

# MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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November 1, 2005

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. following a Public Hearing for the upcoming levies on the November ballot and the proposed Darwin Avenue reconstruction. The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer were held. 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 <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

Mr. Morganroth asked Mr. Zech to correct the minutes of October 18, 2005 to reflect the Public Hearing for Darwin Avenue in addition to the Public Hearing on the tax levies. President Morganroth called for the reports that would be presented.

## **Recognition of the Public**

Chris Baker of 3703 Harrison Avenue addressed Council about the three serious incidents in areas of Cincinnati near Cheviot. She wanted to thank Police Chief Voss, Mayor Keller, the City Council and all the Cheviot Police for keeping Cheviot streets safe. She congratulated all for the City's professional Police Department. Mayor Keller took a moment to thank Mrs. Baker for her kind words.

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

Mr. Neal did not forward a report.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Keller discussed that the *Cincinnati Enquirer* had incorrectly listed both Issue 6 and Issue 7 as increases if passed. Mayor Keller explained that Issue 6 is a renewal and will not raise taxes and that Issue 7 will only raise taxes by \$1.48 per \$100,000 home value over last year. There was much discussion. Mayor Keller stated that he plans to call the Enquirer to ask about a correction article to be written. Mayor Keller then presented Council with a plaque that will be hung in City Hall that will commemorate those groups and individuals who donated the \$7,500 toward the emergency siren earlier this year. There was another round of thanks passed along. Mayor Keller encouraged residents to get out to vote this November 8<sup>th</sup>. He stated that every vote does make a difference and that he wants to see high turn out in Cheviot.

## **Law Director's Report**

Mr. Waters reported that he found an error in the Ordinance to approve the contract with Rumpke. The figure for yard waste should be \$7.75 instead of \$7.50.

## **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 but he did congratulate Lt. Gannon and the Cheviot Fire Department for securing a \$41,000 grant to help pay for an air compressor to be used with other recently purchased equipment. Mr. Morganroth mentioned that year to date the Fire Department has raised approximately \$158,000 in grant money.

Ward 4 - Mr. Stautberg had no formal report.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker had no formal report. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion *To Authorize The Safety-Service Director To Enter Into A Contract Extension With Rumpke, Inc. For The Disposal Of The City's Solid Waste, And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Norman made the second. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned by Mr. Zech as ORD05-26. Mr. Murray made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no formal report but she did mention that the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee is still working on the sign ordinance and that many City's have given information which needs to be reviewed. She will call a meeting of the committee when the Ordinance is ready for review.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report but he wanted to expand upon Ms. Baker's comments to say that the business owners have deserve a lot of credit for the minor incidences of crime and for not giving up on the City.

### **Further Business**

Mayor Keller explained that Time Warner Cable sent notice that the rates for basic cable will not be increased, but that other cable tiers will go up on November 1, 2005.

### **Correspondence**

There was a newsletter sent from the Alliance for Chemical Safety. An Ohio Municipal League Bulletin was received. There were no Building Department Reports.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

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Ryan T. Zech  
Clerk of Council

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James E. Morganroth  
President of Council