

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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October 21, 2008

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:33 P.M. following public hearings on a proposed Public Works Fee and Community Development Grants 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	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	James Babey
Council 3 rd Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council 4 th Ward	Greg J. Stautberg
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council at Large	Steven L. Braun

President McKinney delineated from normal proceedings to allow Police Chief Voss and Officer Patton to update Council on the progress of creating a K-9 Unit for the city. President McKinney called for the reports that would be presented. The minutes of October 7th, 2008 were approved.

Reports of Standing Committees

Mrs. Zech informed Council that the proposed changes to the Sign Ordinance have been completed and that an ordinance will be ready for the special meeting of Council on October 28th.

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

Mrs. Zech presented the third and final reading of an ordinance *To Amend Section 137.08 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances*, assigned as ORD 08-28. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Stautberg presented the second reading of an ordinance *To Establish A Trash Collection Fee For The Property Owners In The City Of Cheviot; To Set The Rates For Such Fee; And To Set The Time Period For Such Fee*, assigned as ORD 08-29. There was much discussion.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller informed Council that the purchase of the \$1 HUD home on Darwin Avenue has been completed, adding that Mr. Neal has begun the process to tear the existing property down. Mayor Keller asked Council to review selling the property to a builder with stipulations on its resale similar to what the City has placed on the sale of other City owned properties. Mayor Keller informed Council that the Bruestle Avenue property has been sold for \$86,000, and that work has begun on the property on Glenmore Avenue. Mr. Braun informed Council that he is researching some information on the Darwin Avenue property and will be calling a meeting of the Building & Annexation Committee to review the matter soon.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal updated Council on a meeting he had with Hamilton County Commissioner David Pepper regarding Federal money made available to Hamilton County as a result of the foreclosure crisis and said the City will be notified by mid-November as to how much money Cheviot will receive. Mr. Neal said the money can be used to purchase and rehab blighted residential and commercial properties, adding that any money generated by the sale of these properties must be returned to the County and that the process will be lengthy. Mr. Neal informed Council that the City will dedicate the Nativity Scene on November 30th at 6:30 P.M., adding that the business district has picked up the cost of trees and electricity for the site.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters had no formal report.

Public Recognition on Other Issues

Bill Clark of Alta Vista Avenue informed Council that he has sent a letter on behalf of St. Martin's Parish to Governor Strickland, State Representative Driehaus, and Congressman Chabot requesting that the traffic signal at the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Lovell Avenue not be removed. There was much discussion.

Other Business

President McKinney reminded everyone that there is a Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, October 23rd and that there is a Public Hearing on the proposed Public Works Fee on Tuesday, October 28th at the Cheviot Fieldhouse, which will be followed immediately by a special meeting of Council.

Mayor's Court and Treasurer's Receipts

Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to receive and file the September 2008 Treasurer's Report with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence

A memo from the Fire Chief regarding flu shots, information on licensing fees distributed by the Ohio Division of Liquor Control, six Building Reports and two property maintenance reports were received.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Babey. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Matthew D. McGowan
Clerk of Council

Deborah M. McKinney
President of Council