward 1	David Voss
Council Ward 2	John Hardig
Council Ward 3	Brian Smyth
Council Ward 4	Lindsey Keeble
Council At Large	Troy Borgmann
Council At Large	Stefanie Hawk
Council At Large	Amy Richter

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 17 meeting was made by Mr. Smyth, second by Mr. Hardig.

Troy Borgmann read into record his report from the Police and Fire Committee meeting held on December 17. Motion to receive and file was made by Mr. Borgmann, second by Mr. Voss.

**LEGISLATION:**

Ordinance 25-01 To Direct The Auditor Of Hamilton County To Assess Additional Tax Liability To Parcels Of Real Estate In The City Of Cheviot, Ohio; And To Declare An Emergency. Motion to introduce was made by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Hardig. Motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency was made by Ms. Hawk, second by Mr. Borgman. Motion to adopt was made by Ms. Hawk, second by Mr. Voss.

Resolution 25-01 To Authorize The Safety Service Director To Purchase Ambulance. Motion to introduce was made by Mr. Borgmann, second by Mr. Voss. Following brief discussion concerning the source of the funding for the purchase, Mr. Voss motioned to adopt. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smyth.

Resolution 25-02 In Support Of The Ohio Municipal League's Challenge Of AT&T's Tariff Application At The Ohio Public Utilities Commission Of Ohio. Following discussion and clarification from the law director of the implications of passing a resolution, a vote was taken and all of council was in agreement with her opinion. Motion to adopt was made by Mrs. Richter, second by Ms. Hawk.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

-Mayor Keller gave his annual state of the city report. Highlights included: business façade improvement grants were awarded again in 2024, the ODOT road diet that started with conception in 2018 was finally completed, the Harvest Home Pool/Splash Park operated close to break-even in spite of some upgrades to the filtering system, Harvest Home Park got a facelift with a new coat of blacktop around the lodge. New parking meters were installed in the business district, Applegate Ave road project was completed, a new phone system was installed at city hall, the HVAC system at city hall was also updated. The police and fire departments are operating at full staff for the first time in a long time. In November, the citizens elected to approve the requested tax levy.

-SSD Braun announced that two bids were received for the underground storage tanks. The lowest bid was from WC Story & Sons for \$118,575. He also publicly thanked Brent and all public works employees who worked so diligently to have the streets cleared following this week's snowstorm.

-LAW DIRECTOR Rohr. In addition to her annual report, Mrs. Rohr brought to Council's attention a communication she received from the Ohio Municipal League regarding who is responsible for costs incurred when a municipality needs to have utilities relocated. It is her legal opinion that it would be in the City's best interest to show support of the Ohio Municipal's challenge of AT&T's tariff application at a PUCO meeting held in December. This would absolve the City from financial responsibility if utilities need to be relocated due to construction or necessary road improvements. Resolution 25-02 was drafted and adopted. Also, body cam footage can be requested through a public records request for \$75 per hour, up to \$750 (for ten hours).

She requested that council re-visit request of the Clerk of Courts to move parking tickets from criminal court to civil court, where unpaid fees can be sent to collections.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

-Kurtis Umberg and Garret Liette of Westwood Northern Boulevard discussed their plans for a community hub in the building at 3351 North Bend Road.

-Jerry Powell, of Alex Avenue and Scott Stacy, of Springmyer Road came in support of Robert DeBroun and his desire to trex in a liquor license for the property at 3801 Harrison Ave. Both gentlemen were encouraged to attend the committee meeting scheduled to follow tonight's council meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

-Mrs. Richter opened discussion for the WeThrive Hazardous Waste Dropoff Event . WeThrive will be meeting to discuss on January 8. She will check with Erin to coordinate what dates would be available at Harvest Home Park for convenient drop off of materials. Regarding the 250 celebration, ideas in the works are a historical coloring book, and job-shadowing for certain elementary students where they can shadow city officials for a day. Updated banners (that hang from utility poles) will be available. Mayor Keller thanked Mrs. Richter for the work she has done to enable the City to be part of this Nationwide celebration.

-Ms. Hawk presented a resolution to Mrs. Richter that she drafted to extend the deed restriction to continue the Harvest Home Fair at Harvest Home Park. Mrs. Rohr requested a copy that she can review. Ms. Hawk also stated that a resolution in support of the final Harvest Home Improvement would be needed so that funding can be sought through grants and private donations.

-Mayor's Court receipts for November 2024 were received and filed with a motion by Mr. Voss, second by Mr. Smyth.

Seeing no further business before this council, Mrs. Richter motioned for adjournment, Mr. Borgmann seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:45.

\*All motions presented during this meeting were carried unanimously unless otherwise noted.



Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of Council



Kerry Smyth, President of Council

Third party signature



David W. Voss, Councilman