

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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June 20, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

Mayor	J. Michael Laumann
President of Council	Samuel D. Keller
Law Director	Mark G. Waters (arrived late)
Safety-Service Director	Steven O. Neal
Council 1st Ward	Michael N. Mastruserio
Council 2nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3rd Ward	James E. Morganroth
Council 4th Ward	Boyd T. Miller
Council at Large	Kathleen Zech
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker
Council at Large	Kathleen M. Goedl

Also present was Building Commissioner, Charles H. Meyer. The minutes of the June 6 meeting were approved. Mr. Keller called for reports from Council.

Recognition of the Public

Mike Schreiber of 4324 Brookdale Drive, Green Township, spoke on issues regarding the Talbert House project proposed for the old Hillenbrand site at 4307 Bridgetown Road. Much discussion followed.

Also addressing Council on the same issue were:

- Mindy Benjamin of 4332 Brookdale Drive
- John Collins of 4316 Brookdale Drive
- Deborah Brothers Schuler of 3622 Glenmore Avenue
- Patricia Collins of 4316 Brookdale Drive
- Scott Knowles of 3829 Davis Avenue
- John Bossman of 3729 Meadowview Drive
- Victoria Vassolo of 4348 Brookdale Drive (who also read a letter from Green Township Trustee Seitz)
- Craig Hilsinger of 2800 Devils Backbone Road
- Steve Doth of 4300 Brookdale Drive
- James Iliff of 3728 Frances Avenue
- Janet Hoffman of 3922 Carrie Avenue (who also reported businesses operating out of residences at 3844 and 3823 Carrie Avenue. This information was turned over to Mr. Meyer for investigation.)
- Frank Cracchiolo of 4356 Brookdale Drive
- Ray Lamb of 3390 Mayfair Avenue
- Nathan Goedl of 3505 Hilda Avenue
- Joan Schreiber of 4324 Brookdale Drive
- Charles Phillips of 4333 Brookdale Drive
- Christopher Moore of the Central Trust Tower, an attorney representing residents of adjoining property
- Richard Stepaniak of 3918 Washington Avenue
- Andrew Felczan of 4357 Brookdale Drive

Mr. Keller stated that he would contact representatives of Talbert House inviting them to a public meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 27th.

After further discussion was completed, Council recessed at 9:42 p.m.

Council reconvened at 10:22 p.m. Mr. Keller stated that the Safety Service Director is looking into the availability of using Cheviot Fieldhouse on June 27th, for the public forum with Talbert House.

Safety Service Director's Report

Mr. Neal read his report into the record. Mr. Neal acknowledged Steve Campbell who was in attendance this evening. He was the person who purchased the bicycles for our Police Department. Mr. Neal read a letter from Chief David Voss regarding a drug arrest made by one of our bicycle patrol officers, Russell Schuckmann. Mr. Mastruserio asked about a damaged walk light on Harrison Avenue at North Bend Road. Mrs. Goedl asked about installing flashing lights over the crosswalk on North Bend Road at the entrance of Harvest Home Park.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Laumann stated that the city budget should be prepared by June 28th and be available for review by Council. A public hearing for passage of the budget will be held at the next council meeting. The mayor also spoke about the revision in the estate tax formula passed by the state legislature prior to adjourning. The mayor also stated that an ordinance to make a change in the annual appropriation would need to be passed in order for the Clerk of Courts, Fran Kloepfer, to continue to make warrant entries into the RCIC computer. The salaries under the Mayor's Fund will decrease by \$3,000.00 and the salaries under the Police Department will increase by \$3,000.00.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters stated the Kevin Broderick case was set for final entry on June 16th. Neither Mr. Broderick nor his attorney appeared in court, so it has been rescheduled for June 30th.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 -- Mr. Mastruserio read a Parks & Playgrounds Committee report into the record. He deleted the first four sentences from the report. There was a motion to receive and file the report made by Mr. Miller with a second by Mrs. Goedl. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

Ward 2 -- Mr. Dinkelacker had no report.

Ward 3 -- Mr. Morganroth had no report. He called a Police & Fire Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 5th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss wages for part-time firemen.

Ward 4 -- Mr. Miller reported that the Historical Society has met and will meet again on Saturday, July 8th at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the historic preservation of Harvest Home Park.

Council at Large -- Mr. Mestemaker had no report.

Council at Large -- Mrs. Zech had no report.

Council at Large -- Mrs. Goedl read a Finance Committee report into the record. There was a motion to receive and file the report made by Mr. Mastruserio with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. There was a motion to introduce a resolution *To Authorize The Transfer Of Funds Within The 2000 Annual Appropriations* made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES00-15. There was a motion to introduce a resolution *To Authorize The Placement Of A 1.5 Mil Street Levy On The November, 2000 Ballot* made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Mastruserio. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES00-16. There was a motion to introduce a resolution *To Authorize The Placement Of A 2.0 Mil Operating Levy On The November, 2000 Ballot* made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mr. Miller. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES00-17.

Further Business – Mr. Keller read a report of Committee of Council-as-a-Whole into the record. There was a motion to receive and file made by Mrs. Goedl with a second by Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. There was a motion to introduce a resolution *To Authorize The Submission To The City Electors The Question Of Whether The Lengths Of The Terms Of Council Members And The Term Of The President Of Council Should Be Increased From Two To Four Years* made by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. This was assigned Resolution No. RES00-18. There was a motion to receive and file the Treasurer's Report for May 2000 made by Mrs. Zech with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence – A letter was received from Green Township Trustee Bill Seitz, which was copied to all members of council. A letter was also received from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections regarding the inspection of the city's jail on May 9th, which stated that our jail was in 100% compliance this year. Mr. Morganroth read a similar letter at the last meeting.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Mr. Morganroth with a second by Mr. Mestemaker. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Council adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

Michael J. Murray
Clerk of Council

Samuel D. Keller
President of Council