

Minutes of City Council Meeting Cheviot, Ohio

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April 19, 2011

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:34P.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 2 nd Ward	Matthew McGowan
Council 3 rd Ward	James Sunderhaus
Council 4 th Ward	Bill Clark
Council at Large	Dennis Dinkelacker
Council at Large	Steven Braun

President McKinney stated Mr. Zech and Ms. Zech would not be attending the meeting due to the passing of our Sergeant at Arms. A motion to excuse Mr. Zech and Ms. Zech was made by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Clark. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. President McKinney stated there would be a final reading of the Life Squad Fees Ordinance, an ordinance regarding an appropriations transfer and an ordinance for 2011 pool rates. President McKinney stated the Clerk of Council was still at work and the minutes would be available for passage at the next meeting.

Department Reports

Chief Voss informed Council and the Public of all criminal occurrences within the City of Cheviot within the month of April, to date. The Police Chief noted a large amount of stolen vehicles, assaults and drugs usage. He stated that the drug usage is a county wide problem. Chief Voss noted particular issues with disorderly conduct at Cheviot Sports Tavern, and that the location continues to be a problem spot. Citizens are reminded to report crimes in a timely manner and to look out for your neighbors. Cheviot is participating in the "Click it or Ticket" campaign. Chief Voss noted the CWCA young citizens banquet that was held as well as the CPA/CFA Easter Egg Hunt at Harvest Home Park. The Chief also passed along information regarding the sentencing of the individual responsible for the Glenmore Avenue homicide.

Mr. Clark questioned if the Police Department had any planned blitzes for the upcoming year. Chief Voss stated that two were planned for Halloween and Thanksgiving. The Chief further explained that due to budget constraints, more were not planned. Mr. Clark stated that it might be best to have more to send a message that this type of behavior will not be tolerated. Chief Voss has discussed this with the Safety-Service Director. It was again suggested that some of the problem bars be required to hire their own police detail. The police have been patrolling at night and issuing notice to vehicle owners that may be leaving car doors unlocked or valuables in plain sight. Mr. Clark suggested that more money might need to be appropriated to the police department for saturated patrols. There has been a lack of interest in a Citizens on Patrol initiative.

President McKinney read a report provided by the Fire Chief, Robert Klein. This report is available upon request at Cheviot City Hall. In his report, the Fire Chief briefly reviewed monthly numbers for training and EMS/Fire runs in the month of March. The Fire Department also held a fire prevention activity, installed 8 car seats and inspected 30 businesses. In addition a CPR class was held at the fire house and 12 smoke detectors were issued to the public free of charge.

Public Recognition on Agenda Items

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

Second and Third Readings of Ordinances

Mr. Sunderhaus made a final reading and a motion to adopt Ordinance 11-04 *To Amend Section 33.04 of the Cheviot Code of Ordinances; and to Establish and Implement a Program to Charge a User Fee for the Delivery of Emergency Fire Department Services for Vehicular Accidents Provided by the City of Cheviot Fire Department*. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Ordinance 11-04 is hereby adopted.

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. McGowan made a motion to introduce an Ordinance *To Amend the 2011 Annual Appropriations; and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. McGowan read the ordinance in its entirety. He noted that Section 2 of the ordinance relating to the K-9 unit was correct in the annual budget but the actual line item was accidentally omitted in the original budget; there is no increase. Mr. McGowan made a motion to introduce, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. The Ordinance was assigned number ORD 11-05. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. McGowan. 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. Clark. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Ordinance 11-05 is hereby adopted.

Mr. Steve Braun made a motion to introduce an Ordinance *To Set the Rates for Usage of the Municipal Swimming Pool for the 2011 Season; and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. Braun made a motion to introduce, seconded by Mr. McGowan. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. The Ordinance was assigned number ORD 11-06. Mr. McGowan made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Steve Braun questioned if the new rates have been advertised yet. Mayor Keller stated that they had not as the administration was waiting for the rates to be set. Mr. Steve Braun stated that the agreed upon rates were determined under the belief that Ryan Pool and Phillips Pool would not be open for the 2011 Season. Mr. Clark agreed that the rates should be lowered. Mr. Tom Braun stated that waiting until the May 3, 2011 Council Meeting would be too late to have the early sign ups and the newsletter published. Mr. Waters stated that if Council was to vote no on the current ordinance up for passage, the rates from last year (2010 Season) would remain in effect. Mr. Tom Braun stated that the rates from the 2010 Season need to be raised regardless. They do not need to be raised as high as currently agreed but the pool is running in the red and the rates need to be raised. There is a fear that if kids cannot afford to go to the pool, they will create trouble elsewhere. Mayor Keller suggested that he take a moment with Mr. Tom Braun to discuss more appropriate rates and come back to Council with a recommendation. President McKinney stated that Mr. Zech is the chair of the committee and has spent a lot of time on this issue. Unfortunately his is unavailable this evening and the City cannot hold on the matter. Council agreed to allow Mayor Keller and Mr. Braun to construct an amendment to the proposed rates. The ordinance is tabled until later in the meeting.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller expressed his condolences to the Dorenkemper family for the loss of Paul. He also expressed his thoughts concerning the recent loss of Mr. Charlie Zech.

Mayor Keller stated that he would like an executive session later in the meeting regarding property transfers. He stated that the meeting would be quite lengthy.

There were no questions for Mayor Keller.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Tom Braun stated that the City is yet to see over \$66,000 in funds for the Glenmore Avenue Project. The money was awarded in 2009 for a 2011 project. Because of this, there will not be another street project this year besides Glenmore Avenue until this situation is resolved.

The Cheviot Fieldhouse water issue is still being investigated and a structural engineer is working to diagnose the situation.

Contracts for Phone and Internet service for City Hall have been renegotiated and an annual savings of over \$5000 has been worked out. The Copy Machine lease service has also been renegotiated and the City should be saving \$528 annually. Mr. Tom Braun has also been working on savings and credits for Gas usage and the traffic signals. Total over the past year, the City has saved approximately \$39000.

There were no questions for the Safety-Service Director.

Mayor Keller and the Safety-Service Director excused themselves from the meeting to discuss the pool rates.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters did not have a formal report this evening.

There were no further questions for the Law Director.

Public Recognition on Other Issues

No one from the Public chose to address Council on any other issues.

Mayor's Court Receipts

Council received a copy of the Mayor's Court Receipts for March 2011. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Correspondence

-2 Property Maintenance Reports

Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to enter into executive session, seconded by Mr. Clark, with a third from Mr. Dinkelacker. The Motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. The topic of discussion shall be City Property.

President McKinney continued to take miscellaneous comments while waiting for the return of the Mayor and Safety-Service Director. CWCA member, Jenny Eilermann reminded all of the City Wide Yard Sale on Saturday May 7, 2011.

Council adjourned into executive session at 8:24pm.

Council returned from executive session at 9:23pm.

Mayor Keller informed Council and the Public of the rates determined in an earlier meeting with Mr. Tom Braun. All of the rates were reduced approximately 10% in each level. Mr. Waters will prepare a new ordinance reflected those changed rates. Mr. McGowan made a motion to amend the previously proposed Ordinance 11-06. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clark and passed with a 5-0 voice vote. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Clark. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Ordinance 11-06 is hereby adopted as amended.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Matthew D. McGowan
Clerk of Council - Pro Tem

Deborah M. McKinney
President of Council