

## **MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO**

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January 2, 2007

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

Mayor	Samuel D. Keller
President of Council	Michael J. Mestemaker
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Council 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Ryan T. Zech
Council 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward	Greg J. Stautberg
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Steven L. Braun

The minutes of December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006 were approved. President Mestemaker called for the reports that would be presented.

### **Recognition of the Public**

No one from the public wished to speak.

### **Safety-Service Director's Report**

Mr. Neal had no formal report.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Keller gave the annual State of the City Address. A copy is on file at City Hall.

### **Law Director's Report**

Mr. Waters informed Council that for 2006 his office had no cash in or out, there was no major litigation involving the City, there was one pending Mayor's Court appeal, and that an issue with a City Police Officer would be going to arbitration. Mr. Waters added that he is currently working on the Property Maintenance Code, the Nuisance Ordinance, and the Anti-Solicitation Ordinance for early 2007.

### **Committee Reports**

Ward 1 - Mr. Zech had no formal report. Mr. Zech reminded everyone that the CWCA is currently holding its 2007 membership drive, and encouraged all residents to get involved with the organization.

Mr. Zech called a meeting of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee for Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report. Mr. Dinkelacker reminded everyone that the next Project Impact meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall. Mr. Dinkelacker informed everyone that the CFA Cheviot Shootout starts on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 P.M. at the Cheviot Fieldhouse. Mayor Keller encouraged anyone who wanted to volunteer at the Shootout to contact Mr. Dinkelacker or Mr. Zech. Mr. Neal reminded everyone that the Project Impact meeting would be held in the Fire Department.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus had no formal report. Mr. Sunderhaus wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Ward 4 - Mr. Stautberg read a report of the Public Utilities Committee into the record. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Stautberg called a meeting of the Public Utilities Committee for Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Stautberg wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no formal report. Mrs. Zech reminded business owners that they needed to have their pictures of their existing signs in by the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to be grandfathered in under the new Sign Ordinance. Mr. Neal asked what would happen if businesses didn't get their pictures in by the deadline. Mrs. Zech replied that businesses would be bound by the Sign Ordinance on all existing signs, no exceptions.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. Mr. Braun asked Mr. Norman when the Finance Committee would be meeting to discuss certain budget issues. Mr. Norman informed Council that he still had some issues to look at before calling the meeting.

Council at Large - Mr. Braun had no formal report. Mr. Braun called a meeting of the Streets and Sidewalks Committee for Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 P.M.

### **Further Business**

Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to receive and file the December 2006 Mayor's Court receipts with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

### **Correspondence**

A newsletter from the Alliance for Chemical Safety and a copy of the *Cities and Villages* magazine from the Ohio Municipal League were received.

Mr. Mestemaker called a meeting to discuss Council's agenda for 2007 relative to fund transfer requests for Tuesday, January 9th at 6:30 P.M. There was much discussion.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

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Matthew D. McGowan  
Clerk of Council

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Michael J. Mestemaker  
President of Council