October 1. 2024 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
Safety Services Director	Steve Braun
Council Ward 1	David Voss
Council Ward 2	John Hardig
Council Ward 3	Brian Smyth
Council Ward 4	Lindsay Keeble
Council At Large	Troy Borgmann
Council At Large	Stefanie Hawk
Council At Large	Amy Richter

Minutes from the 9/17/24 meeting were approved with a motion by Voss, second by Smyth.

Legislation:

RESOLUTION 24-13 To Support The Ohio Commission For The United States Semiquincentennial (America's 250th birthday) Motion to introduce made by Richter, second by Hawk. There was no discussion. Motion to adopt was made by Smyth, second by Voss.

RESOLUTION 24-14 To Authorize The Safety Services Director To Solicit Bids For The Repaying Of The City Hall Parking Lot. Introduced by Voss, second by Hawk. There was no discussion. Motion to adopt was made by Voss, second by Borgmann.

RESOLUTION 24-15 To Accept The Amounts and Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission, To Authorize The Necessary Tax Levies; To Certify Them To The County Auditor; And To Declare An Emergency. Introduced by Voss, second by Smyth. There was no discussion. Motion to adopt made by Voss, second by Richter.

ORDINANCE 24-20 To Create A New Fund; To Add New Line Items; And To Declare An Emergency. (Relative to United States Semiquincentennial). Introduced by Richter, second by Hawk. There was no discussion. Motion to suspend the rules made by Richter, second by Hawk. Motion to adopt made by Voss, second by Richter.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- -Mayor Keller reports that the Alloy RFP has been sent out. Proposals are due back by December 31. Funding from SORTA for the Bridgetown Road project has been received. The SORTA money will cover about half of the total. The hope is that the balance will be picked up in MRF (Municipal Road Funds) money. No updates on the Hillebrand expansion project. The project is out to bid again.
- -Safety Service Director Braun had no report.
- -Council President Smyth questioned if the dissemination of legislation could be expedited to allow council to review prior to being asked to vote. He will speak with the Law Director about this.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION ON NON AGENDA ITEMS:

-Quintin Kiely, a student at Elder High School and Eagle Scout candidate addressed council with his idea for his project. He proposed a fire fighting themed mural for the blank wall in the fire training room. Additionally, he'd like to install a mural on the barn at Harvest Home Park. Some other possible sites around town were discussed. Mayor Keller will speak with Fire Chief Klein about the mural in the training room.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

-Councilmember Smyth wanted to discuss a property on Phoenix Avenue on which the entire front yard is composed of wood chips and large logs. The feeling is that this may be a fire hazard, and well as looking unappealing. It is unknown at this time if there is an ordinance in the city, county or state under which the property owner can be cited. The Laws, Rules and Ordinance Committee will meet on November 19 immediately following the council meeting to discuss the disposal of landscape waste.

Mr. Smyth also called a meeting of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee to discuss using the RITA (Regional Income Tax Agency) system to collect earnings tax from residents in place of the current system. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at 7PM.

There will be no council meeting on Tuesday, November 5, as this is Election Day.

Seeing no further business before this council, Richter motioned for adjournment, Borgmann seconded and meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of Council

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Kerry Smyth, President of Council