

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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December 18, 2007

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:31 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 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
Council at Large	Steven L. Braun

The minutes of December 4th, 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 updated Council on the gas main replacement project on Harrison Avenue. Mr. Neal informed everyone that curbside leaf pickup will stop at the end of the week. Mr. Neal informed Council that they all should have received copies of the 1st quarter appropriations to be passed on January 1st. Mr. Stautberg asked Mr. Neal for an update on an issue with the Municipal Parking Lot near the corner of Harrison Avenue and North Bend Road. Mr. Neal updated Council and said he would report back with more information as soon as a few issues are resolved.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller informed everyone that he was the first customer at the new bakery on Harrison Avenue and recommended that everyone pay it a visit. Mayor Keller informed Council that the City has received \$10,000 from Cheviot Savings Bank to be put towards rehabbing the properties that the City purchases, and deferred to Mr. Neal to update Council on the project. Mr. Neal informed Council that a new line has been added to the city budget appropriations to cover rehab projects, adding that Cheviot Savings Bank has offered to lend the City \$20,000 at 0% interest with no closing costs for use on these projects. Mr. Neal also said that Home Depot has offered a 10% discount off purchase of materials used in this project. Mr. Neal informed Council that the project will be overseen by the Safety-Service Director, and that he will try to use Public Works employees for the work as much as possible, only using contractors when necessary. Mr. Neal said Council will have to set the parameters for sales of any properties that have been rehabbed by the City and updated Council on the progress of the rehab project on Davis Avenue. Mr. Neal informed Council that Cincinnati Bank has also offered to lend the City money at 0% interest and recommended that Council pass a resolution thanking Cheviot Savings Bank for their generous financial assistance on this project. Mayor Keller recommended these issues be put into committee for further discussion on how best to proceed as the Law Director is still in the process of discerning what can and can't be done, adding that the house on Davis Avenue will not be ready to go on the market for 3-4 months. Mayor Keller congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Braun on the birth of their twins.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters had no formal report. Mr. Waters informed Council and the Administration that he would like to be present when the rehab loan is closed. Mr. Waters informed Council that State Rep. Bob Mecklenborg will officiate the swearing in ceremony on January 1st.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Zech had no formal report. Mr. Zech congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Braun on the birth of their twins, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Mayor Keller wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, as well.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report. Mr. Dinkelacker congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Braun on the birth of their twins, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Mr. Dinkelacker informed everyone that the next meeting of Project Impact would take place on January 9th at 6:30 P.M. in the Fire Department meeting room.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus had no formal report. Mr. Sunderhaus congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Braun on the birth of their twins, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. 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. Norman. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 07-39. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Norman made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Braun. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

Ward 4 - Mr. Stautberg had no formal report. Mr. Stautberg wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Mr. Stautberg wished Mr. and Mrs. Bill Owens a Happy 75th Wedding Anniversary.

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 7-0 by voice vote. Mrs. Zech made a motion *To Adopt A Mission Statement And A Statement Of Principles For Ohio's Open Records And Meeting Act; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES 07-21. Mrs. Zech wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Braun on the birth of their twins.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. Mr. Norman made a motion *To Amend The 2007 Annual Appropriations; To Establish A New Budget Fund; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 07-40. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Norman made a motion *To Authorize The Mayor To Accept A Housing Rehabilitation Grant From The Cheviot Savings Bank; To Authorize The Mayor To Borrow \$20,000 For The Purpose Of Rehabilitating Residential Property; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Braun. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 07-41. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mrs. Zech made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Norman made a motion *To Correct Ordinance No. 07-36; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 07-41. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Zech made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Norman gave the fourth and final reading of ORD 07-32 *To Enact A Chronic Nuisance Ordinance*. Mr. Norman made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Norman thanked the Law Director for his work on the Nuisance Ordinance, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Braun on the birth of their twins.

Council at Large - Mr. Braun had no formal report. Mr. Braun informed everyone that his wife gave birth to their son Christopher Steven and daughter Olivia Helen on December 15th, and thanked everyone for their warm wishes and support. Mr. Braun thanked Mr. Norman for getting him involved with City Council and for everything he has done for the City.

Further Business

Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to receive and file the November 2007 Treasurer's report with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the November 2007 Mayor's Court receipts with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. President McKinney read a report of the Committee of the Whole into the record. President McKinney made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Braun. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. President McKinney congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Braun on the birth of their twins.

Correspondence

Two letters from the Tax Commissioner, a Property Maintenance Report, a memo from the Fire Chief regarding new business permits, a letter from OKI informing the City of its need to appoint a representative to its Board of Directors and an examination announcement from the State of Ohio were received.

Mr. McGowan congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Braun on the birth of their twins and thanked Mr. Norman for getting him involved with City Council and for everything he has done for the City.

At 8:09 P.M. the meeting was suspended and scheduled to continue at noon on January 1st, 2008.

Matthew D. McGowan
Clerk of Council

Deborah M. McKinney
President of Council