

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

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June 5, 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

Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to excuse Mr. Braun with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. The minutes of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 were approved. President Mestemaker called for the reports that would be presented.

### **Recognition of the Public**

Carol Harrison of Glenmore Avenue came to Council to complain about a neighbor's tall grass. Mr. Dinkelacker informed Ms. Harrison that the property was due to be inspected tomorrow. Mr. Zech informed Ms. Harrison that an email was just received from another neighbor earlier in the day about the tall grass at the property. Mayor Keller reminded Ms. Harrison that the process does take some time, and President Mestemaker asked her to give it some time and she will see a change. There was much discussion.

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

Mr. Neal's report is on file at City Hall.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Keller congratulated Cheviot resident Renee Hein for competing in her 4<sup>th</sup> NCAA Track and Field Championships, becoming the first female in the University of Cincinnati's history to do so. The Mayor informed Council that the Safety-Service Director has secured funding for \$11,000 of new playground equipment for the Cheviot Fieldhouse. The Mayor informed Council that Cheviot Savings Bank is providing the funding and that the equipment should be here within 28 days. The Mayor added that St. Martin's COTS (Catholic Old Timers Softball) has donated \$500 for new fencing surrounding the playground. The Mayor asked Council to hold off on passing the Natural Disaster Mitigation Plan resolution from FEMA they received this evening until it has been reviewed by the Safety-Service Director, the Police Chief and the Fire Chief. The Mayor then reiterated his objection to the City taking over the Cemetery on Harrison Avenue, saying that while he appreciates everything the CWCA has pledged for this project, he objects to the City owning the property because he feels it is the Faith Fellowship Church's responsibility to provide perpetual care to those interred there.

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

Mr. Waters had no formal report.

### **Committee Reports**

Ward 1 - Mr. Zech had no formal report. Mr. Zech gave the third and final reading of the Ordinance *To Authorize The Transfer Of The Cemetery Property On Harrison Avenue From The Faith Fellowship Church To The City Of Cheviot*. Mr. Zech made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Zech updated everyone on the

Cemetery Project's plan going forward. Mr. Waters noted the church now has 30 days to execute the actual transfer of the Cemetery property to the City.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report. Mr. Dinkelacker informed Council that the next Project Impact meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the Fire Department Meeting Room.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus had no formal report.

Ward 4 - Mr. Stautberg had no formal report.

Council at Large – Mrs. Zech had no formal report. Mrs. Zech updated Council on her progress working with American Legal Publishing to codify the City's Ordinances, saying that she should receive an exact estimate of the cost sometime within the next month.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. Mr. Norman made a motion *To Amend The 2007 Annual Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 07-18. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Council at Large - Mr. Braun did not forward a report.

### **Further Business**

Mr. Zech updated Council on CWCA's plans for the Westside Streetfest. Mr. Zech informed Council that the CWCA is currently reviewing a grant request from the City for new flags, as well as a grant for the proposed "Good Tickets" program.

Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the May 2007 Mayor's Court receipts with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

President Mestemaker announced that he will be stepping down as President of Council and that his last meeting will be June 19<sup>th</sup>. He thanked everyone for their support and understanding.

### **Correspondence**

Two Legislative Bulletins from the Ohio Municipal League and two Building Reports 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 8:02 P.M.

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Matthew D. McGowan  
Clerk of Council

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Michael J. Mestemaker  
President of Council