

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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September 19, 2006

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:31 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 st Ward	Ryan T. Zech
Council 2 nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3 rd Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council 4 th Ward	Greg J. Stautberg
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Steven L. Braun

The minutes of September 5th, 2006 were approved. President Mestemaker called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

Ms. Chris Baker, representing the Cheviot-Westwood Community Association (CWCA), thanked everyone who participated in the Harvest Home Festival, especially those who worked in the CWCA booth. Ms. Baker said that Tom Braun and Peggy Sullivan have been walking around the city checking telephone poles in preparation for hanging Christmas lights this year, and thanked the City for its assistance with the project. Ms. Baker noted that representatives from Hamilton County's Project Impact have discussed starting a community newsletter and offered CWCA's assistance with the mailings. Ms. Baker reminded Council that CWCA is very anxious to begin work on the Cemetery Project. Mr. Zech informed Ms. Baker that a meeting of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee will be called for next week to discuss the plan for moving forward on the Cemetery Project.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal forwarded a report to Council which is on file at City Hall. Mr. Norman noted that the Veterans Day Parade will be on November 12th this year, and Mayor Keller reminded everyone that there will be a new route this year. The revised route will start at the corner of Harrison Avenue and Olivette Avenue, and end at City Hall.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller informed everyone that he will forward a report to Council, which will be on file at City Hall.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters had no formal report.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Zech had no formal report, but did call a meeting of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee for Tuesday, September 12th at 6:45 P.M. to discuss the Cemetery Project as well as a few issues surrounding Harvest Home Park. Mr. Zech thanked the Kiwanis, as well as everyone who participated in the Harvest Home Fair for a successful event. Mayor Keller thanked Mr. Zech for the addition of the Sports Bar at this year's Fair.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus had no formal report.

Ward 4 - Mr. Stautberg had no formal report. Mr. Stautberg made a motion *To Certify To The County Auditor Certain Property Tax Assessments For Unpaid Trash Collection Fees; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion then carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 06-29. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Stautberg thanked Bonnie Perrino and Dave Backer for their hard work on making the Harvest Home Fair a successful event. Mr. Norman asked if the garbage fees would be included with the next property tax assessment; Mr. Waters said as long as they are delivered to the County Auditor quickly, they would be.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech read a report of the Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee into the record. Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Mrs. Zech informed Council that the Western Hills Press will run an advertisement for the Public Hearing on the proposed Sign Ordinance on September 20th, and that the Enquirer will run one on September 24th. Mrs. Zech then gave the seventh reading of the proposed Sign Ordinance. Mrs. Zech reminded everyone that the City is working on putting together a community newsletter, and informed Council of an OKI meeting on Wednesday October 18th.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report.

Council at Large - Mr. Braun had no formal report. Mr. Braun made a motion *To Authorize The Safety-Service Director To Solicit Bids For Ice Control Salt For The 2006-2007 Winter Season; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES 06-19.

Further Business

Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the August 2006 Treasurer's Report with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence

Four Property Maintenance reports, information from the Ohio Planning Conference on an upcoming Planning and Zoning Workshop, and information from the Hamilton County Board of Elections regarding upcoming ballot issues were received.

Hamilton County Commissioner Phil Heimlich spoke to Council about the importance of Issue 12, which will allow the County to build a new jail. There was much discussion.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Matthew D. McGowan
Clerk of Council

Michael J. Mestemaker
President of Council