

# MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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October 17, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Mr. Keller asked that everyone remember in their prayers the soldiers who lost their lives on the destroyer USS Cole, Fire Chief Don Clark's father, and former Cincinnati Mayor Theodore Berry. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

Mayor	J. Michael Laumann
President of Council	Samuel D. Keller
Safety-Service Director	Steven O. Neal
Council 2nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3rd Ward	James E. Morganroth
Council 4th Ward	Debra A. Gooch
Council at Large	Kathleen Zech
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker
Council at Large	Kathleen M. Goedl

There was a motion to excuse Mr. Mastruserio made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. The minutes of the October 3 meeting were approved. Mr. Keller called for reports from Council.

## **Recognition of the Public**

Members of Webelos Pack 871 of St. Jude Parish were in attendance working on a citizenship award. Nancy and Mark Teliski of 4274 Selby Court had a complaint of the Cheviot Building Department. Pamela McDonald of Time Warner Cable was inquiring about the status of a resolution that is in committee regarding a transfer of the cable franchise from TWEAN to TWF.

## **Safety Service Director's Report**

Mr. Neal stated that the fall issue of the city newsletter has been begun being distributed throughout the city. Mr. Neal also announced that leaf pickup will begin in the city starting October 19 or 20. Residents are asked to rake leaves to the area between the sidewalk and the curb and not into the street. Mrs. Goedl complimented Sgt. Ed Taylor on the excellent job done on the city newsletter.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Laumann stated that the city will host the Hamilton County Veterans Day Committee's Parade on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Mayor Laumann stated that he was at the American Legion's meeting last night where Joe Toney was honored with a service award. Mayor Laumann asked for an executive session to discuss issues regarding a request of the Law Director for an opinion on political signs. Mrs. Zech stated that she believed that discussing this in executive session is illegal. Much discussion followed in the chambers. There was a motion by Mr. Morganroth to authorize the Mayor to hire special legal counsel to give an opinion on this issue. There was a second by Mrs. Goedl. A roll-call vote was taken and the motion ended in a 3-3 tie. Mrs. Gooch, Mrs. Zech and Mr. Mestemaker were the dissenting votes. Mr. Keller voted aye to break the tie. Mayor Laumann stated that he would not seek special counsel if Mr. Waters renders an opinion by this weekend.

## **Law Director's Report**

Mr. Zech read a report of the Law Director into the record (a copy of which is on file).

## **Committee Reports**

Ward 1 – No Report. There was a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Increase The Salary And Wage Rates Of Selected City Personnel; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-38. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried

**Committee Reports (continued)**

6-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote and ORD00-38 was adopted. There was a motion introduce an ordinance *To Accept The Bid Of Morton Salt Company For The Provision Of Ice Control Salt For The 2000-2001 Winter Season; And To Declare An Emergency* made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-39. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote and ORD00-39 was adopted.

Ward 2 -- Mr. Dinkelacker had no report. He had a few questions regarding the CVS Pharmacy project.

Ward 3 -- Mr. Morganroth stated that a Police & Fire Committee meeting had been held on Saturday with Chief Clark and Lt. Klein to discuss additional training in the fire department. He will make a formal report as soon as he speaks with other committee members. Mr. Morganroth announced a Community Safety Day to be held on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at City Hall. Tours will be given in the Police and Fire Departments. Cheviot Action Partnership has a dance at the Fieldhouse on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ward 4 – Mrs. Gooch had no report.

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

Council at Large – Mrs. Zech stated that she had spoken with Mr. Meyer regarding the zoning codes and a little more work has to be done on this. A committee meeting will probably be called before the next council meeting. There also are some tax issues that have to be addressed by Laws, Rules and Ordinance committee. Mrs. Zech announced the Haunted Stroll through the Park, sponsored by Cheviot Action Partnership, to be held on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at dark.

Council at Large -- Mrs. Goedl made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Amend A Portion Of The 2000 Annual Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency*. There was a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Ordinance No. ORD00-40. There was a motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote. There was a motion to adopt made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll-call vote and ORD00-40 was adopted. Mrs. Goedl spoke on the 6-mil Cincinnati Public School Levy.

Further Business – There was a motion to receive and file the Treasurer's Report for September 2000 made by Mr. Mestemaker with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. Mayor Laumann spoke on Issue 2 – the 2-mil operating levy renewal, Issue 3 – the 1.5-mil road levy renewal and Issues 4 & 5 – the terms of Council and President of Council.

Correspondence – A revised Council Committee Assignment sheet has been distributed to all members of council.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mrs. Goedl. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Council adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

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Michael J. Murray  
Clerk of Council

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Samuel D. Keller  
President of Council