

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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November 21, 2006

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:32 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Mrs. Zech asked members of Council to remember Law Director Mark Waters fathers in their prayers, he had recently passed away. In addition Mrs. Zech asked members of Council to remember Bill Tyre in their prayers; he had been a care taker of the Cheviot Fieldhouse. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

Mayor	Samuel D. Keller
President of Council Pro-Tem	Kathleen S. Zech
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	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Steven L. Braun

Council Clerk McGowan was ill and former Clerk and now Councilmember Ryan Zech filled in for the meeting. Mr. Mestemaker, President of Council also was unable to attend due to illness. Due to the Clerk's illness, the minutes of October 17, 2005 were unavailable and will be addressed at the next meeting. President Zech 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 advised the public that road construction on Dina, Darwin, and Lovell was complete as well as the Fieldhouse Parking Lot. He explained that Gamble Avenue was still under construction and that the retaining wall on the corner of Gamble and Glenmore in the City's Municipal Parking lot was not yet complete. Mr. Neal then reported that the CWCA and the Cheviot-Westwood Kiwanis each donated \$3,000 to the City to erect a new reader board style sign at the Cheviot Fieldhouse. The sign will be similar to the one located at Cheviot City Hall. He reported that the cost was kept down because our Maintenance Department was able to handle the concrete work and that there was left over brick from the picnic shelter construction that can be used. In addition, Kathman Electric are donating the install to help keep costs down. Mr. Neal then reported on the other items that had been repaired at the Fieldhouse including the new Tennis Court surfaces, a new bar on the main level of the Fieldhouse, new glass block windows in the front bathrooms, and most notably the repair and new paint on the exterior of the building. Next, Mr. Neal wanted to remind residents that the City will dedicate the Nativity Scene in front of the Auto Zone on Harrison Avenue on Sunday, December 3rd at 6:30 P.M. The CWCA is covering the cost of the Nativity Scene again this year and he encourages all members of the public to attend. He then informed Council that the CWCA had purchased approximately 20 Holiday light decorations to be placed along Harrison Avenue and that these should be installed within a few days. Mr. Neal reminded the public that yard waste pickup will only be on Friday's beginning on Friday, December 1st and that this will remain in effect through winter. Mr. Neal finished with explaining that leaf pick-up is still on going and that they will get to each street.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller took a moment to thank everyone in Cheviot for voting for the tax levies and the gas aggregation on the past November 7th Ballot. Mayor Keller explained that he thinks that the residents understood that the City is quite frugal and that these levies help provide essential services and repairs. Mayor Keller continued and explained that he had received a donation request of \$5,000 from Community Services West as we always do around this time of year. Mayor Keller went on to praise Community Services West but requested Council to consider only giving half of the request at this time, and the remainder if the City has the money available at the end of the year. Mr. Norman was asked to discuss this issue in the Finance Committee.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters had no formal report, but he pointed out an error in tonight's Ordinance. Section 1 Total should read \$52,000 and not \$52,500.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Zech had no formal report. He explained that the CWCA did host a contest to write an essay about "What Christmas Means To Me" and invited local school children to participate. The winner will get to read their essay and turn on the lights at the Nativity Scene dedication. The winner has been selected but unfortunately Mr. Zech didn't have the name. He stated that he would announce the winner at the next meeting. Mr. Zech then mentioned the Christmas decorations that will be placed on Harrison Avenue. Mr. Zech then announced that he would be calling a meeting of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee to discuss the proposed Park Rules soon. He also apologized for not bringing the minutes from the public hearing that was held in regards to the Cheviot Pool. He stated that he would bring those at the next meeting. Mayor Keller took a moment to thank Mr. Zech for helping set up the sound system for the Veterans Day Parade.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report, but he did remind everyone that the next meeting of Project Impact will be Wednesday, November 29th at 6:30 P.M. at the Cheviot Fire Department.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus had no formal report. Mr. Sunderhaus did inform Council that the new Life Squad was scheduled to arrive today. He also talked about the Fire Department's Fire Safety Poster Contest. The theme was prevent cooking fires, watch what you eat. The winners received a pizza lunch and also received a Proclamation from the Mayor that declared them a fire fighters for a day.

Ward 4 - Mr. Stautberg had no formal report. Mr. Stautberg did thank everyone for voting for the natural gas aggregation which was on the November ballot. He called a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee for Tuesday, November 28, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. He then went on to welcome home a friend who had served 16 months over in Iraq. He congratulated the St. Martin's 8th graders for making it to the City finals. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Mr. Waters reminded Mr. Stautberg that with gas aggregation, the City can combine with other communities to try for a better price.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no formal report. She did explain that the letters explaining the new sign regulations have been sent to the business owners. She reminded business owners to take pictures of the signs on their buildings and to have those pictures into the Building Department by February 1, 2007. Mrs. Zech then explained that the sign ordinance can also be seen at www.cheviot.org, the City's website. She then informed residents that the new sign ordinance does require all houses to have at least 3" house numbers posted on the front of the house. In addition, all apartments now must be clearly marked with the appropriate number or letter clearly posted on each door. Finally, Mrs. Zech explained that the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee will have the Ordinances for gaming machines completed by January.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman made a motion *To Transfer Funds; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD06-33. Mr. Sunderhaus made the motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Norman then explained that the Hamilton County Municipal League would like for the City of Cheviot join and that they may attend our next meeting to explain why we should join. Mrs. Zech explained the Ohio First-Ring Suburbs would also like us to join.

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

Further Business

The fire department reported to Council that there has been a delay on the arrival of the new life squad and that it should arrive in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to receive and file the October, 2006 Treasurer's report with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Sunderhaus then made a motion to receive and file the October, 2006 Mayor's Court receipts with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Zech took a moment to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Correspondence

CDS Engineering sent a newsletter, Mrs. Morganroth, the Clerk of Courts for the City of Cheviot placed sign-up sheets for the tie-one-on ribbon campaign for the trees at the Nativity Scene. There was one building department report and a letter from Safety Service Director Steve Neal to the City's finance committee.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council Pro-Tem

Kathleen S. Zech
President of Council Pro-Tem