

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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July 11, 2000

Mr. Keller called to order a public hearing on the proposed 2001 Tax Budget at 7:32 p.m. and opened up the floor for discussion. Richard Stepaniak of 3918 Washington Avenue addressed council regarding the tax budget. Mayor Laumann answered his questions on the budget. The public hearing was closed at 7:41 p.m.

The regular session of council was called to order at 7:43 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
Safety-Service Director	Steven O. Neal
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 June 20 meeting were approved. Mr. Keller called for reports from Council.

Recognition of the Public

Before he opened the floor to the public, Mr. Keller read a letter sent to the city by Talbert House regarding their decision not to open a facility at 4307 Bridgetown Road. Mayor Laumann, Mr. Waters and Mrs. Goedl added a few comments.

Mike Schreiber of 4324 Brookdale Drive, Green Township, spoke on issues regarding the Talbert House. Much discussion followed.

Also addressing Council on the same issue were:

- Andrew Felczan of 4357 Brookdale Drive
- Ray Lamb of 3390 Mayfair Avenue
- Patricia Collins of 4316 Brookdale Drive
- John Bossman of 3729 Meadowview Drive
- Pat Powell of 4337 Bridgetown Road
- Richard Stepaniak of 3918 Washington Avenue
- Sharon Joyce of 3600 Mozart Avenue (who spoke on grant monies)
- John Collins of 4316 Brookdale Drive
- Joan Schreiber of 4324 Brookdale Drive

Ray Lamb of 3390 Mayfair Avenue addressed issues regarding rental facilities at Harvest Home Park.

Ed Schweitzer of 3811 Westwood-Northern Boulevard spoke on issues regarding the installation of fiber optic cables on the boulevard and the use of cameras for traffic control.

Mayor Laumann had to excuse himself due to a prior commitment and asked if there were any questions regarding the budget. There were none.

Council recessed at 9:00 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal read his report into the record. Bids were opened for the Washington Avenue Street Improvement Project. Adleta and Company was low bid with a bid of \$372,336.50. Mr. Neal recommended that the contract be awarded to Adleta and Company. There was a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Accept The Bid Of Adleta, Inc. For The City's Washington Avenue Improvement Project; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-28. There was a motion to suspend the rules by Mr. Mestemaker 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. Mastruserio. The motion carried 7-0 by roll-call vote and ORD00-28 was adopted. Cinergy is replacing the gas main on Washington between Homelawn and Smith. Mr. Neal gave an update on the 2000 street improvement project. He also announced that demolition has begun at Harrison and Bridgetown road for the CVS project. Mr. Miller asked if a study has been done on traffic flow in and out of the new CVS store. Mrs. Goedl asked if there was any update on the installation of flashing lights over the crosswalk on North Bend Road at the entrance of Harvest Home Park. She also stated that a trustee of the Westwood Baptist Church is donating his time to paint the fence in front of the cemetery on Harrison Avenue. There was discussion regarding a resolution of acknowledgement being drafted. Mr. Dinkelacker asked about the relocation of the former businesses on the CVS site and the widening of Washington Avenue. Mr. Keller asked about MSD problems in the city.

Mayor's Report

There was no report. Mr. Keller spoke about some information he received from the local Chapter Of The Purple Hearts organization. He also introduced the new correspondent for the Western Hills Press, Ms. Sarah Kelley.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters stated the Kevin Broderick case is over. The Police Department has given Mr. Waters a list of abandoned property for disposal. He will get the proper paperwork together in order for them to hold an auction on July 26th. Mr. Waters received a letter from Ricochet Communications regarding the installation of wireless transmitters within the city for internet access. Mr. Waters received a letter from SERB regarding a program for Civil Service Commissions that he will forward on to Ty Foster. He also received a letter from a consumer group in Columbus indicating that in January 2001, homeowners can select which company they buy electricity from.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 -- Mr. Mastruserio met with Mr. Kathman and Mr. Murray two weeks ago at Harvest Home Park to look into updating the electric and installing a security camera there.

Ward 2 -- Mr. Dinkelacker had no report.

Ward 3 -- Mr. Morganroth had no report. He called a Police & Fire Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, July 13th following a Laws, Rules & Ordinances Committee meeting to discuss wages for part-time firemen. Mr. Keller gave Mr. Morganroth council's condolences regarding the passing of his father in-law.

Ward 4 -- Mr. Miller reported that the Historical Society has met and will meet again on Monday, July 24th at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the historic preservation of Harvest Home Park. The Historical Society is looking to borrow any old photo of Harvest Home Park that may be floating around.

Council at Large -- Mr. Mestemaker had no report. Mrs. Goedl asked Mr. Mestemaker if he would join her on the committee to nominate a citizen of the month.

Council at Large -- Mrs. Zech called for a Laws, Rules & Ordinances Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, July 13th at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Zech also announced the Movie in the Park to be held at Harvest Home Park on July 21st starting at dark. American Legal Publishing has the codified ordinances ready and they should be in our hands soon.

Committee Reports (continued)

Council at Large -- Mrs. Goedl announced the Cheviot-Westwood Business Association's annual Community Picnic to be held from 3:00-9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26th at Harvest Home Park. There was a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Establish A Budgetary Line Item For The Police R.C.I.C. Input Salary; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-29. There was a motion to suspend the rules 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. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll-call vote and ORD00-29 was adopted. There was a motion to introduce a resolution *To Transfer Funds For The Police R.C.I.C. Input Salary; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES00-19. There was a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Designate Three Public Financial Institutions For The Deposit And Safekeeping Of Funds Of The City Of Cheviot; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-30. There was a motion to suspend the rules by Mr. Mastruserio with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made by Mr. Miller with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by roll-call vote and ORD00-30 was adopted. There was a motion to introduce a resolution *To Transfer Funds; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES00-20.

Further Business – There was a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Approve The Projected Year 2001 Tax Budget For The City Of Cheviot, Ohio; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-31. There was a motion to suspend the rules by Mr. Mastruserio with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made by Mr. Mestemaker with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll-call vote and ORD00-31 was adopted. There was a motion to receive and file the Mayor's Court Report for June 2000 made by Mr. Mestemaker with a second by Mr. Miller. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence – A packet of newsletters was received from Millcreek Watershed Council to be distributed to all members of council. A letter was also received from Tim Culbertson regarding the first Purple Heart Chapter in Western Hills. The Cheviot website (www.cheviot.org) was chosen by WKRC-TV's Steve Horstmeyer as their website-of-the-day last Thursday, July 6th.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Mr. Mestemaker with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Council adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Michael J. Murray
Clerk of Council

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council