

Minutes of City Council Meeting Cheviot, Ohio

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July 20, 2010

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:35P.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
Council 1 st Ward	Ryan Zech
Council 2 nd Ward	Matthew D McGowan
Council 3 rd Ward	Jim Sunderhaus
Council 4 th Ward	Bill Clark
Council at Large	Kathleen Zech
Council at Large	Dennis Dinkelacker
Council at Large	Steve Braun

President McKinney stated there were two ordinances, one to Amend the Annual Appropriations and another concerning Part-time Police Officer Pay. A motion to approve and file the minutes for July 6, 2010 was made by Ms. Zech, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. 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.

Economic Developer's Report

Caroline Statkus addressed Council concerning the Morebattle Building located at 3236 Harrison Avenue. This building has been condemned by the building department and has been purchased by Mr. Abreu Vitor. Mr. Vitor intended to demolish the building to obtain additional parking for his restaurant. Ms. Statkus stated that grant money was available to handle the demolition of the building but if the city was interested in obtaining the funds, quick action needed to be taken. Ms. Statkus presented Council with three options on how this area could be used. The Mayor expressed many concerns with the city taking responsibility of the demolition. Mr. Steve Braun stated that this building has been discussed many times in his committee. Mr. Waters advised that it would be best not to use city funds for this project. Mr. Braun stated he would call a meeting of the Building and Annexation Committee to discuss the situation. Much discussion followed.

Reports of Standing Committees

Mr. Sunderhaus read a report of the Public Works Committee from a meeting held June 8, 2010. A motion to receive and file was made by Mr. Sunderhaus, seconded by Mr. McGowan. The motion passed with a 6-0 voice vote.

Mr. McGowan read a report of the Finance Committee from a meeting held July 13, 2010. A motion to receive and file was made by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Zech. The motion passed with a 6-0 voice vote.

Mr. Clark read a report of the Streets, Sidewalks and Lights Committee from a meeting held July 13, 2010. A motion to receive and file was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote.

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. McGowan made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Amend the 2010 Annual Appropriations, and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. McGowan made a motion to introduce, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote. The ordinance was assigned Ordinance Number 10-28. A motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Mr. Sunderhaus, seconded by Mr. Zech. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 7-0 vote. There was no discussion on the matter. Mr. McGowan made a motion to Adopt, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 7-0 vote. Ordinance Number 10-28 is hereby adopted.

Mr. McGowan made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Increase the Wage Rates of the Part Time Police Officers in the City of Cheviot, and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. McGowan made a motion to introduce, seconded by Ms. Zech. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote. The ordinance was assigned Ordinance Number 10-29. A motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Mr. Sunderhaus, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 7-0 vote. Mr. Clark stated that shortly after the decision to give the officers a raise was made, some part-time officers stated they felt the minimal raise was a "Slap in the Face". Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to Adopt, seconded by Mr. Zech. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 5-2 vote. Mr. McGowan and Mr. Braun voted against the ordinance. Ordinance Number 10-29 is hereby adopted.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller informed Council that the assistant Clerk of Courts will be going on disability shortly and the position needs to be filled. He stated that a replacement needs to be found quickly.

The Mayor stated that the City is looking into a conversion of the parking meters to only accept quarters and to slightly raise the rates. He will discuss with the Safety-Service Director how much this project might cost. The free parking during the Christmas Season might also need to be reviewed. Some business owners feel that this is being abused by citizens and doesn't attract shoppers to the district. A new meter person will be checking meters and issuing tickets. Mr. Waters stated that it might be best to discuss the parking meter issues with the Cheviot Westwood Community Association.

Mayor Keller informed Council and the Public that there have been some issues with the hanging baskets but that the Public Works Department continues to keep up with them. Some of the baskets have not survived as well as others. The Public Works Department is doing their best to resolve the issue.

There were no questions for Mayor Keller.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Tom Braun did not leave a report for Council.

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

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters stated that the resolution for the tax levy has been prepared. Clerk McKinney stated she will verify with the Board of Elections as to the filing deadline. She is awaiting the certification from the County Auditor.

President McKinney stated that Council will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 for the sole purpose of passing the resolution that needs to be filed with the Board of Elections.

Public Recognition on Other Issues

Representative Denise Driehaus visited with Council. She stated she was there to update the City on issues in our State Legislature as well as to listen and learn. She passed out a newsletter and survey to members of Council.

President McKinney stated that the next Cheviot ROCKS meeting will be held on July 28, 2010 at 6:00pm.

Other Business

Mr. Steve Braun called a meeting of the Building and Annexation Committee for Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 6:00pm to discuss the Moorebattle Building.

Mr. Sunderhaus called a meeting of the Public Works Committee for Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 6:30pm to discuss electric aggregation. He stated that the letters will be going out to residents in August.

Mayor's Court and Treasurer's Receipts

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

Correspondence

- 1 Property Maintenance Report
- Representative Driehaus letter
- Hamilton County Public Health letter (with YMCA)
- CWCA/Chief Voss correspondence

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Zech, seconded by Mr. Clark. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Rachel A. McKinney
Clerk of Council

Deborah M. McKinney
President of Council