

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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December 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 4 th Ward	Greg J. Stautberg
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Steven L. Braun

Mrs. Zech made a motion to excuse Mr. Sunderhaus with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. The minutes of November 20th, 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 informed Council that the gas main replacement project on Harrison Avenue has begun near the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Bridgetown Road. Mr. Neal informed Council that he has received a fax from the Cincinnati Water Works regarding the Homelawn Avenue water main replacement project informing him that the City will be responsible for the \$14,000 cost to replace the fire hydrants that run off the water main. Mr. Neal stated that the City has never had to pay to replace the hydrants and that the City should oppose this at all costs. Mr. Neal informed Council that he also received a call from Metro inquiring about using a location in Cheviot for a layover. Mr. Neal told the representative from Metro that the City is not very happy with the service Metro provides and informed Council that he opposes the idea. Mr. Neal then thanked everyone who came to the City's Nativity Scene dedication.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller informed Council that Police Officer DeZarn will be joining the DART program starting on January 1st, 2008, adding that this effort will help Cheviot fight the drug element in the city. Mayor Keller thanked everyone who came to the City's Nativity Scene dedication. Mayor Keller also thanked Ryan and Charlie Zech for setting up the event, CWCA for sponsoring the event, and AutoZone for allowing the use of their property. Mayor Keller thanked Council for the ordinance they will pass authorizing the Mayor to enter into purchase contracts for real property within the city and assured Council that he will consult with each member before properties are purchased. Mayor Keller informed everyone that the City will close on the Davis Avenue property on Thursday, December 6th, and added that he intends to meet with the Law Director to discuss how best to proceed from there. Mayor Keller then read a letter he received from Community Services West thanking the City for its annual \$5,000 donation.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters had no formal report.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Zech had no formal report. Mr. Zech informed Council that the Parks and Playgrounds Committee did meet to discuss a request by the Police Chief but added that the Committee is waiting for some additional information from the Recreation Commissioner before proceeding.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus did not forward a report.

Ward 4 - Mr. Stautberg had no formal report. Mr. Stautberg updated everyone on the City's Gas Aggregation Program. Mr. Stautberg then wished his wife a Happy Birthday and thanked the residents of Marlin Avenue for welcoming him and his wife to their street.

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. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Mrs. Zech gave the first reading of the City's proposed Open Records Mission Statement. Mrs. Zech called a meeting of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee for Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Zech updated Council on Sign Ordinance enforcement and her progress on setting up a Realtors Breakfast that was discussed during a Project Impact meeting. Mayor Keller thanked Mrs. Zech for her work on the Open Records Mission Statement and informed Council that several members of his administration have attended the State mandated Open Records Training meaning all elected officials are now in compliance for 2007. There was much discussion.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. Mr. Norman made a motion *To Authorize The Mayor To Enter Into A Purchase Contracts For Real Property From The United States Department Of Housing And Urban Development; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 07-37. Mrs. Zech made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. 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. Norman made a motion *To Transfer Funds; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 07-38. Mrs. Zech made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Braun. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Braun. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Norman gave the third reading of ORD 07-32 *To Enact A Chronic Nuisance Ordinance*.

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

Further Business

President McKinney called a Committee of the Whole meeting for Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 P.M. to discuss the rules of Council for 2008 and beyond, as well as appointments for the upcoming term.

Correspondence

A letter from Duke Energy regarding rate increases and a revised list of upcoming Cheviot Magistrate Court dates were received.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Matthew D. McGowan
Clerk of Council

Deborah M. McKinney
President of Council