

# Minutes of City Council Meeting, Cheviot, Ohio

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November 17, 2009

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:33P.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
Safety-Service Director	Steve Neal
Council 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Ryan Zech
Council 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	Matthew D McGowan
Council 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward	Gregory Stautberg
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Dennis Dinkelacker
Council at Large	Steve Braun

President McKinney stated there were three new pieces of legislation, an ordinance regarding Appropriations, an ordinance regarding Contracting Services for the Management of the Neighborhood Stabilization Project and an ordinance regarding Grass Cutting Fees. President McKinney informed Council there are four reports of the Internal Affairs Committee as well as the third and final reading of the Parking Meter Ordinance. A motion to approve and file the minutes for October 20, 2009 was made by Ms. Zech, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote.

## **Public Recognition on Agenda Items**

Mayor Keller stated that a Troop of Webelos visiting City Hall should be joining Council shortly. Mayor Keller introduced Travis Nieman and explained all his hard work done on the City Cemetery. The City Council, City Administration and the CWCA would like to recognize Travis for all his hard work and dedication to the City.

Mr. Zech made a motion to introduce a Resolution *To Recognize and Thank Travis Nieman for his Work and Dedication in Helping to Beautify the City Cemetery on Harrison Avenue*. Mr. Zech read the motion in its entirety. A motion to introduce was made by Mr. Zech and seconded by Mr. McGowan. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote. The Resolution was assigned Resolution Number 09-15. There was no discussion on the resolution.

Clerk McKinney read a Proclamation from the Mayor making November 17, 2009, Travis Nieman Day in the City of Cheviot.

President McKinney and Mayor Keller presented Travis with a signed copy of the Resolution and the Proclamation.

Travis thanked all those who gave him the opportunity to do this project, especially Chris Baker of the CWCA. Travis had a lot of fun and is greatly appreciative.

Peggy Sullivan of the CWCA is really proud of the Cemetery and said Travis is to thank for all that has been done to renovate the Cemetery.

Ms. Zech offered her gratitude as well.

## **Reports of Standing Committees**

Mr. Zech read a report of the Internal Affairs Committee from October 6, 2009, into the record. A motion to receive and file was made by Mr. Zech, seconded by Mr. McGowan. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote.

Mr. Zech read a report of the Internal Affairs Committee from October 13, 2009, into the record. A motion to receive and file was made by Mr. Zech, seconded by Mr. Braun. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote.

Mr. Zech read a report of the Internal Affairs Committee from October 20, 2009, into the record. A motion to receive and file was made by Mr. Zech, seconded by Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote.

Mr. Zech read a report of the Internal Affairs Committee from October 27, 2009, into the record. A motion to receive and file was made by Mr. Zech, seconded by Ms. Zech. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote.

There should be an ordinance next meeting regarding the position of the Safety-Service Director.

### **Second and Third Readings of Ordinances**

Mr. McGowan announced the third and final reading of Ordinance 09-23 by Title *To Stay Enforcement of Metered Parking in the City of Cheviot Business District from December 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009*. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. A roll call vote was taken and Ordinance 09-23 was adopted with a 7-0 vote.

### **Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions**

Mr. Braun made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Certify to the County Auditor Certain Property Tax Assessments for Property Maintenance; and to Declare an Emergency*. An introduction was made by Mr. Braun and seconded by Mr. Stautberg. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote. The ordinance was assigned ordinance number 09-27. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Sunderhaus and seconded by Mr. Zech. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. Dinkelacker and seconded by Mr. Stautberg. A roll call vote was taken and the ordinance was adopted with a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Zech made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hamilton County Department of Community Development to handle Urban Redevelopment Under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program; and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. Zech stated that this was an ordinance of a time sensitive nature. Mr. Waters should have the formal ordinance prepared for Council next meeting. Mr. Neal explained the ordinance was to organize and carry out the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Mr. Neal further explained that this is only for the grant money received from the Federal Grant and in no way conflicts with the \$1 home program Cheviot personally runs. The City of Cheviot will be allowed to make major decisions concerning the NSP funds, the program will just be facilitated by Hamilton County. The mayor stated that the county will be responsible for the property from purchase to sale, including maintaining the property. Cheviot will still pick the houses and control who works on them. An introduction was made by Mr. Zech and seconded by Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote. The ordinance was assigned ordinance number 09-28. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Sunderhaus and seconded by Mr. Stautberg. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. Dinkelacker and seconded by Mr. Zech. A roll call vote was taken and the ordinance was adopted with a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Stautberg made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Amend the 2009 Annual Appropriations; and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. Stautberg explained that the ordinance was some end of the year housekeeping issues and that Council has received this information via email. Mr. Waters will draft the final copy of the ordinance. An introduction was made by Mr. Stautberg and seconded by Mr. McGowan. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote. The ordinance was assigned ordinance number 09-29. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Sunderhaus and seconded by Mr. Stautberg. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Zech. A roll call vote was taken and the ordinance was adopted with a 7-0 vote.

