

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

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October 7, 2008

The regular session of Council was called to order at 7:43 P.M. following a public hearing on Community Development Grants 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 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Ryan T. Zech
Council 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	James Babey
Council 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	James F. Sunderhaus
Council 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward	Greg J. Stautberg
Council at Large	Kathleen S. Zech
Council at Large	Dennis T. Dinkelacker
Council at Large	Steven L. Braun

President McKinney called for the reports that would be presented. The minutes of September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were approved.

### **Public Recognition on Agenda Items**

Mr. Bill Clark of Alta Vista Avenue thanked Mr. Neal and the Public Works department for their excellent work cleaning up following the recent wind storm. President McKinney thanked Mr. Neal and the Public Works department as well.

### **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. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. 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. Braun. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. 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 7-0 by voice vote. 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 Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. 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. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Mr. Stautberg called three public hearings to discuss the proposed Public Works Fee for Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall; Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall; and Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at the Cheviot Fieldhouse. There was much discussion. Mr. Stautberg added that there will be a Council Meeting immediately following the October 28<sup>th</sup> public hearing.

### **Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions**

Mrs. Zech presented the second reading of an ordinance *To Amend Section 137.08 Of The Cheviot Code Of Ordinances*, assigned as ORD 08-28. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Adopt A Public Works Fee* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 08-29; this constituted the first reading of the ordinance. There was much discussion. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Amend The 2008 Annual Budget Appropriations; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. After much discussion, the motion carried 6-1 by voice vote with Mr. Zech voting no and was assigned as ORD 08-30. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote with Mr. Zech voting no. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Babey. The motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote with Mr. Zech voting no. There was much discussion. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Certify To The County Auditor Certain Property Tax Assessments For Property Maintenance; And To Declare An Emergency*

with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 08-31. Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Dinkelacker. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. There was much discussion. Mr. Dinkelacker made a motion to adopt with a second from Mr. Babey. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Babey made a motion to introduce an ordinance *To Accept The Bid Of Morton Salt Company For Ice Control Salt; And To Declare An Emergency* with a second from Mr. Sunderhaus. After much discussion, the motion carried 7-0 by voice vote and was assigned as ORD 08-32. Mrs. Zech made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Mr. Stautberg made a motion to adopt with a second from Mrs. Zech. The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Keller informed Council that the City has purchased another \$1 HUD home on Darwin Avenue, adding that the City will tear the existing property down. Mayor Keller asked Council to review selling the property to a builder with stipulations on its resale similar to what the City has placed on the sale of other City owned properties. President McKinney referred the matter to the Building & Annexation Committee for review.

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

Mr. Neal requested that Council allow the price of the City owned property on Bruestle Avenue to be lowered in order to help it sell, as to date no bids have been received. There was much discussion. President McKinney called for a special Council meeting immediately following the Public Hearing on October 14<sup>th</sup> to pass an ordinance to grant this request. Mr. Neal updated Council on his meeting with representatives from FEMA following the recent wind storm, adding that the City is currently 98% cleaned up from the storm and that over 150 tons of debris has been removed to date. Mr. Neal informed Council the he and the Mayor were invited by Hamilton County Commissioner David Pepper to meet with Hamilton County Development to discuss how Federal money will be dispersed in Hamilton County as a result of a bill passed by Congress relating to the foreclosure crisis, adding that he will keep Council updated. There was much discussion.

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

Mr. Waters reminded Mr. McGowan that a certified copy of ORD 08-31 needs to be delivered to the County Auditor's Office and offered to deliver it himself. Mr. Stautberg informed Mr. Waters that an ordinance for the proposed Public Works Fee needs to be drafted.

### **Public Recognition on Other Issues**

Rachel McKinney asked if the public would be informed of the plan to use less road salt this winter. Mr. Neal said the public will be informed. There was much discussion.

### **Other Business**

Mrs. Zech informed everyone that homeowners facing foreclosure can dial 211 for assistance, adding that additional information is available via the City's website.

### **Mayor's Court and Treasurer's Receipts**

Mr. Sunderhaus made a motion to receive and file the August 2008 Mayor's Court receipts with a second from Mr. Stautberg. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

### **Correspondence**

A memo from the Fire Chief regarding new business permits, information on the Ohio Plan Healthcare Consortium, one Building Report and a flyer promoting the Halloween Dance scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Cheviot Fieldhouse benefiting the Marty Hass-Crohn's Disease Fund were received.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zech with a second from Mr. Babey. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

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Matthew D. McGowan  
Clerk of Council

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Deborah M. McKinney  
President of Council