

Minutes of City Council Meeting Cheviot, Ohio

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May 17, 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 1 st Ward	Ryan Zech
Council 3 rd Ward	James Sunderhaus
Council 4 th Ward	Bill Clark
Council at Large	Kathleen Zech
Council at Large	Dennis Dinkelacker

President McKinney stated Mr. McGowan was not going to attend the meeting due to a prior family commitment and Mr. Braun was still at work. A motion to excuse Mr. McGowan and Mr. Braun was made by Mr. Sunderhaus, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. President McKinney stated there would be an ordinance regarding the Transfer of Funds and an ordinance regarding the Main Sewer Line on Glenmore Avenue. A motion to approve and file the minutes for April 12, 2011 was made by Mr. Dinkelacker, seconded by Mr. Clark. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. A motion to approve and file the minutes for May 3, 2011 was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Department Reports

President McKinney read a report provided to Council from the Fire Chief and a report from the Police Chief. Both reports can be viewed upon request at City Hall.

Public Recognition on Agenda Items

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

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to introduce an Ordinance *To Amend the 2011 Annual Appropriations; and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to introduce, seconded by Ms. Zech. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. The Ordinance was assigned number ORD 11-09. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. Mr. Sunderhaus also noted the amount of money being transferred. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Zech. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Ordinance 11-09 is hereby adopted.

Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to introduce an Ordinance *To Authorize the Mayor to Enter into a Loan Agreement with Cheviot Savings Bank for Improvements to Main Sewer Line on Glenmore Avenue; and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. Sunderhaus read the ordinance in its entirety. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to introduce, seconded by Mr. Zech. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. The Ordinance was assigned number ORD 11-10. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Clark. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Keller stated that this Ordinance is just a precautionary measure and may not be needed or necessary. Some changes have occurred since the ordinance was requested, mainly a lower cost of the project. The Hamilton County Commissioners are aware of the project and approve. More information is coming shortly. President McKinney noted that the loan is not money out of the City's pocket. The project is actually a MSD project that will take some time to fund but the need for the sewer line to be fixed is immediate. The City agreed to manage the project and the loan is interest free. The Law Director stated that some research was done on this issue and the City has minimum debt and within the debt allowance for the City without going to the voters. Mr. Clark asked if the Ordinance would need to be repealed if not acted upon. Mr. Waters stated the Ordinance is not something that would be codified and only gives the authority to the Mayor to enter into the agreement and doesn't need to be repealed. Mr. Zech made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Sunderhaus. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Ordinance 11-10 is hereby adopted.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller noted an article published on Sunday in the Cincinnati Enquirer Business Section. The article announced and discussed the expansion of the Cheviot Savings Bank and their acquisition of Franklin Savings Bank. The Mayor noted how important this expansion is to the City and the additional employees that will work in Cheviot making Cheviot Savings Bank the City's largest employer. A CRA has been developed that will give Cheviot Savings Bank a tax roll back, a savings of approximately \$750,000-\$850,000. Mayor Keller explained this expansion and CRA are a win/win for both the Bank and the City. Mayor Keller discussed further some of the obstacles of the expansion and a tentative time line in which they hope to complete the construction project. The Mayor thanked Mr. Dinkelacker and his company Land Consultants for volunteering their labor and time to work on a new layout for the Municipal Parking Lot. In doing so, an additional 20 spots were created. Mayor Keller also thanked all those involved in the process including, Bank Administration, City Administration, Council, the Law Director, Safety-Service Director and Economic Development Director.

There were no questions for Mayor Keller.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Tom Braun thanked Mr. Dinkelacker and his company for all their hard work for a new parking lot layout. Mr. Braun also stated that pool passes are now on sale and to date, only one has been sold.

There were no questions for the Safety-Service Director.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters stated that the formal Ordinance 11-08, regarding pool rates, has been drafted and given to the Clerk for filing.

The Safety-Service Director supplied information to Mr. Waters concerning the re-enrollment in the Community Development Block Grant Program and Mr. Waters will have it available at the next meeting.

Mr. Waters received a copy of the 2011 Integrys Gas Aggregation Program Agreement contract for review. It appears to be inline with the previous agreement and is approved to form.

Mayor Keller asked the law director if there is anyway to speed up the process of citing for tall grass. The Mayor referred to properties that remain in violation every year, and that most of these properties are owned by out of town LLC's. Mr. Waters stated that he will research the issue but he stated that there must be some due process. Discussion continued on the topic.

There were no further questions for the Law Director.

Public Recognition on Other Issues

Council had a Cincinnati State student, Chris, attend the meeting in efforts to write a paper for his Business Co-op Seminar.

Other Business

Mr. Sunderhaus called a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee for May 31, 2011 at 7:00pm to discuss the renewal of the contract with Integrys (supplier for Gas Aggregation). Mr. Sunderhaus asked Mr. Tom Braun for a copy of the previous contract to compare.

Mr. Sunderhaus called a meeting of the Police and Fire Committee for May 31, 2011 at 7:30pm to discuss ideas of how to care for our elderly and disabled citizens where there are outages (either phone or electric).

Ms. Zech spoke briefly about the Westwood Norther Blvd bundle meeting scheduled for June 7, 2011. She stated that attendance may be difficult due to the regularly scheduled Council Meeting that evening. Mr. Tom Braun stated he will be attending a meeting covering the same issue on June 6, 2011 and can report back to Council on how it will affect Cheviot, especially the lift station on Bruestle Avenue.

Correspondence

- 5 Property Maintenance Reports
- Invitation for Dedication of the Outdoor Learning Lab at Cheviot School
- Cincinnati Museum Center Summer 2011 Newsletter
- Notice of the Westwood Northern Blvd Bundle Community Meeting, June 7, 2011
- Information on a seminar that will be held to address underage drinking

Mr. Clark asked if the City Auditor will be supplying Council with a quarterly report of the budget. Mr. Tom Braun stated he thought that a report of the 1st quarter had already been supplied to Mr. McGowan and to follow up with him first.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Zech. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

Rachel A. McKinney
Clerk of Council

Deborah M. McKinney
President of Council