

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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August 7, 2007

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:33 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 Pro-Tem	Kathleen S. Zech
Council 1 st Ward	Ryan T. Zech
Council 2 nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 4 th Ward	Greg J. Stautberg
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Steven L. Braun

Mr. Norman made a motion to excuse Mr. Sunderhaus with a second from Mr. Braun. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. President Zech delineated from normal proceedings to introduce Deborah McKinney as the new President of Council. Mr. Zech introduced Judge Bernie Bouchard, who presided over the swearing in ceremony for President McKinney. President McKinney thanked Judge Bouchard for presiding over the ceremony, and thanked her family for their support. President McKinney delineated to Mayor Keller to introduce Police Chief David Voss and Police Sgt. Ed Taylor, who addressed Council regarding the rash of robberies of local businesses which occurred earlier in the year. Sgt. Taylor informed Council that last week a grand jury handed down 21 indictments of the three people suspected of being involved in the robberies. Mayor Keller commended Sgt. Taylor and the Police Chief for their outstanding work on this case.

The minutes of July 17th, 2006 were approved. President McKinney called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

Pat Gunn of 3314 Camvic Terrace #6 asked Council to implement legislation to address free roaming cats and to support citizens who wished to implement a responsible trap, neuter, and control program. President McKinney referred the issue to the Laws, Rules, and Ordinances committee. Mrs. Zech invited Ms. Gunn to the Committee meeting that she will be calling on Tuesday, August 14th at 6:30 P.M. to address the issue.

Samba Ba of 25 West University in Cincinnati informed Council that he will be moving to 3349 Harrison Avenue and said he would like to gauge the City's interest in building a skate park in Cheviot. Mayor Keller informed Mr. Ba that he would need to put his proposal in writing and send it to the Recreation Commissioner at City Hall for it to be considered.

Safety-Service Director's Report

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

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller welcomed President McKinney to Council and thanked her for getting involved. Mayor Keller thanked Cheviot Savings and Loan for their donation of new playground equipment at the Cheviot Fieldhouse, and thanked the St. Martin's COTS for their donation to the project as well. Mayor Keller then updated Council on the City's new Employee Insurance plan, informing Council that the plan will no longer represent a savings to the City but rather an increase over last year. Mayor Keller informed Council of a few problems with the transition to the new insurance as well, but added that they should be resolved soon. Mayor Keller also informed Council that even though there will be an increase in the cost of the insurance over last year, it still falls within the budget.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters did not forward a report.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Zech had no formal report. Mr. Zech welcomed President McKinney to Council.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus did not forward a report. Mayor Keller asked that someone introduce the DARE resolution in Mr. Sunderhaus' absence. Mr. Zech made a motion *Supporting The Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program And Authorizing The Police Department To Apply To The Ohio Attorney General's Office For The Continuing Efforts Of The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program, And Declaring An Emergency* with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES 07-15.

Ward 4 - Mr. Stautberg had no formal report. Mr. Stautberg thanked Mr. Neal and Mrs. Sunderhaus for fielding a great number of calls with questions about the City's Gas Aggregation Program. Mr. Stautberg congratulated President McKinney on her appointment. Mayor Keller thanked Mr. Stautberg for addressing resident's questions on the Gas Aggregation Program. There was much discussion.

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. Mrs. Zech called a meeting of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee for Tuesday, August 14th at 6:30 P.M. Mrs. Zech updated Council on the progress of enforcement of the Sign Ordinance. Mayor Keller thanked Mrs. Zech for her efforts to save the City money on the codification of the City's Ordinances. Mrs. Zech congratulated the Miami Valley Express Blue for winning the World Series of Fast Pitch Softball for the under 13 age group, adding that her granddaughter Sara Zech was named Offensive MVP. Mrs. Zech also welcomed President McKinney to Council.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. Mr. Norman updated Council on the progress of the JED agreement with Green Township. Mr. Norman called a Finance Committee meeting for Tuesday, August 14th at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Keller publicly thanked former Council President Mike Mestemaker for following up with Green Township regarding the JED agreement.

Council at Large - Mr. Braun had no formal report. Mr. Braun called a meeting of the Streets and Sidewalks Committee for Tuesday, August 14th at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Braun made a motion *To Approve The Contract With The Advisory Council Of The Hamilton County General Health District For The Provision Of Public Health Services In The Calendar Year 2008; To Authorize The Mayor To Sign The Contract On Behalf Of The City; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES 07-16.

Further Business

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

Correspondence

A newsletter from CDS associates, a progress report from Hamilton County Environmental Services, and an exam notification from the State of Ohio were received.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Norman with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Matthew D. McGowan
Clerk of Council

Deborah M. McKinney
President of Council