

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 28, 2022**

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 7:55 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Council President, Mr. Smith. Councilmembers present: MR. BAKER, MR. BRUGNONE, MS. DOWNING, MR. HILL, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

Minutes of the February 14, 2022 City Council meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Brugnone to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

**President Smith** welcomed Sandusky County Commissioner, Scott Miller, and inquired if he would like to speak. **Mr. Miller** stated that the Sandusky County Commissioners support Bellevue. Their meetings are open to the public and he invited Bellevue citizens to attend. They meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. at the old county jail. He recommends calling in advance so they have the right people in attendance for the discussion. The Visitor's Bureau is a real asset to the County. They are doing a lot of economic development to draw in visitors.

**Mayor Strecker** thanked Sandusky County Commissioners, Scott Miller, Russ Zimmerman, and Charles Schwochow, and the Sandusky County Visitors Bureau personnel. He previously distributed the new community guide. Bellevue information is on page 25. They are doing a great job. There are numerous bus trips planned touring local industries, businesses and restaurants.

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.

There will be prayer services for the war in Ukraine tomorrow at 4:30 at the Fallen Soldiers Memorial.

He wished Mr. Baker a happy birthday tomorrow.

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz**, stated that some of the tile has broken loose at the underpass of the Subway. The Street Department will be repairing it for most of the rest of the week.

Pumping operations on reservoirs are almost at capacity.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mr. Shepherd** received another complaint about profanity on a political sign. We have discussed it before and he agrees with free speech but this one is really disturbing.

At the last meeting he asked if the police chief and street superintendent wanted anything changed about parking on the streets during snow storms. He inquired if they have gotten back with any needed changes. Mr. Lantz stated that during the last snowfall the citizens did a good job not parking on the streets and he doesn't see a need for changes at this point.

**Mr. Baker** inquired about the medical marijuana lottery where Bellevue is number 20. Has the Administration heard anything more about this? The Mayor stated he is in contact with Dave Sabo regarding this. We may not get it this year but he remains hopeful for next year.

Inasmuch as another pedestrian was hit on Main Street, are they in discussions about the crosswalks and a timer on the signs? Mayor Strecker stated they are moving forward with 25 mph signs

on Main Street and they are in discussions about how to make downtown Bellevue safer. They have talked about stopping traffic going both ways. Mr. Baker inquired about putting a sign on west side of 302 West Main where trucks keep running through the light. Mayor Strecker stated he will check with Bob and Kevin. Mr. Lantz stated that unless there is a heavy police presence they don't have the ability to control that. It was suggested that perhaps a police cruiser with a mannequin might help.

**Mr. Brugnone** wished Mr. Baker a Happy Birthday tomorrow.

He had many citizens comment about the "No Parking" sign on Kinney Street. It really helped and the citizens were grateful.

He thanked Mr. Lantz and the Street Department for fixing the holes on Center Street.

**Mr. Hill** stated that Amy Palsa at the Recreation Center mentioned that some people have been getting into the Rec Center after hours. She is looking into getting cameras including some at Robert Peters Park. She is looking into building an all-inclusive playground at Robert Peters Park. John & Judy Miller were actively wanting to put in larger, all-inclusive playground. He would like to get a group together who are wanting this to happen and see what they could do to make it more user-friendly and move it along.

Amy Inquired about having the roof fixed on the side building where they have parties next to Jungle Junction. They got a quote and it will be over \$20,000.00. That is something they could possibly look into.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Mrs. Ommert** stated that a Budget & Finance Committee meeting was held tonight prior to this Council meeting where they discussed the 2022 permanent budget and proposed new position at the Bellevue Municipal Court.

**Mr. Shepherd** inquired if Council members were interested in having sidewalks repaired. There appears to be interest so he will schedule a Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting soon to discuss this.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** thanked Mr. Lantz for driving a truck to help the Street Department during the recent snow storms.

He then turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation.

#### LEGISLATION:

**Ordinance No. 2-22 was given its first reading:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT WITH BARNES NURSERY, INC., FOR COMPOST SERVICES AND DUMPSTER SERVICES WITHOUT BID UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 735.051, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 2-22 its second and third readings by title only, and as an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-1, Mr. Shepherd, nay.

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Motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Ordinance No. 2-22, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-1, Mr. Shepherd, nay.

**Ordinance No. 3-22 was given its first reading:** AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT 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.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 3-22 its second reading by title only, and as an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Waldrup to adopt Ordinance No. 1-22, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

**President Smith** asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending labor contract negotiations. Motion was made by Mr. Brugnone and seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0.

He thanked everyone for attending and stated that the Executive Session is closed to the public and Council would return to the regular meeting only to adjourn with no further City business.

ADJOURNMENT:

After the Executive Session, motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Ommert and seconded by Mr. Brugnone. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Duane Baker**  
**President Pro Tempore**

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