

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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October 16, 2007

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:

President of Council	Deborah M. McKinney
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Safety Service Director	Steven O. Neal
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 October 2nd, 2007 were approved. President McKinney 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 informed Council that the Cincinnati Water Works is attaching a water main project to the Homelawn Avenue Street Construction Project, and that Adleta, Inc. will handle both projects. Mr. Neal said the water main work should start in late October and end in November, and that the street work should begin in spring and end by May. Mr. Neal informed Council that he and the Public Works Superintendent Tom Braun are meeting with OKI to discuss the Harrison Avenue traffic signal replacement project. Mr. Neal informed everyone that leaf pickup will begin soon.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller forwarded a report, which is on file at City Hall. Mr. Neal updated Council on the City's purchase of the property located at 3939 Davis Avenue. There was much discussion.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters informed Council that he has reviewed the real estate contract for the property at 3939 Davis Avenue and that it is OK for the Mayor to sign pending Council's approval. Mr. Waters informed Council that he is still working on the proposed Nuisance Ordinance, but that it is ready for its first reading.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Zech had no formal report. Mr. Zech congratulated Mayor and Mrs. Keller on their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report. Mr. Dinkelacker updated Council on the most recent Project Impact meeting. Mr. Dinkelacker updated Council on his progress investigating the Metro Bus issue.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus had no formal report. Mr. Sunderhaus updated Council on the progress of the City's Citizens on Patrol Program. Mr. Sunderhaus then reminded everyone that October is Fire Prevention Month and to check the batteries in their smoke detectors.

Ward 4 - Mr. Stautberg had no formal report. Mr. Stautberg updated Council on the implementation of the City's Gas Aggregation Program.

Council at Large – Mrs. Zech had no formal report. Mrs. Zech gave the second reading of ORD 07-27 *To Amend Section 76.23(A) Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances*. Mrs. Zech reminded everyone of the Halloween dance Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Cheviot Memorial Fieldhouse benefiting the Weidner family, and the Halloween “Spooktacular” sponsored by the Cheviot Fireman’s Association at Harvest Home Park on October 26th and 27th. Mrs. Zech then thanked Mr. Neal for quickly resolving a few issues recently raised by residents.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman read a report of the Building & Annexation Committee into the record. Mr. Norman made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Braun. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Norman read a report of Finance Committee into the record. Mr. Norman made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Norman made a motion *To Enact A Chronic Nuisance Ordinance* with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 07-32. This constituted the first reading of ORD 07-32. Mr. Norman made a motion *To Approve The Purchase Of Real Estate At 3939 Davis Avenue; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 07-33. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Zech made a motion to adopt with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. There was much discussion.

Council at Large - Mr. Braun had no formal report. Mr. Braun gave the second reading of ORD 07-31 *To Stay Enforcement Of Metered Parking In The City Of Cheviot Business District From December 1, 2007 Through December 31, 2007*. Mr. Braun made a motion *To Approve The Contract With The Ohio Public Works Commission For The Harrison Avenue Improvement Project; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 07-34. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Zech made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Braun wished everyone a safe and happy Halloween. Mr. Neal reminded everyone that Halloween will be observed in Cheviot on October 31st from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Further Business

President McKinney informed everyone that the November 6th Council Meeting will be cancelled as it falls on Election Day.

Correspondence

A copy of a letter from Mayor Keller to Mr. Jose Juan Garibay regarding the application process to bring an additional Liquor License into the City of Cheviot and a Building Maintenance report were received.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Dinkelacker with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Matthew D. McGowan
Clerk of Council

Deborah M. McKinney
President of Council