

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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May 20, 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	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council at Large	Steven L. Braun

Mr. Zech made a motion to excuse Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. President McKinney called for the reports that would be presented. The minutes of May 6th, 2008 were approved.

Reports of Standing Committees

Mr. Stautberg read a report of the Finance Committee into the record. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Mr. Zech read a report of the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee into the record. Mr. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Mr. Zech read a report of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee into the record. Mr. Zech made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Mr. Braun read a report of the Building and 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 6-0 by voice vote. There was much discussion. Mr. Babey read a report of the Streets and Sidewalks Committee into the record. Mr. Babey made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. There was much discussion.

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Babey made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Accept The Bid Of Barrett Paving, Inc., For The Harrison Avenue Improvement Project; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 08-12. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Zech made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Set New Rates For The Usage Of The Municipal Swimming Pool; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 08-13. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Babey. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Babey made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Zech. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Amend The 2008 Annual Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Babey. The motion carried 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 08-14. Mr. Braun made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller had no formal report.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal informed Council that the Mast-Arm Traffic Signal Project is currently in the engineering phase, adding that the engineers are saying the signal at the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Lovell Avenue was not necessary and the funding for it will not be included in the project. Mr. Neal said the City will appeal this decision, but that he does not expect the outcome to change. Mr. Neal informed Council that the banner that hangs over Harrison Avenue at Glenmore Avenue will need to be moved once the Project begins, adding that he is looking for a new location. Mr. Neal updated Council on the Homelawn Avenue Project as well as the Bridgetown Avenue/Harrison Avenue Project. Mr. Neal informed Council that the City has closed on the house on Davis Avenue and updated Council on the work at the property on Bruestle Avenue. Mr. Neal informed Council that the DART Task Force mentions the work of the Cheviot Police in their 4th Quarter Report. Mr. Neal reminded Council that the Municipal Swimming Pool will open on May 31st and that the Annual Memorial Day Parade takes place on May 26th at 11 P.M. Mr. Neal informed Council that as of today the City has written 35 property maintenance orders and that 36 high grass violations have been sent. Mr. Neal updated Council on the bidding process for the City's liability insurance. There was much discussion. President McKinney called a special meeting of Council for May 27th at 7 P.M. to vote on an ordinance to select the City's liability insurance. Mr. Neal informed Council that the City has an outstanding invoice for a title exam for the Cemetery Project. Mr. Neal asked Council if the City was actually liable for the bill. Mr. Zech informed Council that the bill was to be split three ways between the City, the church that formerly owned the Cemetery, and the CWCA. There was much discussion. Mr. Sunderhaus thanked Mr. Neal, Mayor Keller, and Mr. Waters for their work on the City's dollar home projects. Mr. Stautberg informed Mr. Neal and Council that Public Works Superintendent Tom Braun is doing an excellent job on staying on top of high grass in the city. Mr. Zech asked Mr. Neal if the sidewalks were being completely replaced on Homelawn Avenue during the current reconstruction project. Mr. Neal informed him that they are not.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters had no formal report.

Public Recognition on Other Issues

No one from the public wished to speak.

Other Business

Mayor Keller thanked Mr. Waters for his assistance during the closing on the Davis Avenue property. There was much discussion.

Mr. Sunderhaus called a meeting of the Police and Fire Committee immediately following the June 3rd Council meeting.

Mr. Zech reported to Council on the CWCA's City Wide Yard Sale. President McKinney thanked the CWCA for their efforts. President McKinney announced that Council will adopt summer attire rules starting with the June 3rd meeting.

Mr. Dinkelacker informed Council that the next meeting of Project Impact is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28th at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor's Court and Treasurer's Receipts

Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to receive and file the April 2008 Treasurer's Report with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence

Nine Property Maintenance Reports, two Building Maintenance Reports, and a thank you card from the family of Robin Broxterman were received.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Dinkelacker with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Matthew D. McGowan
Clerk of Council

Deborah M. McKinney
President of Council