

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CHEVIOT, OHIO

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July 05, 2005

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:31 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	James E. Morganroth
Law Director	Mark G. Waters
Safety Service Director	Steven O. Neal
Council 1 st Ward	Michael J. Murray
Council 2 nd Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3 rd Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker

Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to excuse Mrs. Gooch and Mr. Norman. Mrs. Zech made the second. The motion failed 2-3. Mr. Morganroth noted that neither Mr. Norman nor Mrs. Gooch were excused because they did not notify Council of why they would be absent (Mr. Norman arrived late, and Mrs. Gooch did call the Clerk of Council to inform Council that she would not make it for family reasons, but Clerk Zech did not receive the voicemail until after Council had concluded). The minutes of June 21, 2005 were approved. President Morganroth 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 reported that the pool is open and that it has been busy. He mentioned that the pool is doing well this year. Mr. Neal apologized for problems with the bad visitors at the beginning of the season. Mr. Neal talked about the recent West Side Street Fest. He complimented the Cheviot Police, the Cheviot Fire, and the Cheviot Public Works for their great work during the festival. There were 4 arrests made after the West Side Street Fest, none of them were made during the festival but after the festival had closed for the evening. Mr. Neal also reported that 42 properties have been sent notice about tall grass. Most of these properties are non-residents owners. Mr. Neal asked if there is a way to limit the number of non-resident owners. Mayor Keller talked with Mr. Norman about this issue and he mentioned that this was in Mr. Norman's Committee. He also mentioned that he asked Mr. Norman to make this topic a top priority. The committee is looking at creating a limit on rental property. There was much discussion on this topic.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Keller reported that the majority of his job is dealing with complaints and issues that the Public. The Mayor received a letter about two young men who had found a lost purse and returned it to the rightful owner with all the contents inside. Mayor Keller received a copy of a letter that a Mr. Larry Webb of 3325 Greenmount in Cincinnati, Ohio wrote to a Mr. Matthew Rader and to a Mr. Jason Drollinger in which he thanked these individuals for the return of the purse to his mother-in-law, Rosemary Wilhelm. Mr. Keller read the letter (which is on file) to both Matt and Jason who were in attendance. Mayor Keller then presented Mr. Matthew Rader age 19 of 3539 Gamble Avenue with a proclamation from the Mayor declaring Tuesday, July 5, 2005 Matthew Rader Day. Mayor Keller then informed Mr. Jason Drollinger, a resident of Addyston, Ohio that he had been in touch with the Mayor of Addyston to inform him of Mr. Drollinger's actions. Mr. Norman arrived at 7:46 P.M. Mayor Keller caught Mr. Norman up on the proceeding of Council and Mr. Neal's request. Mr. Norman explained that he had recently received legislation from Boulder, Colorado and Lansing, Michigan and that he would review them.

Mayor Keller explained that the budget will be ready by July 08, 2005 and that the hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2005. This will allow for the minimum 10 days of review. Mayor Keller also thanked Chris Baker for all of her and the other Cheviot-Westwood Community Association member's hard work in another successful West Side Street Fest. Mayor Keller also announced that he supports that West Side Street Fest and is excited to hear that it will return in 2006 on June 24 and 25.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Waters presented a copy of the contract renewal with the City of Cheviot and the Cincinnati Water Works which is set to expire in 2017. This contract needs to be renewed by 2010. This renewal will last until 2047 (30 years). Mr. Waters recommends that this be handled soon so that it is not forgotten. Mr. Waters reported that there are a couple of delinquent accounts in which individuals owe the City of Cheviot. Mr. Waters has sent demand letters to these individuals. Mr. Waters will file lawsuits to collect these monies if necessary. Mr. Waters also reported that he has approved the contract between the Board of Health and the City of Cheviot. The only notable changes between the last contract and this renewal is an increase from \$6,500 to \$6,900. Mayor Keller asked for a time table on the approval of the Cincinnati Water Works contract. Mr. Mestemaker replied that this will be addressed very soon.

Committee Reports

Ward 1 - Mr. Murray had no formal report.

Ward 2 - Mr. Dinkelacker had no formal report.

Ward 3 - Mr. Sunderhaus had no formal report. He congratulated the Cheviot-Westwood Community Association and the Cheviot Police, Cheviot Fire, and the Cheviot Public Works for the success of the West-Side Street Fest.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch did not forward a formal report. Mayor Keller mentioned that Mrs. Gooch was going to contact the Mayor but that she has not as of now. He feels that she has been avoiding certain issues too long.

Council at Large – Mr. Mestemaker had no formal report. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion *To Approve The Contract With The Advisory Council Of The Hamilton County General Health District For The Provision Of Public Health Services In Calendar Year 2006; To Authorize The Mayor To Sign The Contract On Behalf Of The City; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES05-08.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech had no formal report. She mentioned that she gave a copy of the proposed sign ordinance to the Law Director for review. She announced that she is trying to arrange a meeting with members of the C.W.C.A. and Charlie Meyer, the Cheviot Building Commissioner. Mr. Mestemaker made a comment about the unusually high number of paper racks on Harrison Avenue. Mr. Murray mentioned that he did pick up a ton of loose papers from those racks on Harrison Avenue. There was some discussion about this topic.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. He called a meeting of the Building and Annexation Committee on Tuesday, July 12 at Cheviot City Hall at 8:00 P.M. to discuss rental properties and other topics.

Further Business

Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to receive and file the Mayor's Court Receipts for June 2005 with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

Correspondence

There were five building department reports, one Ohio Municipal League Report and a newsletter from CDS, the City's Engineering Firm. A letter was received from Yvonne Olsen of 3479 Centurion Drive in Green Township. She is seeking a partial refund for her family and single individual pass to the Cheviot Municipal Swimming Pool. She is dissatisfied with the language that some of the other youngsters at the pool have been using and that the Cheviot Police have been called numerous times this year. The Mayor mentioned that the City has worked hard to address these issues and that the Cheviot Police have always made regular visits to the Cheviot Pool. There was much discussion about this topic. It was decided that this issue should be handled by the Recreation Commissioner.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Ryan T. Zech
Clerk of Council

James E. Morganroth
President of Council