

Minutes of City Council Meeting Cheviot, Ohio

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July 6, 2010

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:40P.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	Tom Braun
Council 1 st Ward	Ryan Zech
Council 2 nd Ward	Matthew D McGowan
Council 4 th Ward	Bill Clark
Council at Large	Kathleen Zech
Council at Large	Steve Braun

President McKinney announced that Mr. Dinkelacker will be absent due to a prior work commitment and Mr. Sunderhaus will be absent as well, to recovery from surgery. Ms. Zech made a motion to excuse Mr. Dinkelacker and Mr. Sunderhaus, Mr. Zech seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. President McKinney stated there were ordinances concerning the 2011 Tax Budget and Misdemeanor Payouts to be considered. In addition, there were three resolutions concerning an appropriations transfer, road levy calculations and road salt bids. A motion to approve and file the minutes for June 15, 2010 was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Zech. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Public Recognition on Agenda Items

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

Economic Developer's Report

Caroline Statkus addressed Council with an overview of the past month's work. Ms. Statkus reviewed the results of the business surveys received from the city's businesses. She reviewed the June 2010 Summary Report submitted to Council. Ms. Statkus has met with a few prospective business owners as well as continued to market Cheviot and find funding for business owners. The full report is available for viewing at City Hall. Ms. Statkus read a business testimonial from Pioneer Vending as to why they like having their business in Cheviot. She read one from the Flower Garden as well. The next Cheviot ROCKS meeting will be held Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 6:00pm, at Cheviot City Hall.

Reports of Standing Committees

There were no reports submitted.

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. McGowan stated that a public hearing was held before the Council Meeting to review the projected budget for 2011. Mr. McGowan made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Approve the Projected Year 2011 Tax Budget for the City of Cheviot, Ohio; and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. McGowan made a motion to introduce, seconded by Mr. Braun. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. The ordinance was assigned Ordinance Number 10-26. A motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Mr. Zech, seconded by Ms. Zech. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote. There was no discussion on the matter. Mr. McGowan made a motion to Adopt, seconded by Mr. Zech. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. Mr. Waters reminded the clerk that the ordinance needs to be filed with the Hamilton County Auditor's Office. Ordinance Number 10-26 is hereby adopted.

Ms. Zech made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Increase Court Costs in the Cheviot Mayor's Court; To Enact a New Payout Schedule of Fines for Parking, Traffic and Criminal Violations; and to Declare an Emergency*. Ms. Zech explained that the increase in court costs will put us inline with other neighboring cities, villages and townships in Hamilton County. Ms. Zech made a motion to introduce, seconded by Mr. Clark. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. The ordinance was assigned Ordinance Number 10-27. A motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Zech. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote. There was no discussion on the matter. Ms. Zech made a motion to Adopt, seconded by Mr. Clark. A roll call vote was take and the motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. Ordinance Number 10-27 is hereby adopted.

Mr. McGowan made a motion *To Transfer Funds; and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. McGowan made a motion to introduce, seconded by Ms. Zech. The resolution was assigned Resolution Number 10-08. Mr. Clark questioned why the funds needed to be transferred if they were already appropriated in the yearly budget. President McKinney stated that Council was concerned that after the budget is set, too many transfers are being made from one line item to another. President McKinney has previously requested detailed reasoning from the Safety-Service Director and the Auditor when transfers need to be made. Madame President explained that an exact dollar amount cannot be projected because the pension distribution varies on the amount of time worked by employees. This amount cannot be calculated until the payroll numbers come in. Mayor Keller explained that this will happen quarterly for this fund. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. Resolution Number 10-08 is hereby adopted.

Mr. Clark made a motion *To Authorize the Safety-Service Director to Solicit Bids for Ice Control Road Salt for the 2010-2011 Winter Season; and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. Clark stated that the purchase shall exceed \$15,000 and therefore needs to be approved by Council. Mr. Clark made a motion to introduce, seconded by Mr. Zech. The resolution was assigned Resolution Number 10-09. Mr. Clark asked the Safety-Service Director if he had any indication as to the pricing the City will receive. Mr. Tom Braun stated that he hasn't heard much but the early we go out for bid compared to other cities, the better price we shall receive. Mayor Keller confirmed the earlier the bids go out, the better the rates. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. Resolution Number 10-09 is hereby adopted.

