

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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June 19, 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 st Ward	Ryan T. Zech
Council 2 nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3 rd Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council 4 th 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 June 5th, 2007 were approved. President Mestemaker called for the reports that would be presented. Mr. Neal asked to give his report first so he could attend to matters at the Harvest Home Swimming Pool.

Safety-Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal informed everyone that preparations are underway for the annual Westside Streetfest. Mr. Neal informed Council that the grass at the Cemetery on Harrison Avenue needs to be cut, and asked whose responsibility it was to cut the grass at this time. Mr. Zech informed Mr. Neal that since the property has not yet been transferred to the City, it is still the Church who currently owns the Cemetery's responsibility to maintain the property. Mr. Neal informed Council that since the property was not yet in violation of any City Codes he could not force the owners to cut it, but would like to see it taken care of before the Streetfest. Mr. Waters informed Mr. Neal that he didn't think the current owners would mind if the City took care of it before then. Mr. Neal wished President Mestemaker good luck for the future and said it was nice serving the City with him. Mr. Zech thanked Mr. Neal for quickly taking care of a property maintenance issue on Fearman Avenue.

Recognition of the Public

Kristin Barlag, a Community Wellness Specialist from TriHealth/Good Samaritan Hospital informed Council about a free Men's Health Open House scheduled for Wednesday, June 27th from 6-8 P.M. at the Cheviot Fieldhouse. There was much discussion.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller informed Council that he has received a contract from the Hamilton County Public Health Services for 2008, which he will pass on to the Law Director for review. Mayor Keller informed Council that he has met with a representative from Project Impact to discuss the recommendations they have made for the City, adding that the Administration will work with Council to move on as many of these recommendations as possible with the limited resources the City has available. Mayor Keller then presented a plaque to President Mestemaker and thanked him on behalf of the City for his service to Cheviot. Mr. Waters gave a history of President Mestemaker's service to the City, and along with Mrs. Zech and Mr. Zech, thanked President Mestemaker for his service to the City. There was much discussion.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters informed Council that he is reviewing the final draft of the JED agreement with Green Township. Mr. Waters informed Council that Cheviot and Green Township must hold separate public hearings on the matter, and that he will meet with the Mayor and Council to discuss the next steps.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Zech had no formal report. Mr. Zech reminded everyone that the Westside Streetfest kicks off this weekend with the ceremonial keg-tapping on Friday night, and encouraged everyone to stop by the City's booth for information on the Citizens on Patrol program. Mr. Zech thanked Marilyn Armstrong of Liberty Township for sending him a copy of the burial records for the Cemetery on Harrison Avenue. Mr. Zech informed Council that the Church that currently owns the Cemetery has signed the deed, sent it to their real estate attorney, and that final resolution on the transfer should occur soon. Mr. Norman asked if the Friday night kickoff of the Westside Streetfest was going to be televised. Mr. Zech informed everyone that it would be broadcast during the weather on Fox19.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report. Mr. Dinkelacker updated Council on the last Project Impact meeting. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion *To Adopt The Revised Hamilton County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES 07-09. The Law Director reminded the Clerk that a Certified Copy must be sent to the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency. Mr. Dinkelacker wished President Mestemaker and his family the best of luck in the future and said it has been his pleasure to work with him for the past ten years on Council.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus had no formal report. Mr. Sunderhaus congratulated Officer Chris DeZarn, who was named "Officer of the Year" by American Legion Post No. 425 and Officer Jeff Patton, who won the "Blue Coat Award" from the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Sunderhaus informed everyone that the City is manning a booth at the Westside Streetfest to promote the Citizens on Patrol program and a citizen's survey for the City. Mr. Sunderhaus wished President Mestemaker and his family all the best.

Ward 4 - Mr. Stautberg had no formal report. Mr. Stautberg made a motion *To Approve The Natural Gas Aggregation Supply Agreement Between The City Of Cheviot And Integrys Energy Services, Inc.; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES 07-10. Mr. Stautberg updated Council on the progress of the Gas Aggregation Program, and called a meeting of the Public Utilities Committee for Tuesday, June 26th at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Stautberg thanked Kristin Barlag for her presentation on behalf of TriHealth, and thanked President Mestemaker for his service to the City, his friendship and wished him luck in the future.

Council at Large – Mrs. Zech had no formal report. Mrs. Zech again thanked President Mestemaker for his service to the City, his friendship and wished him luck in the future.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. Mr. Norman made a motion *To Amend The 2007 Annual Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 07-19. Mr. Zech made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Norman thanked President Mestemaker for his service to the City, his friendship and wished him luck in the future.

Council at Large - Mr. Braun had no formal report. Mr. Braun informed Council that the Safety-Service Director is considering moving forward with street work later this year on Homelawn Avenue, and asked if this needed to go to Committee before Mr. Neal could advertise for bids on the project. President Mestemaker recommended doing so, and Mr. Braun called a meeting of the Streets and Sidewalks Committee for Tuesday, June 26th at 7:30 P.M. to discuss the matter. Mr. Braun thanked President Mestemaker for his service to the City and his friendship.

Further Business

Mr. Stautberg made a motion to receive and file the May 2007 Treasurer's Report with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Stautberg updated Council on the status of State Senate Bill No. 117, saying that it should not affect the City of Cheviot.

President Mestemaker informed everyone that there would be no Council meeting on July 3rd, and then thanked everyone for their support and friendship over his years on Council.

Correspondence

Two Legislative Bulletins from the Ohio Municipal League, a letter from Duke Energy regarding a rate increase, a copy of a letter from a resident to the Building Commissioner, a listing of Cheviot Magistrate Court Dates, and a Building Report were received.

Mr. McGowan offered condolences to the families of Joe Hurley and Lisa Rhoads who were killed in a tragic motorcycle accident on June 9th in Indiana. Mr. McGowan then thanked President Mestemaker for his service to the City and his friendship.

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 8:09 P.M.

Matthew D. McGowan
Clerk of Council

Michael J. Mestemaker
President of Council