

## Minutes of City Council Meeting Cheviot, Ohio

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September 7, 2010

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:33P.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 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Ryan Zech
Council 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	Matthew McGowan
Council 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	Jim Sunderhaus
Council 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward	Bill Clark
Council at Large	Kathleen Zech
Council at Large	Dennis Dinkelacker
Council at Large	Steve Braun

President McKinney stated the only legislation to be considered is a Resolution regarding the JEDD with Green Township. President McKinney announced there would also be a presentation by the Mayor and Police Chief recognizing the hard work of Ms. Helen Poehner. A motion to approve and file the minutes for August 17, 2010 was made by Mr. Sunderhaus, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote.

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

There were no reports submitted.

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

Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to introduce a Resolution *To Appoint Thomas Braun as the City's Representative for the Green Township-Cheviot Joint Economic Development District; and to Declare an Emergency*. The Resolution was assigned number 10-14. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to introduce, seconded by Mr. McGowan. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote. Resolution 10-14 is hereby approved.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Keller announced that the presentation by the Mayor and Police Chief will be slightly delayed because Officer Patton and Charlie were called away for duty.

Mayor Keller reminded Council and the Public about the Harvest Home Parade and Fair.

There were no further questions for Mayor Keller.

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

Mr. Braun stated that so far this year, the city has cited 97 properties for high grass. Of those 97 properties, the city has cut 28, some multiple times.

Mr. Braun asked Mr. Zech if the rates for the rentals has been discussed yet. Mr. Zech stated that he will be calling a meeting.

Mr. Braun informed Council that he was contacted by Representative Denise Driehaus concerning the new benefits available to Veterans. Representative Driehaus would like to hold a Town Hall Meeting in Cheviot, possibly before one of our October council meetings. Mayor Keller stated the benefit offered by Ohio will be a one time payment of approximately \$1000. Mayor Keller stated the city should offer one of its facilities for the meeting. President McKinney stated that it might be best for the meeting to be held at Harvest Home Lodge on a night separate from Council.

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

### **Public Recognition on Agenda Items**

Mayor Keller recognized Helen Poehner for her hard work and dedication to the City of Cheviot. Helen obtained a grant from the Ladies Auxiliary for a computer for our K9 vehicle. Ms. Poehner worked diligently in a very short period of time to obtain this grant for the City of Cheviot. Chief Voss thanked Ms. Poehner for all of her hard work and noted that many departments in Ohio would be fortunate to receive a grant of \$10,000. Officer Patton is eternally grateful to have a computer in the K9 vehicle and will teach Charlie how to use it. Mayor Keller read the proclamation to Council and the Public. The Mayor declared September 7, 2010 as Helen Poehner day in the City of Cheviot. Mayor Keller stated that Helen and her husband Jack are members of the Cheviot Eagles and are always first to step up and help the City. Ms. Poehner has lived in Cheviot for the past 8 years and it was her pleasure to obtain this grant for the City. Cheviot is her home and it feels good to give back to your home. She was very pleased to obtain such a large grant.

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

Mr. Waters stated that a meeting is scheduled with Joe Schuster for September 13, 2010 to review the contract for his video services.

Mr. Waters announced that a Report Hearing concerning the suit brought against the City by Ms. Smith (concerning an injury at Harvest Home Park) will be held on September 15, 2010.

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 August 2010. A full copy is available by request at City Hall.

### **Public Recognition on Other Issues**

Chris Herzog addressed Council concerning his request for an easement to build a fence around his property on Kenkel Avenue. Mr. Herzog stated that he has had obtained all the necessary permits and surveys. He would like an update on the status of his request. Mr. Clark stated that he has been talking with Mr. Waters but many steps need to be taken. It was a consensus of the Committee to allow Mr. Herzog to purchase the property from the City and there are issues concerning the walkway and MSD restrictions. Mr. Waters stated that he needs a formal request from the Committee to proceed in the matter. There should be a vote on this matter next council meeting. If Council passes an ordinance allowing the sale, Special Counsel may need to be obtained to handle this matter properly, someone who specializes in real estate transactions. The property must be placed up for bid because it is city property. Much discussion followed and Mr. Clark will follow up with Mr. Herzog.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Zech called a meeting of the Internal Affairs Committee for Tuesday September 14, 2010 at 6:00pm. The topic of this meeting will be the WEBE Music Property.

Mr. Zech called a meeting of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee for Tuesday September 14, 2010 at approximately 7:00pm to discuss pool rates and rental rates in the City.

Ms. Zech called a meeting of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee for Tuesday September 14, 2010 at approximately 8:00pm to discuss residential renter registration.

Mr. Sunderhaus called two Public Hearings with the City's Electric Aggregation Contractor, Eagle Energy. Mr. Sunderhaus received a proposed contract from Eagle Energy. The Public Hearings will be held on October 19, 2010 at 7:00pm and November 16, 2010 at 7:00pm. Both hearings will be held at Cheviot City Hall. Clerk McKinney will handle the publishing of these hearings. Don Marshall of Eagle Energy is available for any questions.

Ms. Zech noted that many businesses in Cheviot were recognized in the Western Hills Press readers' choice awards.

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

Council received a copy of the Mayor's Court Receipts for August 2010. Ms. Zech made a motion to receive and file the receipts, seconded by Mr. Zech. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote.

#### **Correspondence**

- 5 Property Maintenance Reports
- 1 business permit issued for August 2010
- Council Submission Form - police complaint
- Summer Issue of "Best Practices"
- Board of Elections wording for Renewal Levy

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Zech, seconded by Mr. McGowan. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

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Rachel A. McKinney  
Clerk of Council

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Deborah M. McKinney  
President of Council