

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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October 18, 2005

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:32 P.M. following a Public Hearing for the upcoming levies on the November ballot and the proposed Darwin Avenue reconstruction. The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer were held. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

Mayor	Samuel D. Keller
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 J. Stautberg
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman

Mr. Mestemaker called to say he had a work obligation. Mr. Norman made a motion to excuse Mr. Mestemaker with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The minutes of October 4, 2005 were approved. President Morganroth called for the reports that would be presented.

Recognition of the Public

Green Township Trustee Steve Grote attended the meeting to announce an agreement between the Green Township and Cheviot Fire Departments. Chief Clark of Cheviot and Chief Witsken of Green Township signed an agreement in which both departments will automatically respond to fires and/or EMT runs reported in each district in an effort to provide the most manpower at the critical times. Mr. Grote called this a banner day for Green Township and Cheviot.

A resident of Forest Court addressed Council to inform them that the Cincinnati Para-Legal Society will sponsor a free will preparation service. The next one will be held in Delhi Township and is open to all area Police, Fire, and other City Departments. She wanted to make sure that the City is aware of this event, and asked for Council to inform the Police and Fire Chiefs to tell their employees so that they sign up before the slots fill up.

Jake Holmes of Troop 26 was in attendance in an effort to help gain his Communications and Citizenship Badges.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal had one item to report. He gave a copy of a proposed addendum to the Rumpke Trash contract. Rumpke is proposing an increase from \$11.00 per cubic yard dumped to \$12.50 per cubic yard dumped. This adjustment is mostly the result of the new state fees and the cost of fuel rising. Rumpke is willing to lock this rate in for 3 years which is a much longer than the normal 1 year rate guarantee. Mr. Stautberg asked Mr. Neal about a dead tree in the right of way. The owner asked Mr. Stautberg who was responsible to remove it. Mr. Neal responded that the homeowner is responsible even though it is in the right of way. There was much more discussion about the Rumpke deal.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller received the annual report from Community Services West. Clare Palmer of Community Services West reported the statistics. The highlights of which were 724 trips provided to seniors meetings, 828 shopping trips, and 7000 home delivered meals. They also reminded the City that the annual donation of \$5,000 is due. Mayor Keller went on to explain that he is a little disappointed that no residents have shown up to the levy public forums. He explained that Issue 6 is a renewal of 1.5 Mills for roads in Cheviot. He explained that Issue 7 is a new .75 mil levy designed to replace an expiring City Hall

Bond levy which cost an owner of a \$100,000 home \$47 per year in 1986. Over the remaining years that figure went down as principle of the loan decreased. If passed, Issue 7 would be an increase of approximately \$1.47 over the existing levy. The generated money would be used to maintain and repair City owned properties. There was much discussion about the tax levies.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters reported he was working on 3 collection lawsuits for individuals who rented City facilities who did not pay. Mayor Keller explained that in an effort to keep this problem from happening again, the policy was changed to require payment in full before the date of the event. Mr. Waters also mentioned that he has been busy working several Ordinances and Resolutions.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report but he did remind residents that on Sunday, October 23rd at 5:00 P.M. the City will dedicate the new shelter at the Cheviot Fieldhouse. The new structure is to be called the Mayor's Pavilion. He also mentioned that the Parks and Playgrounds committee is still discussing a proposed Concert Series for next summer.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion *To Appoint A Chief Executive Officer, A Chief Financial Officer, And A Project Manager; To Submit The Necessary Application For The State Capital Improvement Program; To Execute A Project Agreement With The Ohio Public Works Commission; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES05-22.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus had no formal report but he did want to remind the public that the Cheviot Fire Association was hosting its annual Monte Carlo at the Cheviot Fieldhouse this Friday and Saturday from 6:00 P.M. until 1:00 A.M. He also reported that Chief Voss of the Cheviot Police reported that he had applied to get grant money from the State's O.V.I. Taskforce to step up enforcement of O.V.I. offenses (formally called D.U.I. offenses). Finally Mr. Sunderhaus reminded everyone that October is Fire Prevention Awareness Month and he reminds everyone to replace the batteries in their Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Detectors.

Ward 4 - Mr. Stautberg had no formal report. Mr. Stautberg made a motion *To Accept The Amounts And Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission; To Authorize The Necessary Tax Levies; To Certify Them To The County Auditor; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES05-23. Mr. Stautberg then made a motion *To Amend The 2005 Annual Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD05-23 by Mr. Zech. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Murray made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Stautberg then made another motion *To Amend The 2005 Annual Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and Mr. Zech assigned is as ORD05-24. Mrs. Zech made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Stautberg then made a motion *To Approve Additional Compensation For Certain Members Of The City Building Department; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Mr. Zech assigned the motion as ORD05-25. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Then Mr. Murray made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker forwarded a report to Mr. Dinkelacker. Mr. Dinkelacker read the report of the Streets, Sidewalks, and Lights Committee into the record. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. There was one error in the report; Mr. Mestemaker forgot to record that Mr. Murray was in attendance.

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. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. Mrs. Zech also explained that she attended a free seminar which discussed the benefits and pitfalls of Regional Economic Plans. Mrs. Zech explained that a TIFF would not apply to the City of Cheviot, but that a Joint Economic District might. There was much discussion.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report.

Further Business

President Morganroth explained that he did receive the answer to the question about the Homeland Security line item in the treasurer's report. The money was spent on some equipment the Fire Department purchased.

Mr. Murray made a motion to receive and file the September 2005 Treasurer's Report with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote.

Mr. Neal reminded the public that Halloween will be held on Monday, October 31 from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. He reminded the public to drive safely that night.

Correspondence

Notice was sent from the Board of Elections of the Legal Ad publication dates pertaining to the Cheviot Levies on the November Ballot. An Ohio Municipal League Bulletin was received. There were 8 Building Department Reports.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

James E. Morganroth
President of Council