

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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March 3, 2009

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

President of Council	Deborah M. McKinney
Safety Service Director	Steven O. Neal
Council 1 st Ward	Ryan A. Zech
Council 2 nd Ward	Matthew D. McGowan
Council 3 rd Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council 4 th Ward	Greg J. Stautberg
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council at Large	Steve L. Braun

President McKinney stated that there would be the Third Reading of the Taxi Cab Ordinance. President McKinney also stated there would be reports from the Finance Committee and the Streets, Sidewalks, and Lights Committee. The minutes of March 17, 2009 were approved, by a 7-0 voice vote (First by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Sunderhaus).

Public Recognition on Agenda Items

No members of the Public were recognized to address any of the agenda items.

Reports of Standing Committees

Mr. Stautberg read the following five Finance Committee Reports into the record and they were received and filed.

- December 22, 2008 (Motion to receive and file by Mr. Stautberg, seconded by Mr. Zech, 7-0 voice vote)
- February 5, 2009 (Motion to receive and file by Mr. Stautberg, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker, 7-0 voice vote)
- February 12, 2009 (Motion to receive and file by Mr. Stautberg, seconded by Mr. Sunderhaus, 7-0 voice vote)
- February 17, 2009 (Motion to receive and file by Mr. Stautberg, seconded by Ms. Zech, 7-0 voice vote)
- February 26, 2009 (Motion to receive and file by Mr. Stautberg, seconded by Mr. McGowan, 7-0 voice vote)

Mr. McGowan read a report of the Streets, Sidewalks and Lights Committee from February 24, 2009. Mr. McGowan made a motion to receive and file that was seconded by Mr. Stautberg, 7-0 voice vote.

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ms. Zech did a Third Reading of an ordinance *To Repeal Chapter 112 of the Cheviot Code of Ordinances*. Ms. Zech reiterated that the previous ordinance is 35 years old, and like many other communities, Cheviot is going to adopt the state code. A motion to adopt was made by Ms. Zech, seconded by Mr. Sunderhaus. A roll call vote was taken, 7-0 passage. Ordinance 09-01 was adopted.

Mayor's Report

There was no report from the Mayor's Office.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal updated Council on the progress of the Glenmore home. The roof is complete, plaster was finished by a professional, the new windows and doors get put in starting tomorrow, and within a week or two the house will be ready for flooring. The basement steps have been replaced. The City needs a realtor to sell the \$1 homes as well as keep a look out for other properties to purchase. Presently, Mr. Neal is using Dan Grote. Mr. Neal would like Council to have legislation passed soon so he doesn't have to wait to get things done.

Mr. Neal reminded Council of the First Time Home Buyers event on March 18, 2009 that will be held by Cheviot Savings Bank. Without Cheviot Savings the city would never have started the \$1 home project.

Mr. Neal stated that Holly Christman, the director of the Solid Waste District, has informed Mr. Neal that the Governor has put an increase in his budget for solid waste disposal. Over the course of a full year, this will result in

an increase for the City of Cheviot of approximately \$8,000. Mr. Neal stated this is another perfect example of things getting passed on.

Mr. Neal also reminded Council about indigent burial expenses. There was a woman on Hilda Avenue whose family did pick up the burial expenses but the City did receive a call from the Nursing Home on North Bend Road. Mr. Neal stated that there is an 81 year old man that will need his burial expenses taken care of when he passes away. The city is talking to Marilyn Holt about this issue. The city is responsible for cremating the individual.

Mr. McGowan asked Mr. Neal the location of the First Time Home Buyers event. Mr. Neal stated it will be held at Harvest Home Lodge. Mr. Neal also noted that Carolyn updated the Cheviot DVD to be showcased at the event. There are before and after pictures of the \$1 home on Davis. The event starts at 7:00pm.

President McKinney addressed Mr. Braun, stating his committee will hopefully be taking care of the realtor situation. Mr. Braun stated that is already in the works.

Law Director's Report

There was no report from the Law Director.

Public Recognition on Other Issues

No one from the public addressed Council.

Other Business

Mr. Zech updated Council on the situation with Black Sheep. Mr. Zech has been in contact with the residents to set up a meeting time and one has yet to be established. As soon as the residents contact Mr. Zech again, with a date, the meeting will be set.

Mr. Stautberg updated Council about Electric Aggregation. Mr. Stautberg talked to the city's gas aggregation contact who suggested the City proceed cautiously. Duke is running scared with this issue because it will really affect their bottom line.

Mr. Stautberg called a meeting of the Finance Committee for Thursday March 5, 2009 at 6:00pm. The Fire Chief will be in attendance from 7-7:15pm to discuss his budget. Mr. Voss will not be attending the meeting; he informed Mr. Stautberg he is okay with what the committee has drawn up. Mr. Neal is invited to the meeting as well.

Mr. Sunderhaus asked if Mr. Voss wanted to discuss the stimulus opportunity for an additional police officer. Mr. Stautberg stated he did discuss it with Mr. Voss but with the ongoing budget issues the city is not ready to move forward on the issue.

Mr. Neal stated that Chief Voss previously participated in a COP program similar to what is being discussed and that the additional police officers were never added at the end of the program. Mr. Neal stated that once officers retired during that period they were just not replaced. According to Mr. Neal, Chief Voss felt that Council lied by taking the COP's money and never increasing our police force. Mr. Neal felt because of that, Chief Voss is hesitant with the stimulus program of additional an additional officer. Mr. Stautberg stated he is not sure he agrees with that assessment but the issue needs to be looked into more.

Mr. Dinkelacker clarified that the Finance Committee meeting will be at 6:00pm on Thursday.

President McKinney stated that the City received the audit report for the year ending December 2006, from the State Auditor. The reports states that the City is conforming in accordance with County, State, and Federal principles.

Mr. Stautberg reminded Council to fill out their financial disclosure forms.

Mr. Braun scheduled a Building and Annexation Meeting immediately following the Finance Committee Meeting on Thursday March 5, 2009.

Mayor's Court and Treasurer's Receipts

There were no receipts submitted.

Correspondence

- Time Warner Gross Revenue Statement
- Best Practices
- Public Records procedures
- One Property Maintenance Report from the Building Department

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Zech with a second from Mr. McGowan. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Rachel A. McKinney
Clerk of Council

Deborah M. McKinney
President of Council