

Minutes of City Council Meeting Cheviot, Ohio

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May 3, 2011

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:31P.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 4 th Ward	Bill Clark
Council at Large	Kathleen Zech
Council at Large	Dennis Dinkelacker
Council at Large	Steven Braun

President McKinney stated Mr. Sunderhaus was attending his daughter's May Crowning and would not be attending the meeting. A motion to excuse Mr. Sunderhaus was made by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Zech. The motion passed with a 6-0 voice vote. President McKinney stated there would be a ordinance regarding the reconstruction of Glenmore Avenue. A motion to approve and file the minutes for April 5, 2011 was made by Mr. Dinkelacker, seconded by Mr. McGowan. The motion passed with a 6-0 voice vote.

Department Reports

Clerk McKinney read the Economic Development Director's Report provided to Council, from Ms. Caroline Statkus. Clerk McKinney read the entire report from April 2011. The report can be viewed upon request at City Hall.

Public Recognition on Agenda Items

Holly Christman from the Hamilton County Solid Waste District addressed Council and the Public concerning the need to Recycle to reduce the amount of waste put in landfills. Ms. Christman passed out literature to Council promoting recycling, waste reduction and responsible waste management. She is working with communities to increase recycling rates. A direct mail will be sent to all Cheviot Residents on how to recycle in the city. She is also reaching out to community groups to make recycling presentations and providing education in local schools. Ms. Christman explained what actions have already been taken and plans for the future. She commented on what a pleasure it has been to work with Mr. Tom Braun. There were questions from Council in which Ms. Christman addressed. Tours are also available at Rumpke Recycling to better understand the process.

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Braun made a motion to introduce an Ordinance *To Authorize an Agreement Between the City of Cheviot and the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners Regarding the Rehabilitation of Glenmore Avenue from Harrison Avenue to the South Corporation Line; and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. Braun made a motion to introduce, seconded by Mr. McGowan. The motion passed with a 6-0 voice vote. The Ordinance was assigned number ORD 11-07. Ms. Zech made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Clark. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Mr. Steve Braun asked what the amount was we would receive for the rehabilitation. The amount was approximately \$140,000, but \$5,000 short of what we initially requested. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. McGowan. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Ordinance 11-07 is hereby adopted.

Mr. Zech stated that the pool rate ordinance passed the previous meeting needed to be amended. There is additional language that needs to be added. There was much discussion as to what wording needed to be modified and what the best way to modify the ordinance. Mr. Waters stated to just pass a new ordinance by title and then he would draft it with the repeal language for ordinance 11-06. There was also additional discussion concerning adding others to a pass above a normal 4 person family and what discount will be given to those who purchase early. The clerk excused herself from the meeting to search for the previous year's ordinance to reference.

Mr. Zech made a motion to introduce an Ordinance *To Set the Rates for Usage fo the Municipal Swimming Pool for the 2011 Season; and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. Zech made a motion to introduced, seconded by Mr. McGowan. The motion passed with a 6-0 voice vote. The Ordinance was assigned number ORD 11-08. Ms. Zech made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 6-0 vote. President McKinney stated that the noted changes are the wording for a couple (married removed), the addition of a family member to a pass and the discount for early purchase. The clerk excused herself from the meeting to search for the previous year's ordinance to reference the discount listed. President McKinney tabled the final vote until that time.

Mr. McGowan made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Clark. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Ordinance 11-08 is hereby adopted.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller did not have a formal report but will request a brief executive session to discuss a Real Estate transaction on behalf of the City.

There were no questions for Mayor Keller.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Tom Braun stated the farmer's market will be at the Cheviot United Methodist Church for May 13, 2011 due to St. Catherine's festival. It will be back at the park the week after.

Mr. Braun thanked the Cheviot Seniors for their donation of \$100 for the flowers for the hanging baskets along Harrison Avenue. CWCA also made a donation of \$900 for the flowers at City Hall and the hanging baskets.

Scoping Audits for the Hamilton County Energy Block Grant Program will begin in the next few weeks. Mr. Braun will update council when the audits are complete and what step needs to be taken next.

High grass notices are starting to be issued.

Passes for the pool are now on sale. Any questions can be answered by calling City Hall.

There were no questions for the Safety-Service Director.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters did not have a formal report for Council.

There were no further questions for the Law Director.

Public Recognition on Other Issues

Council had a Cincinnati State student, CJ Davis, reporting on a Council Meeting for his Sociology Class.

Clerk McKinney reported that she researched the past three years of pool ordinances and not one refers to the early purchaser discount. Council agreed to pass the ordinance as it is stated in the brochure as it has already gone to print. No one is certain of the exact wording. Mr. McGowan made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Clark. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Ordinance 11-08 is hereby adopted.

Other Business

On behalf of Wards 3 and 4, Mr. Clark wanted to thank the Mayor and Safety-Service Director for their swift action in resolving an outage by Cincinnati Bell. There was a period of almost two weeks that some customers went without phone service. Some of the residents in this area, specifically the seniors, do not have cell phones and have no other way to communicate without their household land line. Many neighbors pulled together to take care of those in the area and check in to make sure they were okay.

Mayor's Court Receipts

Council received a copy of the Mayor's Court Receipts for April 2011. Ms. Zech made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Clark. The motion passed with a 6-0 voice vote.

Correspondence

- 1 Property Maintenance Report
- Invitation for Dedication of Miami Township Fire Station/Community Center
- Westwood Northern Blvd Bundle April Update
- Cleveland State University memo to redraw Ward Boundaries

Mr. Braun made a motion to enter into executive session, seconded by Mr. Clark, with a third from Ms. Zech. The Motion passed with a 6-0 voice vote. The topic of discussion shall be a Real Estate transaction on behalf of the City.

Council adjourned into executive session at 8:01pm.

Council returned from executive session at 8:28pm.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Ms. Zech. The motion passed with a 6-0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Rachel A. McKinney
Clerk of Council

Deborah M. McKinney
President of Council