

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

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July 19, 2005

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:32 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer. Roll call was taken and the following were found in attendance:

Acting Mayor	James E. Morganroth
President of Council Pro-Tem	Kathleen S. Zech
Council 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Michael J. Murray
Council 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward	Debra A. Gooch
Council at Large	Charles L. Norman
Council at Large	Michael J. Mestemaker

Mayor Keller was out of town. Mr. Morganroth filled in as Acting Mayor while Mrs. Zech took over as President Pro-Tem. There was an error in the minutes of July 05, 2005. President Zech called for the reports that would be presented.

### **Recognition of the Public**

Cheviot Firefighter Chris Lakeberg approached Council to present a new service that the City of Cheviot is providing. He and fellow firefighter Frank Palmazario took the I.M.P.B.A. training course and are able to now provide bicycle based E.M.S. to the residents of Cheviot. The bicycle can carry basic life support equipment and other first aid materials. This new method allows Emergency Personnel to arrive on the scene with-in seconds instead of minutes in a high-congested area, such as Harvest Home Park during the Harvest Home Fair or West Side Street Fest. The Fire Department is looking at purchasing bicycles so that these men do not have to use their own personal equipment. They took a moment to thank Steve Campbell, Wendel's Auto, Zang's Collision and Tummy Treats for generous donations made toward the purchase of the bikes. Mrs. Zech explained that she thought this was a great idea and she commended the idea of quicker response times. Mr. Morganroth also thanked the Fire Department for their good job.

Kathy Wisenberger of 3989 Washington Avenue approached Council to ask if the rumor that a house on her street was going section eight was true. She wanted to know what the City has to do with that if it was true. Mr. Norman explained that neither the City of Cheviot, nor any city knows which properties are classified as section eight. Mrs. Zech explained that the City has nothing to do with the classifications and that the Federal Government will not disclose that information to the City.

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

Mr. Neal was not in attendance, but he did forward a report to Council. The report was read by Mrs. Zech in to the record and is on file.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Keller not present. He did not forward a report.

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

Mr. Waters was also not present and he too did not forward a report.

### **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. Mr. Sunderhaus did thank the Fire Department for their presentation at the beginning of the meeting. Mrs. Zech also thanked the Firefighters for the presentation and for everything that they do.

Ward 4 - Mrs. Gooch had no formal report.

Council at Large - Mr. Mestemaker read a report of the Public Works and Utilities Committee into the record. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to receive and file the report with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Mestemaker then made a motion *To Authorize The Mayor To Enter Into A Contract With The Greater Cincinnati Water Works To Provide Water Service To The City Of Cheviot For A Thirty Year Period Commencing On December 31, 2017* with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD05-16. This concluded the first reading of ORD05-16. Mr. Mestemaker then made a motion *To Approve The Projected Year 2006 Tax Budget For The City Of Cheviot, Ohio; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Murray. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD05-17. Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Mestemaker then made a motion to adopt with a second from Mrs. Gooch. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Mestemaker then made a motion *To Certify To The Hamilton County Auditor A Request That The Hamilton County Auditor Certify To The City Of Cheviot The Tax Levy Information Listed In Section 5705.03(B) Of The Ohio Revised Code; And To Declare An Emergency*. Mr. Murray made the second. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned RES05-09. Mrs. Zech explained that this would not raise taxes, as this is only a renewal. Mr. Mestemaker then made a motion *To Certify To The Hamilton County Auditor A Request That The Hamilton County Auditor Certify To The City Of Cheviot The Tax Levy Information Listed In Section 5705.03(B) Of The Ohio Revised Code; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mrs. Gooch. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as RES05-10. Mrs. Zech explained that this is a new levy that will replace an existing levy that expires this year. The milage on the new levy is the same as the milage on the levy that is expiring. She explained that this levy will be used to maintain City properties and that it will not raise the resident's taxes. Mr. Mestemaker took a moment to remind everyone to wear his or her seat belt as the recent death of the Village of Golf Manor Police Officer Matt Habercamp highlights how dangerous driving without one can be.

Council at Large - Mrs. Zech mentioned that the Laws, Rules and Ordinances Committee along with the Cheviot Westwood Community Association did a walk around with Charlie Meyer, the City's Building Commissioner, to get suggestions for the City's new Sign Ordinance. She announced that some changes would have to be made and that the committee will have to meet again sometime in the near future.

Council at Large - Mr. Norman had no formal report. Mr. Norman took a moment to congratulate Mr. Matt Rebusch and Beth Rebusch on the recent birth of their baby girl. Mr. Norman did explain that he didn't get to the have the Building and Annexation Committee meeting and will need to speak with a few other individuals before calling the next meeting.

### **Further Business**

Mr. Mestemaker made a motion to receive and file the June 2005 Treasurer's Report with a second from Mrs. Gooch. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Mrs. Gooch took a moment to read a letter of resignation to Council. Mrs. Gooch stated that she is resigning for personal reasons and that she felt she could not fairly represent the residents of Ward 4. Mrs. Zech took a moment to commend Mrs. Gooch for her hard work and expertise in the Finance Committee. Mrs. Zech also commended Mrs. Gooch for her fair solutions for the City of Cheviot. Mrs. Zech stated that Mrs. Gooch would be missed. Mr. Mestemaker took a moment to echo the sentiments of Mrs. Zech and stated that Mrs. Gooch was a major factor in the City and called her a great asset. He explained that he understands that family must come first and he thanked her for all of her service.

**Correspondence**

A letter was received from Seibel's Construction Company asking the City of Cheviot if the right-of-way on Bruestle Avenue could be released to his company if he would buy the land around it. The letter was forwarded to the Law Director. There were also two Building Department reports.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Gooch with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

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Ryan T. Zech  
Clerk of Council

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Kathleen S. Zech  
President of Council Pro-Tem