

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING January 10, 2022

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Mayor Kevin Strecker. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. BRUGNONE, MS. DOWNING, MR. HILL, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

Minutes of the December 13, 2021 City Council meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Baker to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker stated that it is nice to see everyone and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication they have shown to the community. He stated it is a pleasure serving with members of Council and he looks forward to a safer and more prosperous 2022.

He has submitted an application for Bellevue to once again be a Tree City for 2022. It has been designated a Tree City for 27 years.

Christmas tree pickup continues. Call City Hall and they will pick them up. As the Street Dept. picks them up, they are ground up and taken to the City's compost site.

He is working with City Boards and Commissions where there are 8 expired terms. All expired terms have been filled and he should have the complete list for Council's approval at the next Council meeting.

He thanked the Recreation Department staff and all sponsors and volunteers for the Drive-Thru Santa event. There were 400 children who were able to speak with Santa and who received a coloring book and treat. He thanked the Bellevue Police Department, Bellevue Fire Department and City officials for all their help in making this a successful experience. They are hoping to have this event at Robert Peters Park next year.

He distributed a City of Bellevue Employee Handbook. He requested everyone to read through it, sign on the last page, and return the signed page to him at our next meeting on January 24.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, wished everyone a Happy New Year. He wanted to make sure that all office holders taking office January 1, 2022 have been properly sworn in, and this was answered in the affirmative by all.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ms. Downing wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated she is glad to be back working with everyone in the new year.

Mr. Waldrup stated he hoped everyone had a Merry Christmas and wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated he is looking forward to working with everyone.

Mr. Shepherd stated that with regard to the intersection at East Main Street and South Sandusky Street, trucks are still going over the curb and recently hit a fire hydrant. The trucks need more room. Perhaps we could ask ODOT to come and take a look at it. It is too narrow for right turns. He stated he would like to get with Mr. Lantz and Mr. Scagnetti to establish designated truck

routes in Bellevue and get proper signs posted which would hopefully get trucks out of residential neighborhoods.

Mr. Baker stated that recently Huron County had given away Covid test kits and he is wondering if Sandusky County will be doing the same. Mayor Strecker stated he will look into it. Sandusky County has not had as many kits. The problems with the distribution was that people were going through the line to get test kits, and then getting back in line to get more. He would like Sandusky and Huron Counties to give test kits to Bellevue City and let the administration distribute them.

Mr. Brugnone thanked the City's Street Department for putting up the handicap parking sign in front of Gilberts.

He stated that the white bricks in front of the old parts store on Center Street are falling to the ground and presenting a safety issue for anyone walking near it. Mayor Strecker stated that he spoke with Robert Sutherland of the Street Department and he will be going out tomorrow to take a look at it and report back.

Mr. Hill stated that the Recreation Department did a great job with the Drive-Thru Santa event.

The Recreation Department was completely unaware of the disbursement of the Covid test kits. People were walking in around 9:30-10:00 a.m. looking for test kits. He stated it wasn't handled very well. Cars were backed up to the fire station and they received at least 150 phone calls.

Mrs. Ommert wished everyone a Happy New Year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Smith stated that a Committee of the Whole work session was held prior to this meeting where an application by the City for a Diesel Mitigation Trust Fund/Level II Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant was discussed. Also discussed was Resolution No. R-1-22 regarding the City entering into an agreement with the Sandusky County Land Reutilization Corporation (SCLRC).

Mr. Shepherd stated that he would like to schedule a Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting at some point in the near future to discuss sidewalk repairs.

Mr. Hill inquired if a Committee of the Whole work session should be scheduled to further discuss adding an employee at the Bellevue Municipal Court. President Smith stated that he is waiting on information from the Court. He will give them a call and inquire about the status prior to our next Committee of the Whole work session which he scheduled for January 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, is excused tonight. He called for a motion to add to the agenda that City Council supports the idea of applying for a Diesel Mitigation Trust Fund/Level II Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant, and authorizes the Safety-Service Director to apply for said grant and to send a letter in support of said application. Mr. Baker made that motion to add it to the agenda and it was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0. Motion was then made by Mr. Shepherd to approve said letter. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0.

Motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to add Resolution No. R-1-22 to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Waldrup. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0. President Smith turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution No. R-1-22 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SANDUSKY COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION (SCLRC), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-1-22 its second and third readings by title only, and as an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Resolution No. R-1-22, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Shepherd. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mr. Baker inquired about the progress of repairing and installing new warning sirens. Mayor Strecker stated that a meeting with Mr. Lantz has been scheduled for next week and it will be the first topic of discussion. He would like to make sure the west side has a siren and make sure the whole city is covered. He would like to replace at least one a year. It is moving forward and he will keep everyone updated.

Mrs. Ommert inquired how the work on the old Ben Franklin building is progressing. Mayor Strecker stated that they are in the process of sealing the walls and a landscaper has taken a look at it to decide where plants should be planted. They will be planting grass this year and doing the landscaping in 2023.

President Smith announced that students from Bellevue High School are in attendance tonight. He thanked everyone for attending and then asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Brugnone. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council