

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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September 19, 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
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 at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker
Council at Large	Kathleen M. Goedl

There was a motion to excuse Mrs. Zech made by Mr. Mestemaker with a second by Mrs. Goedl. The motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. The minutes of the September 5 meeting were approved. Mr. Keller called for reports from Council.

Recognition of the Public

Ms. Maria Bonavita, the new principal of Cheviot School addressed council to introduce herself and invited officials to a "Community Coffee" on October 3rd at 10:00 a.m. She also made a plug for the upcoming school levy.

Mr. Mestemaker presented Boyd Miller a plaque of appreciation for his years of service as councilman for the City of Cheviot. Mr. Waters read a letter to Boyd prepared by Mrs. Zech. There was a motion to introduce a resolution *To Honor Boyd T. Miller For His Service To The City Of Cheviot; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mr. Mestemaker with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES00-28. Mr. Keller asked Mr. Mestemaker if there was any progress in appointing Mr. Miller's replacement. Mr. Mestemaker said that a replacement would be chosen before the next council meeting.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal asked if the SCIP resolution can be passed with only five members of council present. Mr. Keller stated that it could. There was a motion to introduce a resolution *To Appoint A Chief Executive Officer, A Chief Financial Officer, And A Project Manager; To Submit The Necessary Application For The State Capital Improvement Program; To Execute A Project Agreement For The 2000-2001 Fiscal Year; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES00-29.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Laumann discussed some news reports regarding a registered sexual oriented offender living near St. Martin School.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters reminded council that the Red Mass is Friday, September 22nd at 4:00 p.m. at the old St. Mary's Church downtown. Mr. Waters updated council on pending litigation. Mr. Neal asked Mr. Waters about a memorandum written to council members regarding political signs in the city. The memo and decision dealt only with a time issue. Mrs. Goedl asked Mr. Waters if her request for a legal opinion on political sign size would be given. Mr. Waters said he would not. Much discussion followed. Mayor Laumann went on record asking Mr. Waters to provide the legal opinion. There was a motion by Mrs. Goedl to require Mr. Waters to provide the legal opinion with a second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion carried 4-1 by voice vote with Mr. Mestemaker being the dissenting vote.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 -- Mr. Mastruserio reported that the Wage Negotiation Committee has met to discuss salaries of the caretakers at Harvest Home Park, the fieldhouse and four summer helpers. He should have things finalized by the next council meeting. There was a motion to have an executive session to discuss issues regarding the public access channel on Time Warner Cable made by Mr. Mastruserio. There was a second by Mr. Dinkelacker and a third by Mr. Morganroth. The motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. Mr. Mastruserio invited the cable coordinator to the executive session.

Ward 2 -- Mr. Dinkelacker thanked Mr. Neal and all who have worked to get a beacon installed over the crosswalk near the entrance of Harvest Home Park on North Bend Road. He also gave an update on the MSD sewer modeling project.

Ward 3 -- Mr. Morganroth read a Streets & Sidewalks Committee report into the record. There was a motion to receive and file the committee report made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. Mr. Morganroth wished his son, who is joining the U.S. Marines, good luck.

Ward 4 – No Report.

Council at Large -- Mr. Mestemaker had no report.

Council at Large -- Mrs. Goedl read a report regarding a meeting to discuss establishing an Outstanding Citizen Award into the record. There was a motion to receive and file the report made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. Mrs. Goedl read a Finance Committee report into the record. There was a motion to receive and file the report made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. Mrs. Goedl called for a Finance Committee meeting for Saturday, September 23rd at 9:30 a.m. 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. Morganroth. The motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES00-30. There was a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Increase The Annual Appropriations For Selected Accounts; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-36. This constituted the first reading of this ordinance.

Council at Large – Mr. Keller read a Laws, Rules & Ordinances Committee report into the record for Mrs. Zech. There was a motion to receive and file the report made by Mr. Mestemaker with a second by Mr. Morganroth. The motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. There was a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Establish A "D.U.I. Sustenance Of Prisoners Fund"; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mr. Mestemaker with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-37. This constituted the first reading of this ordinance.

Further Business – There was a motion to receive and file the Treasurer's Report for August 2000 made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence – None received.

Council recessed into executive session at 8:33 p.m. Council re-convened at 8:59 p.m.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Mr. Mestemaker with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote. Council adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Michael J. Murray
Clerk of Council

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council