

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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March 21, 2006

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:31 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

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| Mayor | Samuel D. Keller |
| President of Council | Michael J. Mestemaker |
| Law Director | Mark G. Waters |
| Safety Service Director | Steven O. Neal |
| Council 1 st Ward | Ryan T. Zech |
| Council 2 nd Ward | Dennis T. Dinkelacker |
| Council 3 rd Ward | James F. Sunderhaus |
| Council 4 th 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 March 7th, 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, but did inform Council that he has received correspondence from the Ohio Preservation Society notifying the City that they do believe that the Cheviot Memorial Building (also known as the Cheviot Fieldhouse) does warrant being nominated to the National Registry of Historic Buildings. He advised Council that this process can take up to one year.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller congratulated Clerk of Council Matthew McGowan and his wife Kristin on the birth of their daughter, Avalon Reagan McGowan, on March 14th. Mayor Keller then spoke out against the proposed TEL Amendment in the State Legislature, and informed Council that wage negotiations with the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments are still ongoing.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters had no formal report, but did inform Council that the ordinance regarding Mayor's Court expenditures is completed and would be brought before Council later in the meeting. He added that he hopes to have the Sign Ordinance finished by the next regular meeting.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Zech read a report of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee into the record. Mr. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report, but did announce a meeting of the External Affairs Committee with a representative of the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission for Friday, March 24th at 1pm at City Hall to discuss the Economic Development Plan and what the County has to offer.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus had no formal report. He did congratulate Police Chief Voss and the 17 citizens who passed their Concealed Carry Class at City Hall on March 20th, as well as the Fire Department and the 10 citizens who completed the CPR class given at City Hall on March 17th.

He mentioned that Fire Chief Clark informed him that the 5 CPR instructors in the Fire Department will need to be retrained in June as some standards and methods will be changing. He then informed Council that he, Councilman Braun, and Councilman Norman attended the Hamilton County Community Development meeting on March 13th. The topic was how to revitalize vacant property; Mr. Sunderhaus informed Council that most of the information presented would not be helpful to a small city like Cheviot.

Ward 4 - Mr. Stautberg had no formal report. Mr. Stautberg made a motion *To Accept The Bid Of Brian Brothers Painting And Restoration, L.L.C., For The Exterior Painting And Repair Of The Cheviot Fieldhouse; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. Before the vote, Mr. Neal asked Mr. Waters if Council needed to pass the appropriations ordinance before they voted on this one. Mr. Waters replied that this was not necessary. The motion then carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 06-04. Mrs. Zech made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Braun. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no formal report. Mrs. Zech made a motion *To Amend Section 70.09 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion then carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 06-05. Mr. Norman made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Zech made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Zech then congratulated Mr. and Mrs. McGowan on the birth of their daughter.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. Mr. Norman made a motion to approve *An Ordinance To Make Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures for the City Of Cheviot, State Of Ohio, During The 2006 Year Ending 12/31/2006 And Declaring An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion then carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 06-06. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Norman also congratulated Mr. and Mrs. McGowan on the birth of their daughter.

Council at Large - Mr. Braun had no formal report, but did call a meeting of the Streets and Sidewalks Committee for Wednesday, March 29th at 6:30pm to discuss access problems on Marydell Avenue due to parking on both sides of the street. He urged all affected residents to attend and give their input. Mr. Braun also congratulated Mr. and Mrs. McGowan on the birth of their daughter.

Further Business

A list of upcoming Mayor's Court dates was read by the Clerk of Council. This list is on file at City Hall. Four Building Reports were received and distributed to Council. These are also on file at City Hall.

Correspondence

A newsletter from the Alliance for Chemical Safety, as well as a Legislative Bulletin and information on the TEL Amendment from the Ohio Municipal League were received.

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 7:54 P.M.

Matthew D. McGowan
Clerk of Council

Michael J. Mestemaker
President of Council