

## **MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO**

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August 19, 2008

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:32 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	Deborah M. McKinney
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Safety Service Director	Steven O. Neal
Council 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Ryan T. Zech
Council 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	James Babey
Council 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward	Greg J. Stautberg
Council at Large	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Steven L. Braun

President McKinney delineated from normal proceedings to allow Police Chief Voss to receive a check for \$6,000 from The Matt Haverkamp Foundation for a K-9 unit in the City of Cheviot. Chief Voss updated Council on several Law Enforcement issues ongoing in the city. President McKinney called for the reports that would be presented. The minutes of July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were approved.

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

Mr. Braun read a report of the Building & Annexation Committee into the record. Mr. Braun made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. There was much discussion concerning the marketing of the City owned home on Bruestle Avenue.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Keller did not forward a report.

### **Safety-Service Director's Report**

Mr. Neal informed Council that the Municipal Swimming Pool is now closed, adding that overall membership was up slightly from the previous year. Mr. Neal informed Council that Kristen Sunderhaus has completed her final season as the pool's manager and that he presented her with a Proclamation from the Mayor on the final day of the season thanking her for her eight years of service. Mr. Neal informed Council that there were no major incidents at the Pool this year, adding that he felt it was a successful season. Mr. Neal informed everyone that he just conducted a tour of the city owned house on Bruestle Avenue, adding that there is still some minor touch up work to be completed, including replacing a basement door that was damaged during a break in. Mr. Neal informed Council that the City was recently offered SCIP money for Phase Two of the Harrison Avenue/Glenmore Avenue Street Repair Project, but that the City is unable to meet the matching funds required for the Project at this time. Mr. Neal informed Council that ODOT is reconsidering omitting the traffic signal at the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Lovell Avenue from the upcoming Mast Arm Signal Project.

### **Law Director's Report**

Mr. Waters informed Council that he will have an ordinance prepared for the next meeting of Council to approve a renewal of the City's contract with the Hamilton County Board of Health. Mr. Neal informed Council that there is a bedbug epidemic in Hamilton County that is affecting firehouses that the Board of Health is currently taking the lead on. There was much discussion.

### **Public Recognition on Other Issues**

Mr. Dan Luers of Olivette Avenue came to Council to address issues with loud noise late at night originating from the Black Sheep bar located on North Bend Road, particularly on weekends. Mr. Luers added that he has made several complaints to the City, but that they have produced minimal results.

Mr. Luers said that he feels the business has become a public nuisance as a result of the noise, as well as loud people on his street late at night leaving beer bottles and other trash in people's yards. Mr. Luers asked Council to have officers assigned to the Municipal Parking Lot adjacent to the bar, to compel the owners of the bar to make an effort to reduce the noise generated by the bar or to shut down, to enact code prohibiting the use of outdoor loudspeakers and impose restrictions on noise levels after 9:00 P.M. on weeknights and 11 P.M. on weekends, and to restore residential zoning to neighborhoods bordered by North Bend Road, Harrison Avenue, Glenmore Avenue, and Woodbine Avenue. There was much discussion. President McKinney recommended that the Laws, Rules & Ordinances Committee look into the use of outdoor speakers by businesses in the city, as well as the other issues addressed by Mr. Luers. There was much discussion. President McKinney thanked Mr. Luers for coming to Council to address this issue.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Stautberg reminded Council that there is a meeting of the Finance Committee scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Stautberg updated Council on the City's Gas Aggregation Program.

President McKinney reminded everyone that there is a meeting of the Committee of the Whole scheduled for Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. to discuss issues surrounding the business district and that the next meeting of Project Impact is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the Fire Department training room. Mrs. Zech updated Council on the agenda of the Project Impact meeting.

### **Mayor's Court and Treasurer's Receipts**

Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to receive and file the July 2008 Treasurer's Report with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to receive and file the July 2008 Mayor's Court Receipts with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

### **Correspondence**

Newsletters from the Ohio Coalition for Open Government and Alliance for Chemical Safety, a letter from Mayor Keller to Fire Chief Clark regarding a possible joint fire district with Green Township, a memo from the Fire Chief regarding new business permits issued for July 2008, a report from the Building Commissioner regarding Licenses and Permits issued for July 2008, ten Property Maintenance Reports and four Building Reports were received.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Babey. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

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Matthew D. McGowan  
Clerk of Council

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Deborah M. McKinney  
President of Council