

Minutes of City Council Meeting, Cheviot, Ohio

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December 15, 2009

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:34P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

Mayor	Samuel D. Keller
President of Council	Deborah M. McKinney
Law Director	Mark Waters
Safety-Service Director	Steve Neal
Council 1 st Ward	Ryan Zech
Council 2 nd Ward	Matthew D McGowan
Council 3 rd Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council 4 th Ward	Gregory Stautberg
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech

A motion to excuse Mr. Dinkelacker and Mr. Braun was made by Mr. Sunderhaus, seconded by Mr. McGowan. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. President McKinney stated that the renewal tax levies are resolution not ordinances. There will also not be a vote on the Safety-Service Director or the Streetscape plan. There are reports from the Finance and Utilities Committees. A motion to approve and file the minutes for December 1, 2009 made by Ms. Zech, seconded by Mr. Stautberg. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Voss announced that the H1N1 vaccine will be available at Oak Hills High School on December 21, 2009 from 4-9pm. Those interested can contact the fire chief for more information.

The Police Chief spoke briefly about the large amount of drug arrests in Cheviot. Chief Voss expressed his concern for the large amount of issues in the bar district. He explained that the amount of assaults and violence have increased dramatically. Chief Voss spoke about issues with specific bars and read off a long list of violations that have been addressed with bar patrons. The Chief feels that the City should object to the renewal of some liquor licenses until bars start to control their crowds, serve responsibly and hire private security. Chief Voss also shared a story in which one of the bar owners was visibly intoxicated and involved in a confrontation with the police.

Officer Steve Knapp showed a video of a large crowd outside a bar on Harrison Avenue, the night before Thanksgiving. Much discussion ensued concerning the video between members of council and the administration. President McKinney referred the Chief's concerns to committee. The Chief's concerns will be put into the Internal Affairs committee.

Public Recognition on Agenda Items

In the interest of time, President McKinney recognized Matt Huseman, owner of Maury's Tiny Cove. Mr. Huseman addressed his concern for the removal of the light at Harrison and Lovell. Mr. Huseman questioned council on various issues and asked who to contact at ODOT and the city's engineering firm, with further concerns. Mr. Huseman showed a petition, signed by over 600 concerned citizens and patrons of Maury's, about the removal of the light. There was much discussion on the topic and President McKinney then referred Mr. Huseman's concerns to the Mayor.

Reports of Standing Committees

Mr. Stautberg read a report of the Public Utilities Committee from December 8, 2009 into the record. A motion to receive and file was made by Mr. Stautberg, seconded by Mr. McGowan. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Mr. Stautberg read a report of the Finance Committee from December 8, 2009 into the record. A motion to receive and file was made by Mr. Stautberg, seconded by Mr. McGowan. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Mr. Stautberg also thanked Mr. Waters for his quick drafting of ordinances and resolutions.

Second and Third Readings of Ordinances

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Stautberg made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Authorize All Actions Necessary to Create a Governmental Electric Aggregation Program with Opt-Out Provisions Pursuant to Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code; To Direct the Hamilton County Board of Elections to Submit a Ballot Question to the Electors; and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. Stautberg explained that the ordinance will put the electric aggregation program on the May Ballot. An introduction was made by Mr. Stautberg and seconded by Mr. McGowan. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. The ordinance was assigned ordinance number 09-31. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Sunderhaus and seconded by Mr. McGowan. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Stautberg. A roll call vote was taken and the ordinance was adopted with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Stautberg made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Amend the 2009 Annual Budget Appropriations; and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. Stautberg explained that the ordinance was some end of the year housekeeping issues and to create a new line item for the FEMA transfers. An introduction was made by Mr. Stautberg and seconded by Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. The ordinance was assigned ordinance number 09-32. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Sunderhaus and seconded by Ms. Zech. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Zech. A roll call vote was taken and the ordinance was adopted with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Stautberg made a motion to introduce a resolution *To Request that the Hamilton County Auditor Certify to the City of Cheviot the Tax Levy Calculations Enumerated in Section 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code; and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. Stautberg informed Council and the public that this is a 0.75 mill levy to pay the current general expenses and is a renewal that will be on the May Ballot. A motion to introduce was made by Mr. Stautberg, seconded by Ms. Zech. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. The resolution was assigned resolution number 09-16 and is adopted.

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Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal stated he had no formal report but that all the signals should be operational by the end of the week.

Law Director's Report

There was no formal report by the Law Director and no questions for Mr. Waters.

Public Recognition on Other Issues

No one from the public chose to speak on any other issues.

Other Business

President McKinney reminded Council and the public about the public hearing to discuss the JEDD with Green Township. The hearing will be held on January 19, 2009 at 6:30pm at Cheviot City Hall.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller just wanted to wish the City a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor's Court and Treasurer's Receipts

A motion to receive and file the Treasurer's Receipts for October 2009 was made by Mr. Zech and seconded by Ms. Zech. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Correspondence

- No new business permits for November 2009
- Copy Streetvibes
- Museum Center card
- Letter from Duke regarding a raise in rates
- Government Product News

At 9:00pm, the meeting was suspended and scheduled to continue on January 1, 2010 at 12:00pm.

Rachel A. McKinney
Clerk of Council

Deborah M. McKinney
President of Council