

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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September 6, 2005

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

Mrs. Zech made a motion to excuse Mr. Mestemaker, and President Morganroth excused Mr. Mestemaker. The minutes of August 23, 2005 were approved. President Morganroth called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

Robyn Bancroft, the corridor studies coordinator from O.K.I. for Western Hamilton County. O.K.I. is working with locals to try and create a regional plan instead of having dozens of disjointed local plans. They are looking to create a set of priorities for the whole western half of Hamilton County. This plan is to be multi-modal and will include plans for shipping, busses, pedestrian traffic, automotive traffic, and bicycle routes. They are working to forecast future growth in areas while still trying to preserve the local area characteristics. There is a website, www.westernstudy.org, to see updates on what this committee is working on. There is a public forum looking for input scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. Mr. Neal asked about the Metro bus routes that had changed in Cheviot. There was much discussion about the changed bus routes in Cheviot.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal explained that the daughter of the City's Building Commissioner, Charlie Meyer passed away the previous Thursday after a long fight with spina bifida. She was 29 years old. Mr. Neal reported that the State of Ohio Development Office has approved Cheviot's request for our redevelopment district. Mr. Neal then reported that the Cheviot Municipal Pool is now closed and that there was an increase in income over last year. Bids for Salt have been advertised and they will be opened on September 19, that way they can be opened at the September 20 Council meeting. Mr. Neal reported that he had Cross and Associates price Heath Insurance for the City to see if we could get insurance cheaper than the 15% increase that was announced at the last meeting. Only one quote come in cheaper, but the plan was not compatible with the current plan and would cost more over time. Mr. Neal recommends that the City continue with the modified plan announced at the last Council meeting. Mr. Neal then announced that he was able to get Harrison Avenue rated for S.C.I.P. money which means that repairs to potholes can now be done as these repairs will not hurt the rating. He reminded Council that the Harvest Home Parade is scheduled for this Thursday at 6:00 P.M. Mr. Neal asked residents to not put chairs out more than 24 hours prior to the parade.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller was unable to attend as he was taking his neighbor to the hospital. He did not forward a report.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters announced that the annual red mass was scheduled for September 22nd at Summit County Day Chapel. The Red Mass is held annually and is for judges, lawyers, police officers, and other public officials.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion *To Adopt The National Incident Management System ("NIMS"); And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES05-18.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker was not in attendance, but Mr. Sunderhaus read a report of the Finance Committee into the record for him. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. Mr. Sunderhaus then read a second report from the Finance Committee into the record. Mr. Sunderhaus made the motion to receive and file the report. Mr. Norman made the second on the motion and it passed 6-0 by voice vote. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion *To Increase The Wage Rates Of The Part-Time Police Officers In The City Of Cheviot; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD05-20. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Zech made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Mr. Neal explained that he thought that this is a fair increase, but warned that it is low compared to other local police departments. He also gave warning that this increase could affect future negotiations with other City departments.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus had no formal report. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion *To Adopt A Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan; To Identify Action Supported By The City; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES05-19.

Council at Large - Mr. Sunderhaus called a meeting of the Finance Committee at the request of Mr. Mestemaker. The meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13 at Cheviot City Hall at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the last quarter of the year.

Ward 4 - Mr. Stautberg had no formal report.

Council at Large - Mr. Sunderhaus presented ORD05-16, *To Authorize The Mayor To Enter Into A Contract With The Greater Cincinnati Water Works To Provide Water Service To The City Of Cheviot For A Thirty Year Period Commencing On December 31, 2017* for it's third and final reading. Mr. Murray made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech read a report of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee into the record. Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Mrs. Zech called a meeting of the Laws, Rules and Ordinance Committee for Tuesday, September 13 following the Finance Committee at approximately 7:30 or 8:00 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall to discuss signage and other items. Mrs. Zech took a moment to commend several of the bar owners in Cheviot for donating their profits from one night to the relief effort for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman read a report of the Building and Annexation Committee into the record. Mr. Norman made a motion to receive and file the report. Mrs. Zech made the second and the motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

Further Business

Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to receive and file the August 2005 Mayor's Court Receipts with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence

Hamilton County Engineer William Brayshaw's Office sent a bill for street line painting addressed to the Clerk of Council, this usually would be sent to the Safety-Service Director. A letter was received from the Ohio Municipal League looking for support behind Ohio Issue 1. This was forwarded to Mrs. Zech for her committee to look at. The Ohio Department of Development sent notice that the application for the Re-investment area in Cheviot was approved. A notice of a change to a liquor license was received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control. The modification involved the ownership of Skin's Place. Police Chief Voss had no objections to the change. Council did not see a need for a hearing on this change and voted 6-0 by voice vote to proceed without requesting a hearing before the Liquor Control Board.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Stautberg with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

James E. Morganroth
President of Council