

Minutes of City Council Meeting Cheviot, Ohio

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August 17, 2010

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:35P.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	Tom Braun
Council 1 st Ward	Ryan Zech
Council 3 rd Ward	Jim Sunderhaus
Council 4 th Ward	Bill Clark
Council at Large	Kathleen Zech
Council at Large	Dennis Dinkelacker

President McKinney announced that Mr. McGowan and Mr. Steve Braun were unable to attend the meeting this evening due to work related issues. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to excuse Mr. McGowan and Mr. Braun, Mr. Zech seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. President McKinney stated there were three pieces of legislation, an ordinance to approve the Bid of Morton Salt, an ordinance to Amend the Annual Appropriations and a resolution to approve the Contract with the Hamilton County Public Health Commission. A motion to approve and file the minutes for July 20, 2010 was made by Mr. Sunderhaus, seconded by Mr. Clark. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. A motion to approve and file the minutes for July 27, 2010 was made by Mr. Dinkelacker, seconded by Mr. Clark. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Public Recognition on Agenda Items

Bonnie Perrino and Pete Rebold were recognized to speak about the Kiwanis Club and the Harvest Home Fair. Ms. Perrino explained that a year of hard work has finally led to the Harvest Home Fair Association obtaining a 501c3 designation. In doing so, the Harvest Home Fair stands alone as its own Association allowing the Fair to obtain its own gambling rights and the ability to make tax deductible contributions. Mr. Rebold explained that the focus is to get more people involved in the fair so that it may continue to grow as some of the original workhorses get a bit older. Membership to the association is free and Mr. Rebold and Ms. Perrino encourage all to sign up. New members will be updated on the Fair's status and the needs of the association. The fair is a large production and requires many people's hard work and dedication to pull it off. Ms. Perrino passed out brochures to the public and members of Council. This year's fair activities will still be sponsored by the Kiwanis and gambling by the Thomas Rebold Foundation. Next year the Association will be in full swing with the Fair being the main focus.

Reports of Standing Committees

Mr. Sunderhaus read a report of the Public Works Committee from a meeting held July 27, 2010. A motion to receive and file was made by Mr. Sunderhaus, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Mr. Sunderhaus stated that a resolution needed to be passed to approve the committee's recommendation to select Eagle Energy as the City's Service Contractor. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to introduce by Title only, a Resolution to Accept Eagle Energy as the City's Electrical Aggregation Contractor. Mr. Waters stated that Eagle Energy probably has a contract they will supply. Mr. Sunderhaus stated that public hearings will follow. Mr. Waters stated that there is statutory procedure that is followed. Mr. Tom Braun questioned if an official proposal is made by Eagle Energy. Mr. Sunderhaus stated that the cost cannot be determined up front. Mr. Sunderhaus stated that Eagle Energy deals with many companies and can deal with Duke Energy directly for quotes if need be. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to introduce, seconded by Mr. Clark. The Resolution was assigned number 10-13. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. Resolution 10-13 is hereby approved.

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Clark made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Accept the Bid of Morton Salt Company for the Provision of Ice Control Salt for the 2010-2011 Winter Season, and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. Clark made a motion to introduce, seconded by Ms. Zech. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. The ordinance was assigned Ordinance Number 10-30. A motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Mr. Dinkelacker, seconded by Mr. Sunderhaus. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Mr. Tom Braun explained that like the past few years. Morton came in with the lowest bid of \$62.71 per ton (dumped) and \$65.71 per ton (piled). Mr. Braun stated this year's bid was the same as last year's. Mayor Keller noted that two years ago the City was paying \$128.00 a ton. Mr. Clark made a motion to Adopt, seconded by Ms. Zech. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Ordinance Number 10-30 is hereby adopted.

Mr. Clark made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Amend the 2010 Annual Budget Appropriations; and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. Clark made a motion to introduce, seconded by Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. The ordinance was assigned Ordinance Number 10-31. A motion to Suspend the Rules was made by Ms. Zech, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Mr. Clark asked President McKinney to elaborate on the amendment. President McKinney explained that the email from the Auditor outlined the increase. The Auditor explained that the wage increase will be offset by the additional income from membership and concessions. Ms. Zech made a motion to Adopt, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Ordinance Number 10-31 is hereby adopted.

