

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

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October 04, 2005

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:

Mayor	Samuel D. Keller
President of Council	James E. Morganroth
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Safety Service Director	Steven O. Neal
Council 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Michael J. Murray
Council 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
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	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker

The minutes of July 19, 2005 and September 20, 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 stated that Council will need to apply for the Community Development Grants by the end of November. He stated that he had hoped to use this money to fund an economic development person or to invest in improvements to the business district. Cheviot only has 49% low to moderate income according to the 2000 census and was 1% short of the 50% minimum. Cheviot did not qualify for those programs so the City will instead only be able to repair a street or two. Trevor, Dina, Darwin, and 2 other streets are being considered. Mr. Neal asked to meet with members of the Streets, Sidewalks and Lights Committee. There was much discussion. Mr. Neal reported that as of this Council meeting, there have been 61 properties that have been notified about tall grass. At this point there have been 10 houses that have had their grass cut by the City. He also mentioned that there have been approximately 7 properties that have received notice about trees that need to be removed. He stated that Leaf pick-up will begin once the leaves begin falling from the trees. Mr. Neal reminded residents to keep the piles of leaves away from telephone poles and storm drains. He also reminded residents that it takes a lot of time to get around the City and he asked that residents be patient.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Keller explained that there was a public hearing to discuss issue 6 and issue 7 prior to the start of Council. Issue 6 is a tax levy renewal used for street repair and maintenance. Issue 7 is a new levy that would replace the existing City Hall construction levy. Issue 7 is for maintenance of City owned buildings. Mayor Keller explained that Cheviot City Hall is over 20 years old and need many repairs. He also explained that the Fieldhouse and Harvest Home Lodge have a list of repairs that are needed as well. There was much discussion. Mayor Keller reminded the public that there were 2 more upcoming public hearings. Mayor Keller announced that the Shelter at the Cheviot Fieldhouse would be dedicated on Sunday, October 23. Mayor Keller explained that the shelter was built using donated money, materials, and manpower. Finally Mayor Keller mentioned that someone is dropping off propaganda to residents of the City of Cheviot after hours. He mentioned that the City does not support this type of propaganda and that the City of Cheviot would prosecute anyone who breaks the law. He did mention that these individuals are not breaking any law by passing out this info. Mayor Keller explained that the best thing to do is to ignore the flyers.

**Law Director's Report**

Mr. Waters had no formal report.

**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 called a meeting of the Streets, Sidewalks and Lights Committee for Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion *To Authorize Payment Of The Cellular Telephone Bill Of Employee Brent Craig Of The Department Of Public Works* with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no formal report. She stated that she is still waiting on the Building Commissioner to provide information pertaining to the sign ordinance. She called a meeting of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances committee for Tuesday, October 11 at Cheviot City Hall at 6:30 P.M. to discuss various items.

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

**Further Business**

Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to receive and file the Mayor's Court Receipts for September 2005 with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Mr. Mestemaker then made a motion to receive and file the August 2005 Treasurer's Report with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Morganroth asked if anyone knew what the money in the Homeland Security line item was spent on. Mayor Keller suggested that he contact Fire Chief Clark or Police Chief Voss or the Assistant Auditor for clarification.

**Correspondence**

There were three notices from the building department, a newsletter from the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, and the Board of Elections sent the details of the proposed tax levies.

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 7:58 P.M.

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Ryan T. Zech  
Clerk of Council

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James E. Morganroth  
President of Council