

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING November 8, 2021

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, November 8, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Reverend Diane Carter of St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Council persons present: MR. BRUGNONE, MS. DOWNING, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

Minutes of the October 25, 2021 City Council meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Brugnone 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 presented a Citizen's Service Award to Sonny Workman for his extraordinary leadership and dedicated service to the community of Bellevue and the four-county area. He stated that Sonny is a motivational speaker, a letter carrier for the U.S. Post Office, and author of a series of children's books. He is certainly a friend of Bellevue and the Sandusky County area.

Mr. Workman stated that he has lived Clyde and Fremont and he loves the area. He feels that there is presently so much negativity in the world and especially on social media. He started his own web page to change the perception of the world and our communities. When someone hears about our area, he wants them to see positivity. He visits local restaurants and businesses and speaks with citizens. He also talks in schools to motivate children to be positive and energetic in making a difference. He loves our community and our Mayor.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, circulated his year-to-date report to the end of October. We are still holding at 8% over where we were at the same time in 2019. If we have any questions, let him know.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Waldrup stated that now the elections are over, he is happy to continue working with everyone on Council.

Mr. Shepherd stated that he looked over the proposal for the road work on US 20 and has a few questions regarding the additional amount being considered.

He inquired if there is any more information on the property at 427 North Buckeye Street. Mr. Lantz stated that he has no more information at this time. The property is owned by someone not living in the area and it cannot be demolished. The City keeps sending letters but they are being returned and we have no new mailing address at this time.

He inquired if there is any more information regarding his proposal of Council members serving for four years instead of two. Mr. Wallingford stated that he has done some research and an ordinance would have to be passed before it could go on a ballot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Ommert scheduled a BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting for Monday, November 22, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., prior to the regular City Council meeting.

Mr. Waldrup scheduled a PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE meeting for Monday, November 22, 2021, directly following the regular City Council meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

There will be a Veterans Day ceremony this Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at the Fallen Soldiers Memorial.

He stated he has talked with the Mayor regarding laptop devices for Council. He will give the information to Mr. Wallingford and if Council would like, a committee meeting could be scheduled to discuss this further.

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

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 29-21 was given its first reading: 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: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council