

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

April 4, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

Mayor	J. Michael Laumann
President of Council	Samuel D. Keller
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Council 1st Ward	Michael N. Mastruserio
Council 2nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3rd Ward	James E. Morganroth
Council 4th Ward	Boyd T. Miller
Council at Large	Kathleen Zech
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker
Council at Large	Kathleen M. Goedl

The minutes of the March 21 and the April 1 meeting were approved. Mr. Keller called for reports from Council.

Recognition of the Public

No one spoke.

Safety Service Director's Report

No report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Laumann spoke on the settlement of the labor contracts with the three bargaining units in the city. United Health Care will provide the health insurance to city employees beginning on April 15, 2000. There is about a 20% reduction in premium costs to the city by making this change in providers. He thanked Mr. Mastruserio, Mr. Neal and members of the various union negotiating teams. Mr. Keller commended the Mayor and the negotiation teams for settling the contracts before the expiration deadlines.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters stated that he was in Judge Schweikert's courtroom on March 31st regarding the Kevin Broderick matter. He had filed a motion to dismiss in the case. Mr. Waters stated that he met with Chief Clark, Lt. Siciliano and his attorney and figured out the exact amount of back pay that Lt. Siciliano is entitled to. That case is now settled. Officer Taylor has filed a lawsuit against the city regarding a promotional exam. That case will work itself out. The ordinances for the labor contracts will be amended on the floor for passage tonight and the final drafts will be turned over to the clerk at the next meeting. The Safety-Service Director has asked for a resolution to authorize him to advertise for bids on a new dump truck. There was a motion made by Mr. Miller to introduce a resolution *To Authorize The Safety-Service Director To Solicit Bids For The City's Purchase Of A New Dump Truck; And To Declare An Emergency*. There was a second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES00-07. There was a motion made by Mr. Mastruserio to introduce an ordinance *To Approve The Labor Contract With The Cheviot Professional Firefighters Union For The Years 2000-2003; And To Declare An Emergency*. There was a second by Mrs. Goedl. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-07. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion carried 7-0 by roll-call vote and ORD00-07 was adopted. There was a motion made by Mrs. Goedl to introduce an ordinance *To Approve The Labor Contract With The Fraternal Order Of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. (Police Officers And Sergeants) For The Years 2000-2003; And To Declare An Emergency*. There was a second by Mr. Miller. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-08. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Zech with a second by Mrs. Goedl. The motion carried 7-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mr. Miller. The motion carried 7-0 by roll-call vote and ORD00-08 was adopted. There was a motion made by Mrs. Goedl to introduce an ordinance *To Approve The Labor Contract With AFSCME For The Years 2000-2003; And To Declare An Emergency*. There was a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-09. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Zech with a second by Mrs. Goedl. The motion carried 7-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll-call vote and ORD00-09 was adopted. Mrs. Goedl asked Mr. Waters if he could have ready for passage an ordinance establishing the Cable Coordinator Salary by the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 -- Mr. Mastruserio received a letter from Time Warner Cable in response to his letter. He will set a date for the Public Utilities Committee to meet with TWC representatives and the Cable Coordinator. Mr. Mastruserio wants to get started on working out the pay increases for the city's fulltime non-union employees and will call a meeting of Council as a whole to discuss this.

Ward 2 -- Mr. Dinkelacker had no report.

Ward 3 -- Mr. Morganroth read into the record a Police & Fire Committee report. There was a motion to receive and file the report made by Mr. Miller with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

Ward 4 -- Mr. Miller reminded everyone of the Arbor Day celebration to be held on April 28th at 1:00 p.m. at the Harvest Home Park back shelters. Mr. Miller and Mr. Murray will meet on Saturday, April 8th to look over an application for the preservation of Harvest Home Park. Anyone else interested is invited to attend.

Council at Large -- Mr. Mestemaker had no report. He appreciated the thoughts everyone has expressed regarding the recent passing of his uncle.

Council at Large -- Mrs. Zech read into the record a Laws, Rules & Ordinances Committee report. There was a motion to receive and file the report made by Mrs. Zech with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. There was a motion to introduce for its first reading *An Ordinance Restricting Parking On Lawns* made by Mrs. Zech with a second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-10. The second reading will be on April 18th. There will be another meeting of the Laws, Rules & Ordinance Committee to discuss vicious dogs to be held Wednesday, April 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Council at Large -- Mrs. Goedl discussed installing speed humps on certain city streets. She reminded Council that on May 3rd, the CWBA will be sponsoring another Job Shadowing Day in the city. The CWBA will also hold their annual Young Citizens Awards Banquet on May 24th.

Further Business -- There was a motion to file the Mayor's Court Receipt Report for March 2000 made by Mr. Mastruserio with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Morganroth announced that the Cheviot Police Association along with the Cheviot Action Partnership will sponsor their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 16th at Harvest Home Park. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. Mayor Laumann announced that street bids will be open on April 12th at 11:00 a.m. and bids for the city's Property, Casualty, Automotive, and Blanket Liability Insurance will be opened on April 11th at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Mastruserio complimented the Safety-Service Director and the Maintenance Department for the work done on Westwood-Northern Boulevard.

Correspondence -- There was no correspondence received. The Clerk thanked the person or persons responsible for cleaning up the cemetery on Harrison Avenue. Census workers will be going door-to-door starting April 27th to do a physical count at homes where census forms were not mailed back. The annual Memorial Day Parade will take place at 11:00 a.m. on May 29th.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Council adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Michael J. Murray
Clerk of Council

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council