

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING November 22, 2021

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, November 22, 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, MS. DOWNING, MR. HILL, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

Minutes of the November 8, 2021 City Council meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Waldrup to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker stated that a family Thanksgiving dinner was held at Bellevue's Fish and Loaves. 170 families were served and over 400 people. He thanked the organizers for a job well done and thanked Bellevue citizens for their generosity.

The Christmas parade is coming up on Thursday, December 2. It is sponsored by First National Bank.

There will be a drive-through Santa at the Rec Center on Friday, December 1, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Amy will have more details later.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, stated that leaf pick up started today and everything is running smoothly. He reminded everyone to have their leaves raked to the curb line and not to park their vehicles in the street.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that the Auditor of State is doing the City's annual audit this year. At some point they will want to address Council as far as the results of the annual report. Mr. Wallingford and he are working on several items they brought to their attention.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Waldrup wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Shepherd stated that after the last Council meeting he had questions regarding the Land Bank and the property at 427 North Buckeye. He contacted the Land Bank and Carol informed him that it will first have to go through a foreclosure. Grant money is coming down the line for demolition and revitalization

Mr. Baker stated that several citizens have asked him if the company purchasing the former Family Video property has backed out and if the sale has fallen through. The Mayor assured him that was not the case and it is moving forward.

Mrs. Ommert gave kudos to Mr. Lantz and the City Street Department for their great job in leaf collection.

She thanked everyone for their kind words and condolences after her recent loss.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Ommert stated that a BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting was held prior to this meeting where the budget for 2022 was discussed.

Mr. Waldrup reminded everyone that a PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE meeting will be held directly following tonight's City Council meeting to discuss Resolution R-9-21 regarding a grant for fire equipment, and pay scales for part-time firefighters.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

President Smith inquired if Pastor Jump would like to mention the Lunch With St. Nick. He informed Council that on the first Saturday in December there will be a Lunch With St. Nick at the Rec Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be various stations for children with cookie decorating and crafts.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mr. Brugnone and Mr. Freitag are excused tonight. He then turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 29-21 was given its second 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.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mr. Baker inquired if Council members will be sworn in at the next meeting. Judge Aigler will be notified and arrangements will be made to do this at our next meeting.

President Smith stated that if Council gets all the City business done during the first meeting in December, we won't have the second meeting on December 27.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council