

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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August 18, 2009

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

Mayor	Samuel D. Keller
President of Council	Deborah M. McKinney
Law Director	Mark Waters
Safety-Service Director	Steve Neal
Council 1 st Ward	Ryan A. Zech
Council 2 nd Ward	Matthew D. McGowan
Council 3 rd Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council 4 th Ward	Gregory Stautberg
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Dennis T. Dinkelacker

President McKinney informed Council Mr. Braun was to be absent from the meeting due to a work conflict. A motion to excuse Mr. Braun was made by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Stautberg. The motion was passed with a 6-0 voice vote. President McKinney stated there was one piece of legislation, a resolution regarding the Transfer of Funds. A motion to approve and file the minutes for July 21, 2009 was made by Mr. Dinkelacker, seconded by Ms. Zech. The motion passed with a 6-0 voice vote. A motion to approve and file the minutes for July 27, 2009 was made by Mr. Sunderhaus, seconded by Mr. Zech. The motion passed with a 6-0 voice vote. A motion to approve and file the minutes for August 4, 2009 was made by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed with a 6-0 voice vote.

Public Recognition on Agenda Items

No members of the Public were recognized to address any of the agenda items.

Reports of Standing Committees

There were no reports of any standing committees.

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Stautberg made a motion to introduce by Title a resolution *To Transfer Funds; and to Declare an Emergency*. An introduction was made by Mr. Stautberg and seconded by Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed with a 6-0 voice vote. The resolution was assigned resolution number 09-11. The resolution was adopted.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor thanked the citizens of Cheviot for passing the levy on August 4, 2009. The Mayor stated that the City of Cheviot has informed and intelligent voters. Mayor Keller also thanked Council and the Administration for all their hard work.

Mayor Keller asked to convene for an Executive Session to discuss contract issues.

The Mayor stated that the City is moving forward on hiring an economic developer. There is someone in mind for the position. Mayor Keller asked the Law Director to prepare an ordinance for the next meeting allowing the City to do so. Mayor Keller will discuss the salary in executive session as well. The Mayor asked that the ordinance pass on September 1, 2009 to authorize the creation of the position as well as his authority to fill it.

Mayor Keller informed everyone that the City of Cheviot does not have a JEDD with Green Township concerning the hospital. The only JEDD Cheviot has with Green Township concerns the Good Samaritan on Harrison Avenue. Mayor Keller suggested that Council form a committee to discuss possible future JEDDs with Green Township. The Mayor advised the committee to be made up of two Council members and two members of the Administration.

Mayor Keller stated that all three contract negotiations are approximately 95% complete. Only minor issues concerning insurance and contract language remain.

Mayor Keller was informed by a citizen that the C is missing off of the sign for Francis Avenue.

There were no questions for the Mayor.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal updated Council and the Public on Phase I and Phase II of Harrison Avenue. Mr. Neal stated that a pre-construction meeting for Phase II has already been held. Mr. Neal said that the leveling of Phase II will be complete by Harvest Home Parade and the whole project should be complete by October 21, 2009. Duke still has some gas main work to do.

Mr. Neal stated that he has looked at a few houses that the City could purchase under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Mr. Neal placed an offer on a house on Lovell for \$10,000, that would eventually be torn down. There are also houses available on Davis, Hilda, Darwin, Herbert, and Homelawn.

Mr. Neal commented on the season at the pool. He stated this has been the worst season for the weather but that the pool should still end the year with a surplus.

There were no questions for Mr. Neal.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters had no formal report this evening.

Police Chief's Report

Mr. Sunderhaus read into the record a report forwarded to him from Chief Voss. This record can be viewed at City Hall.

Public Recognition on Other Issues

No members of the Public were recognized to address any other issues concerning the City of Cheviot.

Other Business

Ms. Zech informed Council that she spoke to Treasurer Norman concerning the receipts for the month of May 2009. Mr. Norman stated that the program had a glitch that has now been fixed. Mr. Norman will review the receipts from this year to make to make sure they are correct. Mr. Norman will be at the next meeting to address Council. No more receipts will be received and filed until this time.

Mayor's Court and Treasurer's Receipts

A motion to receive and file the Mayor's Court Receipts of July 2009 was made by Mr. Sunderhaus, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed with a 6-0 voice vote.

Correspondence

- Letter from Sue Morganroth concerning court security
- 3 property maintenance reports
- No new business permits for July 2009
- Letter to Rack from Mr. Babey
- Magistrate court dates for the rest of the year
- Harvest Home Kick-off Lunch invitation
- Liquor Receipts for the renewal of licenses
- Invite to the Ohio Municipal League Annual Conference

Ms. Zech made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Stautberg, and supported by Mr. Zech as well. Mayor Keller stated the purpose for the Executive Session was to discuss the three city contracts, an economic developer, City insurance and other minor issues. The motion passed with a 6-0 voice vote. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. Mr. Neal exited Council Chambers and was not present for the meeting.

Council reconvened at 8:34 p.m.

After much discussion concerning a committee for JEDDs, Mayor Keller stated he would like Mr. Neal and Mr. Greg Nolan to be the Administrative members. Council decided that Mr. Dinkelacker and Mr. Stautberg will represent Council in the committee. Mr. Stautberg will chair the committee. Mr. Waters discussed what statutory procedures needed to occur to create a JEDD. Much discussion followed and it was agreed that this matter needed to be addressed immediately.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Zech, seconded by Mr. McGowan. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M.

Rachel A. McKinney
Clerk of Council

Deborah M. McKinney
President of Council