

## **MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO**

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December 16, 2008

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:33 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
Council 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Ryan T. Zech
Council 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward	Greg J. Stautberg
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council at Large	Steven L. Braun

Mr. Zech made a motion to excuse Mr. Babey with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. President McKinney called for the reports that would be presented. The minutes of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 were approved.

### **Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions**

Mr. Stautberg made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Amend The 2008 Annual Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 08-39. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Amend The 2008 Annual Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 08-40. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Amend The 2008 Annual Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 08-41. Mr. Sunderhaus 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. Stautberg made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Declare The Fiscal Appropriations For The First Quarter Of Calendar Year 2009* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 08-42. Mrs. Zech made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. After some discussion, Mr. Stautberg made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Authorize A Contract Extension With Rumpke, Inc., For The Disposal Of The City's Solid Waste; To Authorize The Safety-Service Director To Sign The Extension On Behalf Of The City; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 08-43. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. After some discussion, Mr. Zech made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Keller informed Council that the City will close on the property at 3771 Darwin Avenue on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 A.M. Mayor Keller informed Council that the realtor for the property on Bruestle Avenue has advised him that she expects an offer from a prospective buyer as soon as this evening. Mayor Keller informed Council that the City has received the paperwork from Hamilton County for participation in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, and explained the process to Council. Mayor Keller said the City is looking closely at an abandoned property on Harrison Avenue, and asked Mr. Waters to look into the issue. Mayor Keller informed Council that with today's snowfall, the City has begun its road salt conservation program, and added that the City will continue to apply road salt to the

major streets in the business district, hills and intersections. Mayor Keller said salt will not be used on most flat roads unless there is ice, in which case all streets will be hit at least once, and added that all streets will still be plowed as necessary. Mayor Keller informed Council that Paul Dorenkemper will resign as Treasurer effective December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 and added that he would like to honor Mr. Dorenkemper at an early 2009 Council Meeting. Mr. Braun asked Mayor Keller if there were any outstanding taxes or money owed on the Darwin Avenue property. Mayor Keller said the City is looking into the cost of having the asbestos siding removed from the property, but added that he did not believe there were any outstanding taxes due on the property.

#### **Safety-Service Director's Report**

Mr. Neal did not forward a report.

#### **Law Director's Report**

Mr. Waters had no formal report.

#### **Other Business**

Mr. Stautberg informed Council that although the Law Director has said that the City cannot enact pay freezes for elected officials in the middle of a term, he would like to ask all elected officials to donate their raises back to the City. Mr. Stautberg called a meeting of the Finance Committee for Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 P.M. to discuss the matter further.

Mr. Braun informed Council that he will have a report of the recent Building & Annexation Committee for the next Council meeting.

Mr. Stautberg informed Council that billing letters went out to the Business District on Monday regarding the Public Works Fee, and that he has already received a call from a business expressing concerns. Mr. Stautberg informed the business owner that her concerns would be discussed by the Finance Committee, though they are more of an administrative issue. There was much discussion.

#### **Mayor's Court and Treasurer's Receipts**

Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the December 2008 Mayor's Court Receipts with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

#### **Correspondence**

A listing of upcoming dates for Cheviot Magistrate Court, a listing of new business permits issued by the City for October and November 2008, a listing of licenses and permits issued by the Building Department for November 2008 and a letter from OKI requesting the City designate a representative to OKI for 2009 were received.

After much discussion, Mr. Stautberg nominated Mr. Babey as the representative to OKI for 2009. The motion carried 5-0-1 by voice vote with Mr. Sunderhaus abstaining.

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 8:00 P.M.