

## **MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO**

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September 18, 2007

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. 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 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Ryan T. Zech
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	Steven L. Braun

The minutes of September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 were approved. President McKinney 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 notified Council that he will be opening bids for the purchase of winter rock salt, as well as the Homelawn Avenue street renovation project, on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Neal informed Council that he will send the results to the Law Director so he can have the appropriate legislation ready for the next regular meeting of Council. Mr. Neal informed Council that the Police reported no major incidents with the Harvest Home Fair this year. Mr. Neal informed everyone that the Public Works employees who handle trash collection have been trained to remove Freon from air conditioners and refrigerators and will be able to dispose of these items from now on. Mr. Neal added that if a resident wishes to dispose of a refrigerator, they will still need to secure the door shut or remove it completely. Mr. Neal informed Council that he has received several emails from the Hamilton County Homeowners Preservation Group mentioning programs that the City of Cincinnati is starting to combat the foreclosure crisis occurring within the city. Mr. Neal has informed the group that cities like Cheviot do not have the resources to start these types of programs, but added that State Representative Steve Driehaus has suggested that City Council pass a resolution asking the State of Ohio to use State Capital money to allow the City to start a program for land banking property. President McKinney referred to issue to the Building and Annexation Committee for review.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Keller had no formal report.

### **Law Director's Report**

Mr. Waters had no formal report.

### **Committee Reports**

Ward 1 - Mr. Zech read a report of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee into the record. Mr. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Zech gave Council an update on the current activities of the CWCA.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker read a report of the External Affairs Committee into the record. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Mayor Keller asked Mr. Dinkelacker if he has made contact with Green Township and Colerain Township to discuss the Metro Bus issue. Mr. Dinkelacker said he is working on setting up a meeting. There was much discussion. Mr. Norman informed Council that County Commissioner Todd Portune and Cincinnati City Councilman John Cranley are proposing a further expansion of Metro Bus service into the suburban areas of the county to be paid for with JED funds.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus had no formal report. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion *To Amend Section 33.04(A) Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 07-26. After some discussion, Mrs. Zech made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

Ward 4 - Mr. Stautberg had no formal report. Mr. Stautberg thanked everyone on Council who worked at the Kiwanis booth at the Harvest Home Fair. Mr. Stautberg thanked Bonnie Perrino for her service as President of the Cheviot-Westwood Kiwanis. Mr. Stautberg then wished his mother and sister a happy birthday.

Council at Large – Mrs. Zech read a report of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee into the record. Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. Mr. Norman made a motion *To Transfer Funds; And Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES 07-19.

Council at Large - Mr. Braun had no formal report. Mr. Braun asked Mr. Dinkelacker when the next Project Impact meeting would be taking place. Mr. Neal informed everyone that it is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Dinkelacker said he would confirm the date and time and email Council.

### **Further Business**

Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to receive and file the August 2007 Treasurer's Report with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

### **Correspondence**

Information from the Ohio Municipal League regarding their Annual Conference, a memo from the Fire Chief regarding businesses who have applied for an occupancy permit, a listing of upcoming Magistrate Court dates, a Property Maintenance report and a newsletter from CDS Associates Inc. were received.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Zech with a second from Mr. Braun. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

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Matthew D. McGowan  
Clerk of Council

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Deborah M. McKinney  
President of Council