

## Minutes of City Council Meeting Cheviot, Ohio

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June 1, 2010

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:32P.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	Tom Braun
Council 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Ryan Zech
Council 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	Matthew D McGowan
Council 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	Jim Sunderhaus
Council 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward	Bill Clark
Council at Large	Kathleen Zech
Council at Large	Dennis Dinkelacker
Council at Large	Steve Braun

President McKinney stated there were reports of the Finance and Streets, Sidewalks and Lights Committees. There was no legislation to be considered. The Treasurer's reports for March and April 2010 have been submitted. A motion to approve and file the minutes for May 18, 2010 was made by Mr. Dinkelacker, seconded by Mr. McGowan. The motion passed with a 7-0 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**

Mr. Clark read a report of the Streets, Sidewalks, and Lights Committee Meeting held on May 25, 2010. A motion to receive and file was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Zech. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote.

Mr. McGowan read a report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on May 25, 2010. A motion to receive and file was made by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Clark. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote.

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

There was no legislation.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Keller stated a meeting was to be held with the Public Works Department union representative on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 4:00pm.

There were no questions for Mayor Keller.

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

Mr. Tom Braun stated that the banner poles are up and the Westfest banner has been hung.

Mr. Braun stated the Police Chief expressed concern with the amount of (false) alarm calls to the police department. Some businesses are having 5-6 a month. For each alarm call, the city is charged a dispatch fee. Mr. Braun asked if there was a way to research what other cities do, possibly charging businesses for excessive calls. President McKinney asked Mr. Sunderhaus if he could review this in his Police and Fire Committee.

Mr. Braun stated that an ordinance/resolution needed to be passed concerning the city's participation in the reconstruction of Higbee Street. Much discussion occurred concerning the city's jurisdiction in this matter. President McKinney asked that it be reviewed in Mr. Clark's Streets, Sidewalks and Lights Committee.

Mr. Tom Braun commended the police department for their swift response and closing of the 1<sup>st</sup> homicide in many years. Mr. Braun stated that within 24 hours, the police had the suspect in custody.

Mr. Clark and Mr. Tom Braun discussed the speeding situation on Alta Vista. Mr. Clark stated that the sign has been posted. Mr. Braun informed Mr. Clark that Chief Voss was on vacation, but Mr. Braun would review the situation with him when he returned. Questions arose concerning the Crime Watch Meeting. Those questions have been referred to the Police Department.

There were no further questions for the Safety-Service Director.

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

Mr. Waters did not leave a report.

### **Economic Developer's Report**

Clerk McKinney stated a report from the City's Economic Development Director, Ms. Caroline Statkus, was submitted. The report was a summary of the Economic Development Director's activities in May 2010. She read a few brief highlights. This report can be viewed at City Hall upon request.

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

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

### **Other Business**

President McKinney asked the Mayor about the status of a possible Shooting Range in Cheviot. Mayor Keller stated that he has heard nothing since the first inquiry a few months ago. Mayor Keller informed Council that he is aware of some concern by residents and if the project is revisited, public hearings will be held on the matter. The building has been empty for a while, but nothing has been officially proposed.

Mayor Keller publicly thanked The Veteran's Council for a wonderful Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. He stated that our Veterans continue to do an excellent job every year.

Mr. Sunderhaus called a Public Works and Utilities Committee Meeting for Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at 6:30pm, to discuss electric aggregation. Mr. Sunderhaus stated there were two presentations scheduled. Once the presentations are made to the committee, a recommendation will be made and public hearings may be scheduled.

Mr. Sunderhaus stated he would hold off on scheduling the Police and Fire Committee Meeting until the Chief returned and he had some time to do research.

Mr. Clark called a meeting of the Streets, Sidewalks and Lights Committee for Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 6:15pm. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Higbee Street.

Ms. Zech informed Council the numbers for an increase in misdemeanor fines have been received, and forwarded to the Law Director.

Mr. Sunderhaus also stated that Mr. Schuster will be contracting with the City to maintain the taping and viewing of Council meetings on public access.

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

Council received a correct copy of the Treasurer's Receipts for March 2010. Mr. Zech made a motion to receive and file the receipts, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote.

Council received a copy of the Treasurer's Receipts for April 2010. Mr. Zech made a motion to receive and file the receipts, seconded by Ms. Zech. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote.

**Correspondence**

-Invitation to Travis Nieman's reception

-New Business Permits May 2010

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Zech, seconded by Mr. McGowan. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

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Rachel A. McKinney  
Clerk of Council

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Deborah M. McKinney  
President of Council