

August 20, 2024
City Council, Cheviot, Ohio

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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
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

Law Director Rohr was running late and arrived after roll call at 7:35.

Minutes from the 8/6/24 meeting were approved with a motion by Smyth, second by Voss. Voss provided the third signature to the minutes, as requested in the state audit.

Legislation:

ORDINANCE 24-16 An Ordinance To Amend Sections 155.03 and 155.06 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances To Regulate Murals In Certain Zoning Districts Of The City Of Cheviot. Hardig summarized the amended verbiage and motioned to adoption. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Hardig abstaining

ORDINANCE 24-18 To Designate The Community Improvement Corporation Of Greater Cincinnati As The Community Improvement Corporation For The City of Cheviot. Introduced by Hardig, second by Richter. Law Director Rohr explained in detail the purpose of using the CIC for the marketing and sale of the city owned property at 3625 Harrison Ave. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Hawk, second by Richter. Motion to adopt made by Richter, second by Hawk.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

-Safety Service Director Braun reported that the officer struck by a car during a traffic stop is recovering well. The new gas aggregation agreement is in place. Green Township wants to modify the JEDD 3 (Mercy Health) tax rate through 2028. The Auditor is still waiting for fraud detection certificates from some elected officials. B. Smyth commended Public Works for the great job they're doing with the soccer fields.

-Law Director Rohr had no report.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION ON NON AGENDA ITEMS:

-Irene Vitalkis, Volunteer Coordinator for Harvest Home Fair showed up, clipboard in hand to recruit workers for the fair.

-Dan Stefano, owner of Stephan's Restaurant came to Council to express his desire to obtain a liquor license for his establishment. Council members showed support for him and thanked his long term operation in the community.

-Taylor Wallpe, from Cheviot Library let council know that the library will be closing on Friday, September 6 for a 6 month renovation project. She said they will try to maintain some of the services they provide for school children outside of the building, as weather permits. The Westwood branch will be open to serve the needs of Cheviot residents during the renovation period.

OTHER BUSINESS:

-Harvest Home Luncheon, Wednesday, September 4 at noon. All of council and city administration are invited to attend. It is being catered by Maury's. Lunch will also be provided for those helping with set up on Thursday, September 5.

-Hope Over America is hosting an event at the park this weekend, August 23, 24 and 25. There will be music, food and activities available at no charge. All are welcome.

-Treasurer's Report for July 2024 was received and filed with a motion by Hardig, second by Richter. Appropriate POC signature was affixed.

-Mayor's Court receipts were received and filed with a motion by Voss, second by Harding

-POC Smyth reminded all of council to please adhere to council rules as far as forwarding items for the agenda to the clerk by the Friday prior to each meeting. Even if your report is not yet ready please let her know so it can be added to the agenda.

Council members and others in attendance then moved to the council meeting room for a presentation by Joey Hood and Bill Brock from CT Consultants. They provided an overview of the Master Plan for Harvest Home Improvements. There was lots of good discussion about the plans.

Council will be taking their annual vacation day on Tuesday, September 3. The next council meeting will be on September 17.

Seeing no further business before this council, Richter motioned for adjournment. Borgmann seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:56.

Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of Council

Kerry Smyth, President of Council