

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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January 16, 2007

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

President of Council	Michael J. Mestemaker
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Safety Service Director	Steven O. Neal
Council 1 st Ward	Ryan T. Zech
Council 2 nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3 rd Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council 4 th Ward	Greg J. Stautberg
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Steven L. Braun

The minutes of January 2nd, 2007 were approved. President Mestemaker called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

No one from the public wished to speak.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal had no formal report. Mr. Neal informed everyone that the new sign in front of the Cheviot Fieldhouse is completed, and thanked the CWCA and the Cheviot-Westwood Kiwanis for their financial support.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller did not forward a report. Mr. Neal informed everyone that the Mayor will be receiving the Annual Cheviot Eagles Civic Award in February.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters informed Council that the new property maintenance code will be completed by the next meeting. Mr. Neal informed the public that the new property maintenance code would replace an existing one that is currently being enforced, and that the new code would allow the City to be tougher on offenders. Mr. Waters added that the Mayor has started a new docket in Mayor's Court to deal solely with property maintenance code violations.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Zech had no formal report. Mr. Zech informed everyone that the Parks and Playgrounds committee did meet, but plans to reconvene the same meeting on Wednesday, January 24th at 7pm to continue working on a new set of rules for usage of Harvest Home Park and the Cheviot Fieldhouse. Mr. Zech also updated Council on the Cemetery Project.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report. Mr. Dinkelacker updated Council on the January 10th Project Impact meeting and reminded everyone that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31st at 6:30 P.M. in the Fire Department meeting room. Mr. Dinkelacker reminded everyone that the CFA Cheviot Shootout starts on Friday, January 19th at 5 P.M. at the Cheviot Fieldhouse and runs for the next five weeks. Mr. Neal informed Council that one of the items discussed at the Project Impact Committee meeting was the Hamilton County Property Improvement Program and that the City will be providing information on this program when it issues citations for property code violations.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus had no formal report.

Ward 4 - Mr. Stautberg read a report of the Public Utilities Committee into the record. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no formal report. Mrs. Zech reminded business owners that they needed to have their pictures of their existing signs in by the February 1st deadline to be grandfathered in under the new Sign Ordinance.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. Mr. Norman made a motion *To Amend The 2007 Annual Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Braun. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 07-01. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Norman informed everyone that the Finance Committee will begin the 2007 budget process soon.

Council at Large - Mr. Braun read a report of the Streets and Sidewalks Committee into the record. Mr. Braun made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Braun informed Council that he has spoken with the Law Director, who is looking into the issues brought forth in his report. There was much discussion.

Further Business

Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the December 2006 Treasurer's Court receipts with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

President Mestemaker informed Council that he has sent everyone an updated copy of Council's Agenda for 2007 and asked them to provide him with feedback on it before the next meeting.

Correspondence

A listing of Mayor's Court dates for the first half of 2007, a Property Maintenance Report, a list of properties that were written up in 2006 and the current status of those properties, a letter from the City's Tax Commissioner, an invitation to the Investiture of Bernie Bouchard as Judge of the Hamilton County Municipal Court, and an Ohio Municipal League Legislative Bulletin were received. Mr. McGowan informed everyone that their Ohio Ethics Commission Financial Disclosure Statement forms were in their mailboxes.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Matthew D. McGowan
Clerk of Council

Michael J. Mestemaker
President of Council