

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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September 20, 2005

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	James E. Morganroth
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Council 1 st Ward	Michael J. Murray
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	Michael J. Mestemaker

The minutes of September 6, 2005 were approved. President Morganroth called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

No one from the Public wished to speak.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal did not forward a report. Mayor Keller reported that Mr. Neal did open bids for road salt for the winter season. There were 5 letters received, of which 4 contained blank bids, as they would be unable to fulfill the order. The only bid was from Morton's Salt, which has been the supplier for the City of Cheviot for the last couple of winter seasons. Morton Salt offered ice control salt at \$43.30 per ton dumped and \$45.80 per ton piled. This is an approximate increase of \$4.00 per ton over last year.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller took a moment to apologize for missing the last meeting. He had to take an elderly neighbor to the hospital. Mayor Keller reported that he had a meeting with the City's Auditor, Dan Murphy and the Safety Service Director to go over the City's Finances. The Mayor is pleased to report that the City will end the year in the black, but not by a much. He stated that he had a meeting and told all the departments where they stand on their budgets. Mayor Keller then reported that he received the application process for the Community Redevelopment District. Mayor Keller asked for a member of Council to work with Mr. Neal to give Council's input. Mr. Norman said that he would contact Mr. Neal.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters reported that the Judge dismissed the lawsuit filed against the Cheviot Police in Federal Court. This means that there is no liability for the Police Officer or the City of Cheviot. Mr. Waters also reported that he received an invitation for a free seminar about creating joint economic development districts that will be held in Dayton, Ohio. He mentioned that this may be beneficial for Cheviot if we were to ever try this type of district with Cincinnati or Green Township. Finally Mr. Waters reminded Council that the annual Red Mass will be on Thursday, September 22, 2005 at 4:30 P.M. to honor Lawyers, Court personnel, and Elected Officials.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus had no formal report.

Ward 4 - Mr. Stautberg had no formal report.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker thanked the other members of the Finance Committee for going forward with the Finance Meeting that he was unable to attend. Mr. Mestemaker read a report of the Finance Committee into the record. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Mestemaker made a request to speak with Mayor Keller about a letter he received from the Building Commissioner, Charlie Meyer. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion *To Accept The Bid Of Morton Salt Company For The Provision Of Ice Control For The 2005 – 2006 Winter Season; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. It was assigned as ORD05-21. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Murray made a motion to adopt with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Mestemaker then made a motion *To Transfer Funds; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES05-20. Mr. Mestemaker then made another motion *To Transfer Funds: And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES05-21.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech read a report of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee into the record. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

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

Further Business

Mayor Keller explained that there would be a public hearing at the next 3 City Council meetings to discuss the upcoming tax levies on the November ballot. The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 P.M. There will be a public hearing at 7:00 P.M. on the October 18 and November 1 Council Meetings as well. Mayor Keller explained that the City cannot spend City money on campaigning. He reminded the public that advertising for the last tax levy was paid for by privately donated money. Mayor Keller explained that he is going to send a letter to the *Western Hills Press* to explain to the public why this levy is needed. He also explained that this levy would not raise taxes, as it will replace the City Hall Building Bond that expires this year. He explained that money from this levy would be used to maintain and repair City owned building such as City Hall and the Cheviot Fieldhouse.

Mayor Keller also explained that the Public hearing dates would also serve as the official Public Hearings for the Community Redevelopment District as State law dictates that there be two hearings for residents to ask questions.

Correspondence

The Ohio Municipal League sent a reminder for their conference. The Ohio Municipal League sent information on how the City of Cheviot as a City could support the Hurricane Relief Effort underway in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. There were 3 reports from the Building Department. An invitation to the joint economic development district seminar to be held in Dayton, Ohio was also received.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

James E. Morganroth
President of Council