

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

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April 1, 2008

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:

President of Council	Deborah M. McKinney
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Safety Service Director	Steven O. Neal
Council 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Ryan T. Zech
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	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council at Large	Steven L. Braun

Mr. Zech made a motion to excuse Mr. Babey with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. President McKinney called for the reports that would be presented. Mr. Zech pointed out an error in the minutes of February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The amended minutes were approved.

### **Public Recognition on Agenda Items**

No one from the public wished to speak.

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

Mr. Dinkelacker read a report of the Streets & Sidewalks Committee into the record. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote.

### **Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions**

Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Authorize The Safety-Service Director To Enter Into A Professional Services Contract With CDS Associates, Inc., For The Provision Of Engineering Services To The City Of Cheviot; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 08-06. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. After much discussion, Mr. Braun made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Authorize The Mayor To Contract With Daniel Grote Of Hoeting Realtors For The Sale Of The Property At 3939 Davis Avenue; To Set Certain Conditions For The Sale Of The Property; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 08-07. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. After some discussion, Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Braun. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Authorize The Safety-Service Director To Enter Into A Contract With Hamilton County, Ohio, For The Periodic Provision Of Fire Hydrant Repair Services To The City Of Cheviot; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 08-08. Mrs. Zech made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Keller did not forward a report

**Safety-Service Director's Report**

Mr. Neal reminded all elected officials that their Financial Disclosure statements are due by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Neal informed everyone that the City will be hosting its second First Time Homebuyer Seminar at the Harvest Home Lodge on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 P.M. Mr. Neal updated Council on the work being performed on the property at 3939 Davis Avenue. Mr. Neal advised Council that the City will close on its third HUD property at 3936 Glenmore Avenue. Mr. Neal informed Council that work has begun on the property at 3941 Bruestle Avenue. Mr. Neal advised Council that bids will open for the Harrison Avenue project on Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and that Council will need to approve the accepted bid. Mr. Neal informed everyone that the tentative date for opening Harvest Home Pool will be May 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Neal then informed Council that he will soon begin work to go out for bids for the City's liability insurance coverage.

**Law Director's Report**

Mr. Waters informed Council that he has reviewed a proposal which would allow the City to generate additional revenues through certain police runs and has found no legal issues with such an ordinance.

**Other Business**

President McKinney referred a fee proposal from the Tax Commissioner to the Finance Committee for review. Mr. Stautberg called a meeting of the Finance Committee for Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. Mr. Sunderhaus called a meeting of the Police & Fire Committee for Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. Mrs. Zech called a meeting of the Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee for Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.

**Public Recognition on Other Issues**

Janet Blank of 3954 Lovell Avenue asked if there had been any advance warning given to residents on streets where road construction affecting personal property is taking place, as she did not receive any. Mr. Neal informed her that she should have been notified by the contractor if any construction would affect her property and stated he will deal with the contractor in question to assure it happens going forward. There was much discussion.

Ronald Roy of Westwood-Northern Boulevard asked a question regarding a police matter and was referred to the Police Department.

Ms. Blank asked a question regarding the conditions of sale for the property at 3939 Davis Avenue. Mr. Braun informed her that the City intends for the house to be owner occupied, and explained some additional conditions for the sale. Ms. Blank then asked if there has been any movement regarding the high number of vacant businesses in the city. Mrs. Zech informed her that the City is working with Hamilton County's Project Impact to address this issue, and invited her to attend the next meeting to learn more and to provide her input.

**Correspondence**

A memo from the Tax Commissioner regarding fee proposals, a memo from the Fire Chief regarding new business permits, three Examination Announcements from the State of Ohio, three Building Department Reports and one Property Maintenance Report were received.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

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Matthew D. McGowan  
Clerk of Council

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Deborah M. McKinney  
President of Council