

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 8, 2021**

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Council President, Mr. Smith. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. BRUGNONE, MS. DOWNING, MR. HILL, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

The minutes of the February 22, 2021 City Council meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Shepherd requested one revision to remove the word "grocery" from his remarks. A motion was made by Mr. Brugnone to approve the minutes as revised. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as revised.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

**Mayor Strecker** stated that earlier today he represented the City of Bellevue at the Huron County Business Advisory Council annual meeting. One of the things on the agenda was Resolution 2021-21, which is a renewal of the health contract between the Huron County Health Department and City of Bellevue. The resolution passed.

It was reported to him that last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 250 vaccinations for Covid-19 were given in Bellevue. Between 14 and 15 percent of Huron County has now been vaccinated. There has been great cooperation with the area hospitals, health department and retail shops like CVS. They are up to about 100 vaccines given per week.

Regarding the McKim Street crossing that has been closed for many years, City officials have been talking with Leon Jackson of Norfolk Southern in Atlanta. They have worked out a deal where Norfolk Southern will pay Bellevue \$20,000.00. The Ohio Real Development Commission will match the \$20,000.00 for a total of \$40,00.00.

Columbia Gas contacted him over the weekend. Their GPS team is going to be in the eastern half of Bellevue through the month of March using GPS technology to record the natural gas lines.

**Auditor, Mr. Smith**, received the monthly distribution report from RITA. The year to date through February has Bellevue up 19.5 percent from where we were a year ago.

Regarding the 2021 budget, a few things have come up and they may need to tweak the budget but the overall totals should not be affected.

**Law Director, Mr. Wallingford**, stated that inasmuch as the DORA ordinance is on for its second reading tonight, the Notice of Public Hearing was advertised in The Hub on March 4 and it will be published one more time. That will leave a week where we will have to table the ordinance so that it can be passed after the Public Hearing.

He has received a Liquor License transfer request regarding Mickey Mart. He consulted with the Safety-Service Director and Bellevue's Police Chief and neither of them have any issues with the license. As usual, we can request a hearing if there are issues, or notify the Division of Liquor Control that we do not request a hearing. A vote can be taken during the President's comments.

**Council Clerk, Mrs. Soper**, stated that Attorney Peter Sackett emailed her a letter and requested that it be read into the record tonight. It was a highly complimentary letter regarding Bellevue's City Auditor, Mr. Smith.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mr. Shepherd** thanked everyone for their support in his family's recent loss of their baby daughter.

**Mr. Baker** inquired if we are still in talks regarding the 911 services for Sandusky County. Mr. Lantz stated that it is still being discussed and he will keep Council posted.

**Mr. Hill** stated that the former Knights of Columbus building is up and running. Amy informed him that they are next scheduled to work on getting rid of old equipment and updating the kitchen. They also want to have contractors give them bids to remodel the restrooms to make them more handicap accessible. She is doing a great job. This coming spring and summer the building should be well used with graduation parties and other events.

At the Rec Center, they put in a sump pump to help with drying the basement. They are going to set up 24-hour access so members can come at any time to work out. They have a new gymnastic instructor with a wealth of experience.

A vehicle is going to be donated to the Rec Center. They are discussing getting an all-terrain vehicle that will be able to go across fields, plow snow, and clean sidewalks.

**Mrs. Ommert** talked with several citizens who have been to the newly remodeled building for a fish fry and commented about how beautiful it is.

She thanked the Mayor and Mr. Lantz for the working on an issue on her street.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**President Smith** stated that a Committee of the Whole work session was held tonight at 7:00 to discuss Ordinances 7-21, 8-21 and 9-21. There was a motion to take them out of committee and add them to tonight's agenda.

Motion was made by Mr. Waldrup to add Ordinances 7-21, 8-21 and 9-21 to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Mr. Hill** scheduled a Parks & Recreation Committee meeting for 7:15 p.m. on March 22, 2021, just prior to the regular City Council meeting, to discuss renewal levies for the Recreation Department.

**Mrs. Ommert** stated that a Budget & Finance Committee meeting was held tonight at 7:15 p.m. to discuss Ordinance 6-21. There was a motion to take it out of committee and add it to tonight's agenda.

Motion was made by Mr. Brugnone to add Ordinance 6-21 to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Mr. Shepherd**, stated on behalf of the Streets & Sidewalks Committee that he would like to see at least ten streets repaired this year. Also at the intersection of South Sandusky Street and East Main Street when trucks make a right turn, they are hitting into the landscape and curbs and coming too close to the hydrant. Mr. Lantz stated they moved the hydrant back several times previously, but he will discuss it with Mr. Scagnetti and see if something can be done.

Mr. Shepherd stated he has heard good reports about the Street Department patching potholes.

**Mr. Brugnone** invited the Mayor to report on a joint conference held by the Economic Development Corporation and Seneca and Sandusky Counties at Terra Community College on March 1. The Mayor stated that great things are happening in Seneca and Sandusky Counties economically. He gave kudos to Mr. Sabo as two projects from Bellevue, Tower Automotive and Precision Automotive Plastics, earned awards for their high performance and for the many jobs they kept in town.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** called for a motion to not request a hearing for the liquor license transfer at Mickey Mart. Motion was made by Mr. Brugnone to not request a hearing. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The Clerk will notify the Division of Liquor Control that Bellevue will not request a hearing. He then turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

**Ordinance 6-21 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 6-21 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.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to adopt Ordinance 6-21 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 7-21 was given its first reading:** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF BELLEVUE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 7-21 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 6-1, Mr. Baker, nay.

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A motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Ordinance 7-21 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-1, Mr. Baker, nay.

**Ordinance 8-21 was given its first reading:** AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING CERTIFICATION TO ENFORCE THE OHIO STATE BUILDING CODES WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLEVUE.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 8-21 its second and third readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shepherd. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

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Motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Ordinance 8-21. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Ordinance 9-21 was given its first reading:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT WITH SANDUSKY COUNTY TO PROVIDE BUILDING CODE SERVICES FOR COMMERCIAL PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 9-21 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 9-21 was given its second and third readings by title only:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT WITH SANDUSKY COUNTY TO PROVIDE BUILDING CODE SERVICES FOR COMMERCIAL PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Ordinance 9-21 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**CLOSING REMARKS:**

**Mayor Strecker** stated that Amy at the Rec Center has been working hard on upcoming activities. She cleared it with Tim Hollinger of the Huron County Health Department to hold an Easter egg hunt along with the Eagles. Hopefully future festivals and parades will be on the schedule as well.

**President Smith** thanked everyone for attending tonight. **CLOSING REMARKS:**

**President Smith** thanked everyone for attending tonight. He asked for a motion to enter into a Committee of the Whole work session, to be open to the public, to be followed by an Executive Session to discuss pending or imminent litigation, not open to the public, to be followed by returning to regular Council, open to the public, for adjournment with no further business to be discussed or acted upon. Motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Brugnone. All were in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT IN REGULAR SESSION, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AFTER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WORK SESSION, WHICH WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND THE EXECUTIVE SESSION WHICH WAS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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**Ronald Smith**  
President of Council

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**Rhonda R. Soper**  
Clerk of Council