

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

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September 2, 2008

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:

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| Mayor                        | Samuel D. Keller      |
| 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward | James Babey           |
| 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       |

President McKinney called for the reports that would be presented. The minutes of August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were approved.

## **Reports of Standing Committees**

President McKinney read a report of the Committee of the Whole into the record. Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. There was much discussion. Mrs. Zech called a meeting of the Laws, Rules & Ordinances Committee for Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 P.M. to discuss issues raised during the Committee of the Whole meeting. There was much discussion.

## **Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions**

Mr. Braun made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Authorize The Mayor To Contract With A Realtor For The Sale Of The Property At 3541 Bruestle 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 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 08-24. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote, with Mr. Stautberg voting no. There was much discussion. Mrs. Zech made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote, with Mr. Stautberg voting no. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Amend The 2008 Annual Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. There was much discussion. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 08-25. Mr. Babey made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Braun. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Stautberg made a motion *To Recognize The Agreement Between The Board Of County Commissioners And "Keep Cincinnati Beautiful" For The Use Of Hamilton County Inmates For Litter Collection; To Approve The City Of Cheviot As A Third Party Beneficiary To The Agreement; To Authorize "Keep Cincinnati Beautiful" To Implement The Program In The City Of Cheviot; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES 08-11.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Keller recognized President McKinney for holding a "Casual Day" at her place of business to raise money for the Honor Flight Program and challenged the rest of Council and the Administration to do the same. Mayor Keller informed Council that Mr. McGowan and Mr. Neal will be accompanying him on the next flight scheduled for October. Mayor Keller informed everyone that the cost of one flight has risen by \$3,000 since he began his involvement with the program, adding that any help raising the funds would be greatly appreciated. Mayor Keller said that he felt the meeting of the Committee of the Whole went very well and added that he feels more meetings like that will help the city.

**Safety-Service Director's Report**

Mr. Neal reminded everyone that the Harvest Home Parade will take place on September 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 P.M., adding that Green Township Cable Access will broadcast the parade. Mr. Neal informed Council that Green Township is currently broadcasting the "Rediscover Cheviot" DVD he provided them three times a day. Mr. Neal informed Council that he has met with officials from ODOT regarding the traffic signal at the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Lovell Avenue and has been informed that it is an unwarranted traffic signal and will not be included in the upcoming Mast Arm Signal Project. Mr. Neal added that the signal may in fact need to be removed due to the potential for liability issues to the City. Mr. Neal informed Council that when he receives the official letter from ODOT he will forward it to the Law Director for review. Mr. Neal informed Council that he has been advised that the City will receive \$240,000 in Community Development funds, adding that Council will have to hold two public hearings to receive the funds. Mr. Neal requested the Finance Committee meet to discuss requests for allocation of the funds, adding that in the past these funds have been used for road construction and similar projects. Mayor Keller said that the traffic signal at the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Lovell Avenue will be removed due to the potential for liability issues to the City.

**Law Director's Report**

Mr. Waters informed Council that he will have an ordinance prepared for the next meeting of Council to approve a renewal of the City's contract with the Hamilton County Board of Health. Mr. Waters informed Council that the Clerk of Courts has advised him that court costs for moving violations will need to increase by \$10 due to a change in State Law, adding that Council will need to pass an ordinance to do so. There was much discussion.

**Public Recognition on Other Issues**

No one from the public wished to speak.

**Other Business**

Mr. Stautberg called a meeting of the Finance Committee for Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Stautberg read a letter from the Tax Commissioner regarding a recent meeting of the Finance Committee.

**Correspondence**

A memo from the Clerk of Courts informing Council of the need to increase court costs for moving violations, a listing of Cheviot Magistrate Court dates, a copy of *Cities and Villages Magazine* from the Ohio Municipal League, and one Property Maintenance Report were received.

Mr. Stautberg updated Council on the City's Gas Aggregation Program.

Mr. Zech congratulated Mr. Neal for his work on getting the Cheviot Fieldhouse added to the National Register of Historical Places.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Babey. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

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Matthew D. McGowan  
Clerk of Council

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Deborah M. McKinney  
President of Council