

Minutes of City Council Meeting Cheviot, Ohio

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December 21, 2010

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:31P.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 4 th Ward	Bill Clark
Council at Large	Kathleen Zech
Council at Large	Dennis Dinkelacker
Council at Large	Steve Braun

President McKinney stated that Mr. Sunderhaus will not be present due to a prior family commitment and Mr. McGowan is absent with a family emergency. A motion to excuse Mr. Sunderhaus and Mr. McGowan was made by Ms. Zech, seconded by Mr. Zech. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. President McKinney announced legislation this evening included an Ordinance to Amend the Appropriations and a Resolution approving the Mayor's Appointments to the Tax Incentive Review Council. A motion to approve and file the minutes for December 7, 2010 was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote

Public Recognition on Agenda Items

No one from the Public chose to address Council on any agenda items.

Reports of Standing Committees

Mr. Steve Braun read a report of the Building and Annexation Committee meeting held December 14, 2010. Mr. Braun made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Zech. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Clark made a motion to introduce an Ordinance *To Amend the 2010 Annual Appropriations; and to Declare an Emergency*. Clark made a motion to introduce, seconded by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. The Ordinance was assigned number ORD 10-42. Mr. Clark made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Zech. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote. There was no discussion on the matter. Mr. Clark made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Zech. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Ordinance 10-42 is hereby adopted.

Mr. Zech made a motion to introduce a Resolution *To Approve the Mayor's Two Appointments to the Tax Incentive Review Council; and to Declare an Emergency*. Mr. Zech stated that the discussion on this matter was covered in Mr. Steve Braun's committee report. Mr. Zech made a motion to introduce, seconded by Mr. Braun. The Resolution was assigned number 10-19. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. Resolution 10-19 is hereby adopted.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller thanked the Civil Service Commission for the countless hours that have been spent over the past few months. Although the end is near, there is still much work to be done. The City is grateful for their hard work and dedication.

The Mayor announced that the swearing in for the new full-time police officer, Greg Dietrich, will be January 8, 2011 at 11:30am. Robert Klein will then be sworn in as the City's new Fire Chief at 12:30pm.

The retirement party for Chief Clark will be January 7, 2011 at Harvest Home Lodge from 4-7p.m. There were no questions for Mayor Keller.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Tom Braun thanked all who attended the tabletop exercise hosted by the Fire Department. Drills like this are very important to the City and help to obtain funding should such emergency occur. Mr. Braun announced that formal ID's will be issued to Council and they should arrive early before the next regular council meeting for photos.

Mr. Braun announced that Ms. Statkus informed him that Huntington Bank will soon occupy the old PNC Bank Building on Harrison Avenue.

Mr. Braun explained that the additional funding for the 1st quarter appropriations was needed to fix some building issues in the Fire Department. The cost of the repairs are approximately \$40,000. There is money left over from the 2010 appropriations as well as some already set aside. Mr. Braun hopes to get the cost down as low as possible. The work needs to be done in order to avoid further deterioration of the building. Mr. Zech asked if Council can pass the 1st Quarter 2011 Appropriations as is and amend after the new year since the Finance Chair, Mr. McGowan was not available for tonight's meeting. President McKinney suggested the entire ordinance be passed at the first meeting in January 2011. Mayor Keller verified that doing so would not hold off the paying of any bills but the pay period was later in the week. Mr. Tom Braun asked that Council move on this quickly. The Mayor stated that the City hopes to save a lot of money by having some of the work done by the maintenance department. He also hopes to have the engineering costs cut in half.

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

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters announced that he received a signed copy of the Memo of Understanding with Green Township, and forwarded it onto Clerk McKinney for filing.

The Law Director stated that there are currently 2 active lawsuits involving the City, the Marshall auto accident and the Smith Harvest Home incident. Mr. Braun informed Mr. Waters that the Smith case has just been settled.

Mr. Waters stated that he will have a more detailed report at the first meeting of the year.

There were no questions for the Law Director.

Economic Development Director's Report

Clerk McKinney read the highlights of the report provided by Ms. Statkus for November 2010. A copy is on file at Cheviot City Hall and available upon request.

Public Recognition on Other Issues

There were no members of the Public who requested to address Council on any other City Issues.

Other Business

Mr. Clark thanked the CPA and CFA for the annual Christmas Party. It was his first time in attendance and his family had a wonderful time.

Mr. Steve Braun discussed the letter from Mr. Babey concerning the proposed Bruestle development. The letter outlined what further steps needed to be taken by Rack for approval by the Planning Commission. One of the items on the list is the approval of Council for the Right of Way. Mr. Braun called a meeting of the Building and Annexation Committee for Tuesday December 28, 2010 at 6:30pm to discuss the proposed development. Mr. Braun requested that the Law Director be available by phone if needed. Mayor Keller stated that Mr. Babey's letter expressed that a response from Council may come by the first of the year.

Correspondence

- Future Dates for Magistrate's Court
- Cincinnati Museum Center Newsletter

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 7:52pm.

Rachel A. McKinney
Clerk of Council

Deborah M. McKinney
President of Council