

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 14, 2022**

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Doug Gildenmeister, Director, Touch the Heart Youth Ministries. Councilmembers present: MR. BAKER, MR. BRUGNONE, MS. DOWNING, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

Minutes of the January 24, 2022 City Council meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Waldrup. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker congratulated the 2022 Bellevue High School competition cheerleading squad and their two coaches. They will be representing Bellevue High School at State competition on February 26 and 27.

He thanked the Street Department for their great job in snow removal after the recent storm. They worked for 36 hours straight and used 400 tons of salt. He thanked the citizens for removing their cars from the streets which really helped in their efforts to plow the snow.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, stated that snow plowing and clean up went well. They put in a lot of hours. The cars parking off the streets really helped.

There have been many phone calls regarding fixing potholes. The weather has to be good or the wet mix pops right out after being fixed. With the weather being better today, they were able to fix many of the potholes which will get us through until spring.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, thanked the Administration and supervisors for their support in completing the 2022 permanent budget.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, thanked the Street Department for the excellent snow removal job. There was so much wind and snow and they did an amazing job clearing it out.

He reminded everyone to file their 2021 financial report to the Ohio Ethics Commission. The reports are due May 16, 2022. If anyone desires a hard copy printed out that they can fill out and mail in, see the Clerk.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ms. Downing thanked the Street Department for their great job with the snow plowing. She said she did receive some calls about the issues on the secondary streets.

Shop Bellevue will host a Hot Soup Cook-off on March 3, 2022, from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Vue Banquet & Event Center.

Mr. Waldrup also thanked the Street Department for their great job plowing.

Mr. Shepherd stated that he received a phone call regarding parking issues on Kinney and Kilbourne Streets, specifically near an apartment complex. Mayor Strecker called him and stated there were “No Parking” signs up already on Kinney. He is concerned with other parking issues and getting cars off the streets when snow removal is needed. He will be scheduling a Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting sometime in the near future where the City Street Superintendent can be in attendance to discuss what can be done.

Medical marijuana had lottery recently. Thirty-six cities applied. Only one will be approved. Bellevue’s number is 20.

Mr. Baker inquired if the City will have concerts in the park after the open-air markets this summer. Mayor Strecker stated that it was the Committee to Grow Bellevue that handled the concerts in the past. They have stated there are not enough donations to afford having the bands. The Mayor will look into it.

Regarding the new speed signs that will be installed on the east and west side of town, will there be ticketing and fines? The Mayor stated that there will not be.

Mr. Brugnone stated that there are “No Parking” signs put in last Friday from Kilbourne to Ellis. It appears that the citizens are following the rules.

Regarding the railroad property lease or sale. Mr. Wallingford stated they will be talking with the administration about it. They will have to get a plan to bring to Council and then do an ordinance once the bids come back. Mr. Baker asked where the property is and Mr. Wallingford stated it is north from the tracks on the Huron County side. He showed a map. It is not the main museum part.

He inquired about the building on Center Street with the pieces in the front starting to fall off. The Mayor stated that a letter will be sent regarding this.

Mrs. Ommert thanked Mr. Lantz and the Street Department for the great job on snow removal. She received a lot of compliments from citizens.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Ommert stated that a Budget & Finance Committee meeting was held tonight prior to this Council meeting where they discussed setting compensation for part-time firefighters and Ordinance No. 1-22, the proposed 2022 contract with Barnes Nursery, and the 2022 permanent budget. It was decided to add the ordinance for the 2022 contract with Barnes Nursery and the 2022 permanent budget ordinance to the next City Council agenda on February 28. Ordinance No. 1-22 regarding compensation for part-time firefighters will be given its second reading by title only tonight.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Pro Tempore, Mr. Baker, stated that President Smith and Mr. Hill are excused tonight.

President Smith turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight’s legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 1-22 was given its second reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND SETTING COMPENSATION FOR PART-TIME FIREFIGHTERS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mayor Strecker stated that he will call Judge Aigler to follow up with the status of the new position at the Municipal Court. He will also get in touch with the Committee to Grow Bellevue regarding summer concerts.

President Pro Tempore, Mr. Baker, thanked everyone for attending.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Shepherd and seconded by Mrs. Ommert. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Baker
President Pro Tempore

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council