

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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February 5, 2008

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:30 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	James Babey
Council 3 rd Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council 4 th Ward	Greg J. Stautberg
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council at Large	Steven L. Braun

President McKinney called for the reports that would be presented. The minutes of January 15th, 2008 were approved.

Public Recognition on Agenda Items

No one from the public wished to speak.

Reports of Standing Committees

Mr. Braun read a report of the Building & Annexation Committee into the record. Mr. Braun made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Braun read a second report of the Building & Annexation Committee into the record. Mr. Braun made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Braun called a meeting of the Building & Annexation Committee for Thursday, February 7th at 7:00 P.M.

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 08-03. Mr. Stautberg called a meeting of the Finance Committee for Monday, February 11th at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller reminded everyone that the Cheviot Eagles are honoring Al Mack at their Civic Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, February 13th at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Keller informed Council that it appears available funds for the City will be about \$200,000 short from last year. Mayor Keller said the administration will attempt to do a majority of required cuts before the budget reaches the Finance Committee, adding that while he does expect there will be additional revenues generated by new businesses within the City, he will plan based on the number he currently has available. Mayor Keller then informed Council that the City has been offered a third \$1.00 home through HUD, and that after a tour of the property, he feels the property needs to be razed. The Mayor said that the City has begun the process required to raze the property at HUD's expense, adding that after this is completed the property will be put on the market for 20 days, after which time the City would have the opportunity to once again purchase the property. Mayor Keller reminded everyone that the City will continue to purchase these properties whenever possible to keep them out of the hands of predatory LLC owners, including a potential 4th property located on Glenmore Avenue.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal informed Council that he will have the budget prepared and in the Finance Committee chairman's hands by Friday, adding that he is aware major cuts will have to be made. Mr. Neal updated Council on the gas main replacement project on Harrison Avenue, as well as requests by Duke Energy for further gas main work. Mr. Neal then gave Council an update on the work being performed at the 1st HUD house purchased by the City on Davis Avenue.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters informed Council that the Safety-Service Director presented him with a proposal from Hamilton County to increase rent for the use of Cheviot City Hall by the County Courts, adding that an Ordinance to approve the proposal will be prepared for the next regular meeting of Council. Mrs. Zech asked if the proposed raise in rent was in line with what other communities are receiving. Mr. Waters deferred to Mr. Neal, who replied that it was.

Public Recognition on Other Issues

No one from the public wished to speak.

Other Business

Mrs. Zech updated Council on the proposed Realtors Breakfast scheduled for Wednesday, February 27th from 10:30 A.M. until noon at Harvest Home Park.

Mr. Dinkelacker reminded everyone that there is a Project Impact meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 27th at 6:30 P.M. in the Fire Department Training Room. Mr. Dinkelacker thanked Mr. Zech for putting together the RFP for the proposed Streetscape at the last Project Impact meeting. Mr. Dinkelacker then updated Council on the Cheviot Shootout basketball tournament taking place at the Cheviot Fieldhouse.

Mr. Zech called a meeting of the Parks & Playgrounds Committee for Monday, February 11th at 7:00 P.M.

A notice of a request for a new liquor license for Duncan Oil Co. on Harrison Avenue was received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control. Mr. McGowan informed Council that Police Chief Voss has not contacted him with any objections. Council did not see a need for a hearing on this request.

Mr. Stautberg updated Council on the Gas Aggregation Program, stating that residents are expected to save 5% on their energy bills during the month of February.

Mayor's Court and Treasurer's Receipts

Mr. Stautberg made a motion to receive and file the 2007 Treasurer's Report with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Mrs. Zech made a motion to receive and file the January 2008 Mayor's Court receipts with a second from Mr. Babey. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence

Information from the Ohio Municipal League regarding upcoming seminars for newly elected officials, a newsletter from the Alliance for Chemical Safety, a notification of Cheviot Magistrate Court dates, and a report of licenses and permits issued by the Building Department were received.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Stautberg with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.