

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 22, 2021

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, March 22, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Doug Gildenmeister, Director, Touch the Heart Youth Ministries. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. BRUGNONE, MS. DOWNING, MR. HILL, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

The minutes of the March 8, 2021 City Council meeting were presented for approval. A revision was suggested by Mr. Shepherd. In his comment section, the word "streets" should be changed to "sidewalks." A motion was made by Mr. Baker to approve the minutes as revised. It was seconded by Mr. Waldrup. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as revised.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker informed everyone that there will be a Vietnam Veteran's observance at the Fallen Soldiers Memorial on Sunday at 7:00 p.m. He will read a proclamation by the Mayor and City Council that proclaims March 29: Vietnam Veteran's Day.

He also wished Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, a Happy Birthday.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that the most recent report from RITA through the end of February states that we are 23% higher than we were in February of 2019. We are well on our way to getting back to normal. He distributed copies of Ordinance 11-21 for adjustments to the budget. We received certain funds for the Corona virus from the federal government. Any remaining funds have to be refunded to them. A motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to add Ordinance 11-21 to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Shepherd. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0. Ordinance 11-21 will be added to tonight's agenda.

For the American Rescue Plan, we anticipate receiving a little over \$1,500,000.00. Half will be for 2021 and half for 2022. We don't know what restrictions will be placed on us yet, but he wanted to give a heads up to Council.

Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, stated that the date for filing federal income tax has been extended to May 17. RITA is governed by the Tax Commission of Ohio. The State filing date has not been changed and is still April 15. If there are any changes in the dates, he will make us aware of that.

Regarding the 1.5 million dollars given to the City, he suggests using some of the first half (if allowed) for street repair. Also, some of the money could be used for the upcoming Route 20 Project.

He emailed the Administration a copy of an annual report he can generate at his work that tells about trends and developments in the communities. He is getting ready to meet with legislators tomorrow for all the counties. Last year because of Covid the unemployment number skyrocketed. By July it came down. It is nice to be able to see all this in a report.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, stated that we received a liquor license transfer which involves Jenny's Amsden House, now becoming Amsden House. Council can decide

whether to have a hearing if there are any issues. He checked with the Safety-Service Director who responded that he hasn't heard of any issues which would make a hearing necessary and he has not heard of any issues from the Police Chief. It would be good tonight to have a motion to NOT have a hearing. The Clerk can then fill out the form and get it back to the Division of Liquor Control.

The Engineering Department received information regarding participation in the ODOT road salt contract for this year. Terri prepared an ordinance and they would like to have it on the agenda for April 12. This will be Resolution R-3-21.

We have a Roth zoning matter coming up. It will require a thirty-day published notice of hearing. The first reading would be on April 12, the second reading on April 26, and the third reading on May 10, after the public hearing. We will need to have a motion to add it to the agenda for April 12, and a motion for publication so the Clerk can have it published by April 1.

Tonight we will need a motion to not request a hearing for the Amsden House liquor license request, a motion to add the road salt ordinance and zoning ordinances to the agenda for April 12, a motion to publish and schedule a hearing for annexation on May 10, 2021, and a motion to add the annexation ordinance on the April 26 agenda.

A motion to publish and schedule a notice of hearing for zoning was made by Mr. Shepherd. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ms. Downing inquired about getting a street light on Hartland Avenue. The Mayor said he has discussed installing street lights on several streets. He will follow up on it.

Mr. Baker inquired about the status of the sale of the old Ben Franklin building. Mr. Wallingford stated that the title work is being done by Chicago Title in Norwalk. He was there today and asked about the status. They are having a deed done by the seller. It is coming along and hopefully will be done by the next Council meeting.

Mr. Brugnone thanked the Mayor for helping with calls he is receiving regarding the train situation on Route 18. Jason from Norfolk Southern informed him they will be having a meeting with the Ohio Rail Commission. What Norfolk Southern is contemplating is presenting Bellevue with a sign similar to the closed crossing sign on Flat Rock Road and a series of arrows that would show the trucks where they need to go. He said it has worked in other communities.

Mrs. Ommert received many calls regarding parking on the street when there needs to be snow removal. She also received one call regarding a big truck that was parked and blocking the view for oncoming cars and how hazardous it was. She thanked the Mayor and Safety-Service Director for working on these issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Smith stated that there was a Committee of the Whole work session tonight prior to the regular meeting to discuss Ordinance 10-21. A motion was passed to take it out of Committee and add it to tonight's agenda.

Mr. Hill stated that there was a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting tonight at 7:15 p.m. to discuss the Rec levies and Resolutions R-1-21 and R-2-21. It was voted to take both resolutions out of Committee to add to tonight's agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith called for a motion to NOT request a hearing for the liquor license request of Amsden House. Motion was made by Mr. Hill to NOT request a hearing. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0. The Clerk will inform the Division of Liquor Control that a hearing will NOT be requested. (Mr. Shepherd stated that he recently received some Omaha steaks from the Amsden House and he wanted to make it clear that he wasn't influenced in any way.)

There will be a DORA public hearing concerning Ordinance 5-21 on April 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Council chambers.

A motion to publish a Notice of Public Hearing on the Roth zoning and annexation was made by Mr. Shepherd. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0.

A motion to add the ODOT road salt contract ordinance to the agenda for April 12, 2021, and a zoning ordinance added to the agenda for April 26, 2021 was made by Mr. Brugnone. It was seconded by Mr. Shepherd. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0.

A motion to add Resolutions R-1-21, R-2-21, and Ordinances 10-21, and 11-21, was made by Mr. Hill. It was seconded by Mr. Shepherd. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0.

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

LEGISLATION:

Resolution R-1-21 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.03 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE REQUESTING THE SANDUSKY COUNTY AUDITOR, THE HURON COUNTY AUDITOR AND THE ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, THE CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, IN SANDUSKY COUNTY, HURON COUNTY AND ERIE COUNTY, AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A RENEWAL ONE (1) MILL TAX LEVY FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PURPOSES AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 5705.19 OF THE REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Resolution R-1-21 was given its second and third readings by title only: A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.03 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE REQUESTING THE SANDUSKY COUNTY AUDITOR, THE HURON COUNTY AUDITOR AND THE ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, THE CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, IN SANDUSKY COUNTY, HURON COUNTY AND ERIE COUNTY, AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A RENEWAL ONE (1) MILL TAX LEVY FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PURPOSES AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 5705.19 OF THE REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Resolution R-1-21, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Resolution R-2-21 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR THE RENEWAL OF A ONE (1) MILL LEVY FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance 10-21 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR THE GARDNER ROAD WATER AND SEWER LINE EXTENSION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 10-21 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.

Ordinance 10-21 was given its second and third readings by title only: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR THE GARDNER ROAD WATER AND SEWER LINE EXTENSION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance 10-21 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Ordinance 11-21 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 4-21, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 11-21 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 7-0.

Ordinance 11-21 was given its second and third readings by title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 4-21, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Brugnone to adopt Ordinance 11-21, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Ordinance 5-21, (AN ORDINANCE CREATING A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA) AND ENACTING REGULATIONS FOR THE DORA), was TABLED by a motion made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken. All were in favor. The third and final reading will be after the Public Hearing on April 12, 2021.

CLOSING REMARKS:

President Smith thanked everyone for attending.

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