Mr. Zech made a motion to introduce a Resolution *To Approve the Contract with the Hamilton County Public Health Commission for the Provision of Public Health Services in the Calendar Year 2011; To Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Contract on Behalf of the City ; and to Declare an Emergency*. The Resolution was assigned number 10-12. Mr. Zech explained that the City contracts with the County to use their services instead of having our own Health Department. This is a more cost efficient solution. Mayor Keller stated he has the contract and will obtain the necessary signatures and attach a copy of the resolution. Mr. Zech made a motion to introduce, seconded by Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. Resolution 10-12 is hereby approved.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller stated that the two positions vacated on the Civil Service Commission have been filled by Mike Murray and Linda Calambas. He stated that testing is coming up for Police and Fire. The Police testing will be on September 25, 2010 and on October 2, 2010 for Fire entry level positions. Chief Clark is expected to retire in January 2011 and Chief Voss sometime that year as well. A promotional exam needs to be held for each department as well. Exams need to take place for Fire Captain and Police Sergeant. It will be a busy six months for the Civil Service Commission and there will be lengthy legal advertising. Mr. Clark asked if the whole department will be advised of the testing dates. Mayor Keller advised they will be informed. Mayor Keller also stated that the structure for the testing has changed somewhat according to the Ohio Revised Code. There was much discussion.

There were no further questions for Mayor Keller.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Tom Braun informed Council that work on Applegate has begun. The curbs, aprons and pipework have been completed. They will begin to grind the street next week and finish it up.

Mr. Braun stated that the last day for the pool will be August 22, 2010. He obtained pool rates from 5 other cities and will review with Mr. Zech.

Mr. Braun announced that the rate changes for the parking meters will occur within the next three weeks.

The request concerning the right of way on Kenkel was discussed in brief. Mr. Clark stated that he is discussing it with Mr. Waters.

Mr. Braun informed Council that the Workman's Comp averages \$56,000 a year currently and will be slightly higher next year. Unfortunately in 2012 we will be kicked out of the group because our risk/claims are too high. It may cost over \$100,000 for our Workman's Comp in 2012. Mr. Sunderhaus asked if there was a way we could avoid this or correct the problem. Mr. Tom Braun stated that figures are being worked out now and he is waiting on the information.

Mr. Braun stated that the electric for the seven buildings owned by the City are showing lower bills due to the electric aggregation. Out of the four bills he has already received, the City has saved approximately \$1200 in one month. He anticipates further savings.

Mr. Clark asked Mr. Tom Braun to speak with Chief Voss concerning the information that is relayed to officers. Mr. Clark stated that the majority, if not all of the officers, are not aware that Cheviot now has a Daytime Curfew Ordinance. With school starting tomorrow, Mr. Clark wanted to verify that the whole department was aware of the new laws.

There were no further questions for the Safety-Service Director.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters did not have a formal report this evening.

There were no questions for the Law Director.

Economic Developer's Report

Clerk McKinney read some of the highlights of the Economic Development Director's Report for July 2010. A full copy is available by request at City Hall.

Public Recognition on Other Issues

No members of the public were present to address Council on any other City Issues.

Other Business

Mr. Braun informed Council that the Administrative Assistant is contacting other cities about inspections of rental units. Mr. Tom Braun asked Council if they could look into possible inspections of rental units and pass something in the future. Ms. Zech stated that the issue was investigated previously but was put on hold for some reason. Mr. Braun believes the rental units are adding to the crime issues. There was much discussion. Clerk McKinney also mentioned the registration of tenants by landlords with the county auditor. President McKinney stated that the law is not enforced. Mayor Keller stated that there is some concern with the man power to handle the inspections and perhaps a fee would be charged. Mayor Keller stated there is still much work to be done.

Mayor's Court and Treasurer's Receipts

Council received a copy of the Mayor's Court Receipts for July 2010. Mr. Clark made a motion to receive and file the receipts, seconded by Ms. Zech. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. President McKinney stated that she spoke to the Treasurer Mr. Norman and with the change in banks, the report would be delayed.

Correspondence

- 8 Property Maintenance Reports
- No New business permits issued for July 2010
- Listing of all salt bids received
- 4 Building Department notices/violations
- Liquor Licensing fees distribution
- Ohio Coalition for Open Government Open Records Report
- Museum Center Newsletter
- Permits issued by the Building Department July 2010

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Zech, seconded by Mr. Clark. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Rachel A. McKinney
Clerk of Council

Deborah M. McKinney
President of Council