

Minutes of City Council Meeting Cheviot, Ohio

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January 4, 2011

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
Law Director	Mark Waters
Safety-Service Director	Tom Braun
Council 1 st Ward	Ryan Zech
Council 2 nd Ward	Matthew McGowan
Council 3 rd Ward	James Sunderhaus
Council 4 th Ward	Bill Clark
Council at Large	Kathleen Zech
Council at Large	Dennis Dinkelacker
Council at Large	Steve Braun

President McKinney announced legislation this evening included a Resolution recommending Dominion as the City's Electrical Aggregation Supplier. A motion to approve and file the minutes for December 21, 2010 was made by Mr. Dinkelacker, seconded by Mr. Braun. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote. A motion to approve and file the minutes for December 28, 2010 was made by Ms. Zech, seconded by Mr. McGowan. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote.

Public Recognition on Agenda Items

No one from the Public chose to address Council on any agenda items.

Reports of Standing Committees

Mr. McGowan read a report of the Finance Committee meeting held December 14, 2010. Mr. McGowan made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote.

Mr. McGowan read a report of the Finance Committee meeting held December 28, 2010. Mr. McGowan made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Zech. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote.

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to introduce a Resolution *To Recommend the use of Dominion as the City of Cheviot's Electrical Aggregation Supplier: and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. Sunderhaus stated that the Public Works Committee met with Don Marshall of Eagle Energy prior to tonight's council meeting. A request for proposal was sent out by Eagle Energy and Dominion came back with the lowest bid. The Public Works and Utilities Committee recommends a contract with Dominion on behalf of the residents. Mr. Zech confirmed that the Mayor and/or Mr. Tom Braun will have authority to sign off on the contract. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to introduce, seconded by Mr. McGowan. The Resolution was assigned number 11-01. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote. Resolution 11-01 is hereby adopted.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller gave his annual State of the City Address. Mayor Keller was very pleased with the hard work of Council and the Administration in 2010 to keep the budget in line. Special thanks to Mr. McGowan, Chair of the Finance Committee. 2010 gave way to a new Safety-Service Director, Mr. Tom Braun. Mayor Keller thanked Mr. Neal for his many years of hard work and service and looks forward to continuing the work with Mr. Braun. The Mayor thanked the Police and Fire Chief who are both set to retire in 2011. Special recognition was given to Ms. Theresa Sunderhaus for all her hard work in 2010. Mayor Keller stated that all those involved in the City should be commended for a great year and many well wishes to come in 2011.

The retirement party for Chief Clark will be January 7, 2011 at Harvest Home Lodge from 4-7p.m. There were no questions for Mayor Keller.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Tom Braun thanked and congratulated Chief Clark on his retirement.

Mr. Braun stated that he will be meeting with the engineer about the slab in the firehouse that is collapsing. He hopes to start the bidding process soon.

There were no questions for the Safety-Service Director.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters made his annual report to the City. In 2010, there were 2 appeals from Mayor's Court. One resulted in a conviction, the other in a dismissal. Mr. Waters was very pleased with the low number, he usually has 5-10 each year.

Mr. Waters stated there were 2 civil suits in 2010. Smith vs The City of Cheviot involved a minor injured at Harvest Home Park. This case was settled by the City's Insurance Company for \$3,000.

The other suit involved an auto accident at Westwood Northern Boulevard and North Bend Road with Officer Dennis Palmer. Mr. Waters feels the City has immunity in this matter. It is being handled by the City's Insurance Company and a Report Hearing is scheduled for January 18, 2011.

Mr. Waters stated that a few matters reviewed for the year were rental property regulation and the Bruestle Right of Way.

The Office of the Law Director did not collect any money in 2010, as there were no suits. A larger sum was collected in 2009.

Mr. Waters reviewed a Case with Council, Chaney vs. Norwood which raising the importance of the proper procedure in which to pass legislation. Mayor Keller commended the work of Mr. Waters and his office, stating that Mr. Waters has done a great job since becoming the City's Law Director.

There were no questions for the Law Director.

Public Recognition on Other Issues

Mr. Ray Kroner, President of the Cheviot Westwood Community Association (CWCA) and owner of Kroner Dry Cleaners, addressed Council about the CWCA membership drive. He stated the benefits of belonging to the CWCA not only as a business member, but as a community member. Mr. Kroner gave thanks to Mr. John Snape for the long hours spent developing a business database. Members of the CWCA plan to walk the business district to drive membership numbers up. There are approximately 270 businesses in Cheviot, with only 40 as members of CWCA. This year marks the 10th anniversary of Westfest. The next CWCA meeting will be held January 19, 2011 at 6:00pm at Cheviot School. More information about CWCA can be found online at cwca.info.

Other Business

Mr. McGowan received a notification of a sex offender, Jerry Wolfe, residing at 3987 Lovell. He was convicted of Rape of a child. The landlord has already been notified and is taking steps to evict Mr. Wolfe. Information concerning sexual offenders can be found on the Hamilton County Sheriff's Website.

Ms. Zech called a meeting of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee for Tuesday January 11, 2011 at 6:30pm to discuss the rental registrations.

Treasurer's Receipts

Mr. Norman addressed Council with his annual address concerning the City's finances. He stated that although the final numbers are not in yet, the City did well in 2010 to stay out of the red. The City moved financial institutions in June to First Financial and it was a gradual process. By doing so, the City was able to cut all fees and start to earn interest on its money. The City earned approximately \$1000 for the ½ year from June to December. The City also received approximately \$200,000 from the inheritance tax. Mr. Norman does not expect to see much revenue from the estate tax in 2012.

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

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

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

Mayor's Court Receipts

Council received a copy of the Mayor's Court Receipts for December 2010. A motion to receive and file was made by Mr. Zech, seconded by Mr. Clark. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote.

Correspondence

- 1 Property Maintenance Report
- Blueprints for proposed Bruestle Sub-division
- Levy Certification

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 8:01pm.

Rachel A. McKinney
Clerk of Council

Deborah M. McKinney
President of Council