

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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September 4, 2007

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:

Mayor	Samuel D. Keller
President of Council	Deborah M. McKinney
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 August 21st, 2007 were approved. President McKinney 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 voiced his concern about the condition of the grass at Harvest Home Park during the Harvest Home Fair due to this summer's drought, adding that he has asked the Fire Department to spray down the grass before the Fair begins. Mr. Neal informed Council that he has checked with Green Township to see what price they pay for road control salt and if it would save Cheviot money to pool our purchase with them, but he found out the cost would essentially be the same. Mr. Neal informed Council that he received a call from the Ohio Public Works Commission informing him that the City will receive \$378,000 towards the Phase I reconstruction of Harrison Avenue. Mr. Neal then informed Council that he has received the plans from Duke Energy for replacement of the gas main on Harrison Avenue which is slated to begin in November.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller asked Council to look into the status of Metro Bus Service in Cheviot. Mayor Keller said he doesn't see the benefit to the residents of Cheviot, but does see the damage caused to the roadways by the buses. Mayor Keller said he believes the issue should be looked at in Committee and through Public Hearings on the subject. Mayor Keller echoed Mr. Neal's concerns about the grass at Harvest Home Park. President McKinney referred the Metro Bus issue to the External Affairs Committee. Mr. Norman informed Council that Colerain Township is struggling with the same issue and that they have sent a letter to Metro requesting that they withdrawal their routes. Mayor Keller then informed Council that long time City Employee Mike "Curley" Hetzer passed away earlier in the day.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters informed Council of a few corrections that needed to be made to an Ordinance that would be up for vote later in the meeting.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Zech had no formal report. Mr. Zech plugged the CWCA's charity pull-offs booths at the Harvest Home Fair and called a Parks and Playgrounds Committee meeting for Tuesday, September 11th at 6:30 P.M.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report. Mr. Dinkelacker asked when the Mayor would like to have information on the Metro service in the city by. There was much discussion. Mr. Dinkelacker called an External Affairs Committee meeting for Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Neal reminded Council that City Council objected a route change to the Metro Bus service in the city a few years ago, and that the objection had no impact on Metro's decision. Mayor Keller made clear to everyone that he is not talking about Metro Bus service for schools, but rather the regular mass transit service in the City of Cheviot.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus read a report of the Police and Fire Committee into the record. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Mayor Keller informed Council that he will ask Mr. Neal to follow up with the Fire Chief regarding proposed changes in charges for life support services in the city. Mr. Zech reiterated to everyone that any changes to life support billing would only apply to insurance billing and not to residents of the City who do not have insurance.

Ward 4 - Mr. Stautberg had no formal report. Mr. Stautberg made a motion *To Authorize The Mayor To Amend The Labor Contract With AFSCME; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 07-22. Mrs. Zech made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Stautberg made a motion *To Raise Hourly Compensation For Part Time Summer Public Works Employees; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 07-23. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Zech made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion carried 5-0-2 by roll call vote with Mr. Sunderhaus and Mr. Norman abstaining. Mr. Stautberg updated Council about an issue from a previous meeting regarding residents of Frances Avenue complaining about a neighbor's dog barking at all hours of the night, informing Council that Police Chief Voss did cite the dog's owner. Mr. Stautberg also informed Council that he has sent the letter he and Mr. Norman drafted regarding this property to CMHA. Mr. Neal clarified another matter regarding a call to the Fire Department about this property for Council.

Council at Large – Mrs. Zech had no formal report. Mrs. Zech made a motion *To Adopt The Amendments To The Codified Ordinances Of Cheviot As Published By American Legal Publishing Corporation; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 07-24. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Zech made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Braun. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Zech asked Mr. Neal to inform the Property Maintenance Inspector that the new Property Maintenance Code is now under the codified book and that he should now reference that when citing people. Mrs. Zech informed everyone that the updated Ordinance folio is already on the City's website. Mrs. Zech called a meeting of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee for Tuesday, September 11th at 7:30 P.M.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman read a report of the Finance Committee into the record. Mr. Norman made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Braun. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Norman made a motion *To Certify To The County Auditor Certain Property Tax Assessments For Property Maintenance; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 07-25. Mr. Braun made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

Council at Large - Mr. Braun had no formal report. Mr. Braun made a motion *To Authorize The Safety-Service Director To Solicit Bids For Ice Control Salt For The 2007-2008 Winter Season; And Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES 07-18.

Further Business

Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to receive and file the August 2007 Mayor's Court receipts with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence

A copy of Cities and Villages Magazine from the Ohio Municipal League, ten Building Maintenance reports and a letter from the Daughters of the American Revolution regarding Constitution Week were received.

Mrs. Zech congratulated President McKinney on the births of her granddaughter and grandson.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Braun. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Matthew D. McGowan
Clerk of Council

Deborah M. McKinney
President of Council