### **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor introduced a Weblo Troup visiting City Hall. Troop Leader Jay Hicks introduced Eric, Ben, Dylan and Zack from St. Al's and St. Martin's. The Troop had a scavenger hunt at City Hall. The boys are visiting to obtain their Citizens Achievement Badge.

Mayor Keller informed Council and the Public that Punch and Cookies are available after the meeting, provided by the CWCA.

Mayor Keller thanked all who participated in this year's election and congratulated all the winners.

There were no questions for Mayor Keller.

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

Mr. Neal informed Council that Phase I and II on Harrison Avenue is mostly complete. There is a punch list that still needs to be completed. All main poles for the signals are up with the exception of the Harrison and Glenmore intersection by Wendy's. There was a problem with the pole shipped and a new one is coming from Texas. The light at the intersection of Lovell and Harrison is flashing and all other intersections are up and bagged.

Mr. Neal stated that the school zone lights will be rotated since some already up are fairly new.

The baskets for the poles have been ordered and a large amount of money was spent on the brackets and banner poles. Community Development has picked up any additional cost.

ODOT has installed an upgraded system and has the potential for camera surveillance.

Tom Braun has been discussing with Hamilton County an energy block grant. The money saved on each bill will be a payment to Hamilton County for their services.

The plaque for the Fieldhouse should be in this week, the one to be placed on the building.

The holiday lights will be placed this Thursday and Friday.

The Nativity Dedication will be Sunday November 29, 2009 at 6:30p.m.

Ms. Zech commented to Mr. Neal how great the Veterans' Day Parade and Ceremony were, with the exception of displeased residents and business owners. Ms. Zech stated that some were not informed as to what streets were going to be blocked off.

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

There was no report left by the Law Director and no questions for Mr. Waters.

### **Public Recognition on Other Issues**

No one from the public chose to speak on any other issues.

**Other Business**

Mr. Stautberg stated that the rate for gas aggregation has been set for the coming year and is lower than last year.

Mr. Stautberg called a meeting of the Finance Committee Tuesday November 24, 2009 at 7:00pm to discuss the 2010 budget and Mr. Stautberg's departure from Council.

Mr. Stautberg called three public hearings to discuss the JEDD with Green Township. The hearings are to be held on the following dates:

November 24, 2009 at 6:00pm

December 1, 2009 at 7:00pm

December 15, 2009 at 7:00pm

All meeting to be held at Cheviot City Hall

(All meetings later cancelled due to legal issues regarding publishing notice)

Ms. Zech called a meeting of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee for November 24, 2009 at 6:30pm to discuss a school hours curfew and a raise in misdemeanor payouts.

Ms. Zech wished Councilman Zech a happy birthday, tomorrow.

The next meeting for the Cheviot ROCKS committee will be December 2, 2009 at 6:00pm. Discussion to formally adopt the streetscape plan and grant applications will be discussed.

Mr. Zech called an Internal Affairs Committee Meeting for November 24, 2009 at 7:15pm to discuss the streetscape adoption.

Mr. Braun called a meeting of the Building Committee to discuss the zoning regulations and an emergency moratorium on building for November 24, 2009 at 7:45pm.

**Mayor's Court and Treasurer's Receipts**

A motion to receive and file the Mayor's Court Receipts for October 2009 was made by Mr. Stautberg and seconded by Ms. Zech. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote.

**Correspondence**

- Liquor License Updates
- Request of update to Ohio Ethics Commission
- Email about Community Christmas Party
- No New Business Permits for October 2009

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Ms. Zech. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

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Rachel A. McKinney  
Clerk of Council

Deborah M. McKinney  
President of Council