

**September 17, 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
Mayor	Sam Keller
Law Director	Kimberlee Rohr
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 8/20/24 meeting were approved with a motion by Hardig, second by Voss.

**Legislation:**

**RESOLUTION 24-10** To Adopt Agreement Modifying Joint Economic Development District III Earning Tax. Introduced by Voss, second by Smyth. Motion to adopt made by Hardig, second by Smyth.

**RESOLUTION 24-11** To Appoint A Chief Executive Officer, A Chief Financial Officer, And a Project Manager To Submit The Necessary Application For The State Capital Improvement Program And/Or Local Transportation Improvement Program And To Execute A Project Agreement For the Homelawn Avenue Improvements; And To Declare An Emergency. Introduced by Keeble, second by Hardig. Motion to adopt made by Hardig, second by Smyth

**RESOLUTION 24-12** To Appoint A Chief Executive Officer, A Chief Financial Officer, And a Project Manager To Submit The Necessary Application For The State Capital Improvement Program And/Or Local Transportation Improvement Program And To Execute A Project Agreement For the Harding Avenue Improvements; And To Declare An Emergency. Introduced by Keeble, second by Hardig. Motion to adopt made by Hardig, second by Smyth.

**ORDINANCE 24-19** To Adopt Standards For Flags On City's Public Property. Introduced by Smyth, second by Hardig. Following some discussion on particulars, specifically when groups hold a ceremony event at one of the city owned locations, they can bring their own flags to use during the event, then remove the flags afterward. Cited in particular were Boy Scout and Girl Scout ceremonies. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Hardig, second by Voss. Motion carried 6-1 with Hawk being the single NO vote. Motion to adopt made by Hardig, second by Richter. Motion carried 6-1, with Hawk being the single NO vote. .

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

-Mayor Keller reports that there are about 20 new parking meters left to install. He gave a report on how the parking rates and hours of enforcement compare to other local municipalities.

Safety Service Director Braun reported that the gas aggregation opt-out notices were sent out. There was some general rowdiness reported at Harvest Home Fair. Mayor Keller interjected that the fair committee will be meeting with the safety committee to discuss plans for the future which will likely include an updated entry policy for the fair with a chaperone requirement.

-Law Director Rohr had no report.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION ON NON AGENDA ITEMS:**

-Alloy representative Bruce Carter addressed the room to give a progress report on the development of the former Cappel's property. He suggested extending the response time for developers, adding that in order to attract the best candidates, ample time must be given for the developers to prepare their RFP. He also suggested opening up to businesses other than breweries. Some items of interest to developers include the fact that the county funded \$300k grant money could be used for renovation of the existing space, or demolition, as well as the fact that the City already has a CRA in place and the DDRA. Also, the CIC can help with grant applications.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

-Richter will apply to participate in the nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration coming up in 2026. 250 cities will be chosen to host events. Grant money is available to fund events. A large bell was donated to the historical society. There is an Eagle scout candidate at St. Martin's who would like to develop and execute a project in the city.

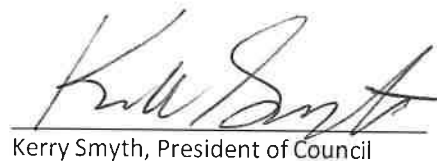
-The clerk read aloud a letter submitted by Davis Avenue resident John Caldwell in which he addresses the loud music at a recent event held at Harvest Home Park.

-Smyth called a meeting of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances committee to discuss the current earnings tax. The meeting will be held immediately following the regular council meeting on October 1.

Seeing no further business before this council, Fichter motioned for adjournment, Borgmann seconded and meeting adjourned at 8:39.



Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of Council



Kerry Smyth, President of Council