

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 11, 2020

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, January 11, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor Justin Jump of Bellevue's First United Methodist Church. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. BRUGNONE, MS. DOWNING, MR. HILL, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

The minutes of the December 14, 2020 City Council meeting were presented for approval. It was noted that on page 3 the purpose for the Executive Session needs to be added. A motion was made by Mr. Brugnone to approve the minutes as revised. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as revised.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker congratulated Communications Officer Joel Bickhart on his retirement from the Bellevue Police Department after 31 years of service.

He thanked the Administration and City union employees for their donations to the Flat Rock Care Center for the holiday season.

He presented Sandusky County Commissioner Kay Reiter a proclamation for her dedication in serving Sandusky County and Bellevue.

He stated that Gary Click will represent Sandusky County and our City well in the Ohio House of Representatives.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that he has a final update of the City's general fund balance for 2020. The City did much better than anticipated.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, stated that elected officials are required at least once a term to attend an HB 9 public records seminar put on by the state auditor and attorney general's office. These have gone virtual because of the pandemic. He thanked everyone for signing his form nominating him to attend the webinar for them. He will attend the webinar on Wednesday, January 27, 2021. President Smith thanked Mr. Wallingford for attending the seminar.

President Smith announced that it is time to elect a president pro tempore. Mr. Brugnone nominated Mr. Baker. All was in favor. Mr. Baker accepted the position of President Pro Tempore for 2021.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Waldrup wished everyone a happy new year and stated he is glad everyone is back and healthy. With the anticipation of permanent budget appropriations, he would like to suggest that the City consider hiring a detective for the Police Department.

Mr. Shepherd stated that it is good to see demolition of the condemned houses proceeding.

Mr. Baker discussed staggering the terms of Council members. Many other cities have done this. President Smith stated that he has been doing research and is contemplating establishing a four year term. A committee meeting could be held to discuss this.

Kudos to City employees for snow plowing on Christmas day. They did a great job. He stated that he agrees with making it a priority to place a detective in our Police Department.

Mrs. Ommert thanked Mr. Lantz for the demolition of the houses and the Street Department for getting the streets plowed. She has heard many positive comments.

Mr. Brugnone thanked Mr. Lantz for taking care of a parking situation which was creating congestion.

Mr. Hill thanked the Mayor and the Rec Department for putting together the "Santa at the Park" festivities. They did a great job and he heard many positive comments.

He thanked Officer Joel Bickhart for his many years of service. Hopefully we can find more people like him to serve the City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Brugnone scheduled an Economic Development Committee meeting for Monday, January 25, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., to discuss DORA for downtown businesses.

President Smith scheduled a Committee of the Whole work session for Monday, January 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., prior to the regular City Council meeting, to discuss Bellevue establishing a building department and working with the Sandusky County Building Department.

He stated that a Committee of the Whole work session was held tonight prior to the regular meeting where they discussed Ordinance 1-21 and agreed to take it out of committee and make a motion to add it to tonight's agenda. Mr. Shepherd made a motion to add Ordinance 1-21 to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken. The motion passed by the vote 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith reminded everyone to fill out their Ethics Commission financial disclosure.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 1-21 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE'S REVOLVING LOAN FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 1-21 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 7-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Ordinance 1-21 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

President Smith thanked everyone for attending tonight.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council