

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

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January 20, 2009

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:32 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
Safety Service Director	Steven O. Neal
Council 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Ryan T. Zech
Council 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	James Babey
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

President McKinney delineated from normal proceedings to allow Police Chief David Voss and Police Officer Jeff Patton to update Council on the progress of the City's new K-9 unit. Chief Voss introduced representatives from the SPCA who presented a check for \$6,000 from the SPCA Search & Rescue Fund for the K-9 unit. Officer Patton gave a demonstration of the new police dog's search capabilities for Council. President McKinney called for the reports that would be presented. The minutes of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were approved.

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

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 called a meeting of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee for Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. to discuss updates to the City's Taxi Cab Ordinance.

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

Mr. Stautberg made a motion *To Transfer Funds; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES 09-02.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Keller informed Council that he has followed up with Mr. Charlie Zech of Bruestle Avenue regarding the issues he raised at the last meeting of Council. Mayor Keller informed Council that wage negotiations are set to begin and that he will be contacting Mrs. Zech and Mr. Babey to inform them of the schedule soon. Mayor Keller then informed Council that the property on Bruestle Avenue was not closed on today due to an issue with the property; however, the issue has since been corrected and the Mayor told Council he hopes to close on the property by the end of the week.

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

Mr. Neal informed Council that he has ordered the first load of road salt this season and that the cost has tripled from last year. Mr. Neal advised Council that a letter he received from OPWC suggesting the City declined funds for Phase II of the Harrison Avenue Project was misleading. Mr. Neal explained that since the County did not fund its share of the project, the City could not cover the remainder of the cost of the project. Mr. Neal informed Council that the City should be going out for bids sometime in February for the Mast Arm Traffic Signal project. Mr. Neal informed Council that the banners that hang over the Harrison Avenue near Glenmore Avenue may not be able to be relocated as Duke Energy does not allow cables to be extended between its poles over a street, adding that the cost to erect new poles just to hang banner would be too high. Mr. Neal informed Council that he, along with other representatives from various local municipalities, met with Congressman Steve Driehaus who read them a report from the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on the state of the economy and the proposed Federal Economic Stimulus Plan. Mayor Keller made clear to Council that the traffic signal at Lovell Avenue will

be removed, and stated that if anyone on Council opposed this plan, now would be the time to speak up. Mr. Sunderhaus said he believes that everyone would like to see the signal stay, but it would be too costly to keep it based on the State's refusal to include it in the Mast Arm Project. There was much discussion.

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

Mr. Waters did not forward a report.

#### **Other Business**

Mr. Stautberg reminded Council about the meeting of the Finance Committee scheduled for Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the budget, the waste collection fee, and levy renewals. There was much discussion. Mr. Stautberg called a meeting of the Public Utilities Committee for Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the prospect of an Electric Aggregation plan for the City of Cheviot.

Mr. Zech called a meeting of the Parks & Playgrounds Committee for Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 P.M. to discuss rates at the City's Municipal Swimming Pool.

Mayor Keller reminded Council that Mr. Dorenkemper will be honored before the February 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, advising Council that there will also be a reception for Mr. Dorenkemper before the meeting starting at 6 P.M.

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

Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to receive and file the December 2008 Treasurer's Report with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

#### **Correspondence**

A request for a transfer of liquor license, a listing of licensing fees distributed to the City by the State of Ohio, a letter from the County Engineer to Mr. Neal regarding Phase II of the Harrison Avenue Project, a note from the owner of Fabulous Feet Dancewear requesting the Garbage Fee ordinance be rewritten to exclude businesses that do not use the City's trash collection service from the fee, an invitation to the Kroner's Dry Cleaners 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at the Black Sheep Bar on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, Financial Disclosure Statements for all elected officials and one property maintenance report were received.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Babey with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

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Matthew D. McGowan  
Clerk of Council

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Deborah M. McKinney  
President of Council