Mr. McGowan made a motion *To Request that the Hamilton County Auditor Certify to the City of Cheviot the Tax Levy Calculations Enumerated in Section 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code; and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. McGowan stated that this an existing street levy that is set to expire at the end of the year. This levy is only a renewal and not an increase. Mr. McGowan made a motion to introduce, seconded by Mr. Clark. The resolution was assigned Resolution Number 10-10. There was no discussion. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. Resolution Number 10-10 is hereby adopted. Mr. Waters requested to be notified when the figures are returned from the Hamilton County Auditor, so that he may prepare the ordinance for the Board of Elections.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller stated he received a memo from the Recreation Commissioner concerning the rates for Harvest Home Lodge and the Fieldhouse. Mayor Keller verified Mr. Zech had a copy of the memo. Mr. Zech stated that he was already told the fees were okay, but will readdress the situation in committee. Mayor Keller stated that the City needs to break even instead of losing money for the rentals.

Mayor Keller informed Council and the Public that all three contracts for the unions have been fully executed and passed.

Mayor Keller informed Council that he would like to request an executive session later in the evening to discuss an issue within the Fire Department.

There were no questions for Mayor Keller.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Tom Braun stated that through Neighborhood Stabilization funds, the city was able to secure three properties to rehab. Mr. Braun informed Council that two of the properties will be tended to first before money for the third property will be available.

Mr. Braun stated that the health insurance coverage should go down, with a change in carriers and a slight change in coverage.

Mr. Braun informed Council and the Public that work on West Applegate will begin July 7, 2010.

Mr. Zech asked Mr. Braun about the status of the Boulevard Construction. Mr. Braun stated that the project is held up but word is it will begin this year. Mayor Keller stated that Mr. Braun and Mr. Craig are not to approve any major repairs to that area, since it will be fully redone in the near future.

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

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters did have a formal report.

Mr. Clark asked when the contract for Mr. Schuster would be ready. Mr. Waters asked that Mr. Clark supply him with the contact information for Mr. Schuster, so that he may contact him to discuss it.

Public Recognition on Other Issues

Mr. Gary Perkins addressed Council about a proposed venue to open at 3801-3803 Harrison Avenue. Mr. Perkins discussed the need for a trex of a D-5 liquor license into Cheviot for the proposed project. Mr. Perkins has been in contact with the City's Economic Development Director and Caroline believes this will be a good addition to Cheviot. The primary use of this area will be to host gatherings with live music, shows, and parties in addition to housing a restaurant and a bar. Mr. Perkins believes the City needs a larger venue to attract new business in contrast to a normal bar or pub. The issue has been referred to Mr. Zech's Internal Affairs committee. Mr. Zech will coordinate with Mr. Perkins for a good meeting date and time.

Other Business

Mr. McGowan called a meeting of the Finance Committee for Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 6:00pm to discuss concerns about the large amount of requests to spend money since the passing of the tax levy. The committee will also discuss the requests from the part-time police and fire. Mayor Keller reiterated that the requests from the part-time police and fire were not new requests but actually old requests that the Mayor has been holding for quite some time due to wage negotiations. Mr. McGowan requested that everyone available please attend.

Mr. Clark called a meeting of the Streets, Sidewalks and Lights Committee for Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 6:45pm. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the paper street between Kenkel and Roswell.

Mr. Zech called a meeting of the Internal Affairs Committee for Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 7:00pm to discuss the request by Mr. Perkins.

Mr. Zech called a meeting of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee for Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 8:00pm to discuss the rental rates of Harvest Home and the Cheviot Fieldhouse.

An ordinance concerning benefits for the Police and Fire Chief was tabled so that it may be reviewed in the Finance Committee. Mr. Waters stated that the ordinance includes items previously granted to the chiefs but accidentally omitted from their current benefit revisions. Mr. Waters informed Council that the benefits, such as granting a service weapon for Chief Voss, are included in Ordinance 06-28 which has not been repealed, and is currently in effect. Chief Voss asked Mr. Waters for the passage of the tabled ordinance for clarification.

President McKinney stated again that the Cheviot ROCKS meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 6:00pm. All are welcome.

Mayor's Court and Treasurer's Receipts

Council received a copy of the Mayor's Court Receipts for June 2010. Ms. Zech made a motion to receive and file the receipts, seconded by Mr. Clark. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Correspondence

- 1 Property Maintenance Report
- No New Business Permits June 2010
- Future Mayor's Court Dates
- MSD Sewer Plan Newsletter
- 2 Notices issued from the Building Department

Mayor Keller requested a brief executive session with Council. Mr. McGowan made a motion to adjourn to executive session, seconded by Mr. Clark, with a third from Mr. Zech. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote and Council adjourned into executive session at 8:29pm.

Council returned from executive session at 8:55pm. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Ms. Zech. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

Rachel A. McKinney
Clerk of Council

Deborah M. McKinney
President of Council