

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

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May 15, 2007

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	Michael J. Mestemaker
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Safety Service Director	Steven O. Neal
Council 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Ryan T. Zech
Council 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
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	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Steven L. Braun

The minutes of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 were approved. President Mestemaker called for the reports that would be presented.

### **Recognition of the Public**

No one from the public wished to speak.

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

Mr. Neal informed Council that since May 1<sup>st</sup>, the City has sent out notices to 62 property owners regarding tall grass, and of those properties, the City has cut the grass at 11 of them. Mr. Neal says the feedback from residents who live near these properties has been positive. Mr. Neal said he will forward the information on the properties where the City has cut the grass to the Law Director so the appropriate charges can be added to their tax bills. Mr. Neal reminded everyone of the Cheviot Memorial Day parade. Mr. Neal reminded everyone that the Cheviot Municipal Swimming Pool will be open Memorial Day weekend for the first time, and that the regular season will begin on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Neal updated Council on the proposals he has received for Property and Liability Insurance Coverage for the City. There was much discussion. President Mestemaker asked the Law Director to review the proposals and called a special meeting of Council for May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 P.M. to decide on which proposal to accept.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Keller informed everyone that today was the deadline for the grace period regarding enforcement of the new Property Maintenance Code, and that the City will begin going after violators aggressively.

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

Mr. Waters informed Council that the Ordinance regarding the proposed transfer of the Cemetery on Harrison Avenue has been completed and is ready for its first reading.

### **Committee Reports**

Ward 1 - Mr. Zech had no formal report. Mr. Zech updated Council on the CWCA's efforts regarding the Westside Streetfest. Mr. Zech made a motion *To Authorize The Transfer Of The Cemetery Property On Harrison Avenue From The Faith Fellowship Church To The City Of Cheviot* with a second from Mr. Norman. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 07-17. This constituted the first reading of ORD 07-17. Mr. Zech then thanked the CWCA for their donation of \$200.00 to Cheviot Cable Access.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report. Mr. Dinkelacker informed Council that the next Project Impact meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the Fire Department Meeting Room.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus read a report of the Police and Fire Committee into the record. Mr. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

Ward 4 - Mr. Stautberg had no formal report. Mr. Stautberg recommended that Council review the Ohio Municipal League's latest Legislative Bulletin regarding the Statewide Video Franchising Bill which has passed in Ohio's State Senate.

Council at Large – Mrs. Zech had no formal report. Mrs. Zech updated Council on her progress working with American Legal Publishing to codify the City's Ordinances. Mrs. Zech says the money has been appropriated, but Mr. Norman recommended we wait a few weeks to see where the City is financially before proceeding. Mrs. Zech and Mayor Keller recommended that Council doesn't wait too long before proceeding. There was much discussion.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report.

Council at Large - Mr. Braun had no formal report.

### **Further Business**

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

### **Correspondence**

Two Legislative Bulletins from the Ohio Municipal League and a Property Maintenance report were received.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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Matthew D. McGowan  
Clerk of Council

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Michael J. Mestemaker  
President of Council