

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
December 13, 2021**

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Council President, Ron Smith. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. BRUGNONE, MS. DOWNING, MR. HILL, MRS. OMMERT, and MR. SHEPHERD.

Minutes of the November 22, 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:

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz**, stated that leaf pick-up wrapped up a week ago. The compost site is now closed. Several citizens have called and inquired if the City could pick up more leaves because of the recent winds. He stated that they will pick them up but they need to be bagged. The machines for processing the leaves are down now for the season.

**Auditor, Mr. Smith**, circulated his year-to-date report through the end of November, 2021. RITA is up 17% from 2020 and 8 1/2% up from 2019.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mr. Shepherd** stated that his mother wants to thank the City for the mirror put up on Sinclair Street.

He discussed with the Safety-Service Director adding a part-time position for code violations.

**Mr. Baker** stated that with the recent devastating tornados in the surrounding states, he wanted to again suggest that Bellevue add new sirens and make sure the ones we have are operating well.

He inquired if there is anything that can be done with citizens having political signs in their yard that are vulgar and/or obscene. Mr. Wallingford stated that there is nothing that can be done legally other than approaching the neighbors and discussing the issue. The State can take no action as it would violate first amendment rights.

**Mr. Brugnone** stated that there is no handicap parking sign in front of Gilberts.

**Mr. Hill** stated that the drive-through meet & greet with Santa will be at the Community Center this year instead of Central Park. Amy will have more details soon.

**Mrs. Ommert** stated that on the north side of Main Street by the Tremont House, the handicap parking sign is down.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Mrs. Ommert** stated that a BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting was held prior to this meeting where adding a new position at the Bellevue Municipal Court was discussed. Judge Aigler was in attendance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** stated that Mayor Strecker and Mr. Waldrup are excused tonight. He then turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation.

## LEGISLATION:

**Resolution No. R-9-21 was given its first reading:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR AND/OR FIRE CHIEF TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY/FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM (AFG) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-9-21 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 6-0.

**Resolution No. R-9-21 was given its second and third readings by title only:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR AND/OR FIRE CHIEF TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY/FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM (AFG) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to adopt Resolution No. R-9-21, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

**Ordinance No. 29-21 was given its third reading by title only:** AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance No. 29-21, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

## CLOSING REMARKS:

**Mr. Baker** inquired if Council needs to make a motion and vote to forgo the second meeting in December. A motion was made by Mr. Baker to cancel the second meeting in December. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 6-0.

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz,** wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and stated he is looking forward to working with everyone in the coming year.

**President Smith** thanked everyone for attending. He 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,

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**Ronald Smith**  
**President of Council**

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**Rhonda R. Soper**  
**Clerk of Council**