

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
May 24, 2021**

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, May 24, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Councilperson, Mrs. Downing. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. BRUGNONE, MS. DOWNING, MR. HILL, MS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

The minutes of the May 10, 2021 City Council meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:**

**President Ron Smith** welcomed Vickie Dauch, former Council Clerk, who is filling in for current Clerk, Mrs. Soper.

**Mayor Strecker** also welcomed Vickie Dauch, noting that she served for twenty years as Council Clerk.

He thanked the VFW and the volunteers for their work at the Poppy Drive. This was their biggest year and it was a great success.

**Safety-Service Director, Mike Lantz**, stated they are finalizing the street repairs and he is working with Mr. Scagnetti on this.

He talked with Patrick Smith and is hoping to purchase the Vac truck.

**Treasurer, Dave Freitag**, reported that notification was received on the rebate from RITA, which is 3% of income from tax collections, which amounts to a \$74,747.00 refund. Letters have been sent to citizens who have not filed their taxes.

**Law Director, Mr. Wallingford**, welcomed Vickie Dauch to the meeting and said this enabled Clerk Rhonda Soper to spend some time in Utah with family.

He reported that a streets ordinance is ready for review. A committee meeting will need to be scheduled for the McKim Street crossing. Funds of \$20,000 could be received from this. A Streets and Sidewalk meeting should be scheduled before June 14<sup>th</sup>.

He reported that he has prepared a gift agreement and deed concerning the 206-208 Center Street ordinance.

**REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**Ms. Downing** inquired if there was any news on the old Ben Franklin building. Mr. Lantz reported they opened the bids. The first one came in at \$95,000.00 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> one at \$115,000.00. They are still waiting to talk with the engineering firm.

**Mr. Baker** inquired about possibly using some of the incoming government money to pave Moore Street. Mr. Lantz said that the money is earmarked for only water and sewer improvements and taking care of any lost revenue.

**Mr. Brugnone** thanked Mr. Lantz for taking care of the complaints regarding Harkness that he previously informed him about.

**Mr. Hill** inquired about the downtown street lights. Mr. Lantz reported that Firelands Electric is looking into it. Mr. Hill asked who takes care of the flags. Mayor Strecker said the Grid Iron Foundation takes care of them. The City stores it all.

He reported there is a house on Kilbourne Street that looks abandoned and there are no windows in it.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Mr. Shepherd** scheduled a Streets and Sidewalks Committee meeting for June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. to discuss the McKim Street Railroad crossing and resurfacing.

He reported that there was a Committee as a Whole work session prior to Council tonight to discuss Resolution R-6-21. Mr. Shepherd moved to add Resolution R-6-21 to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. Motion passed.

**Mr. Brugnone** stated that there is an Economic Development Meeting immediately following Council tonight.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** stated that he will be considering Council seating arrangements after June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Memorial Parade is set for May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m., with a ceremony at the cemetery. In case of rain, it will be held at the VFW.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

#### LEGISLATION:

**Resolution R-6-21 was given its first reading:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT WITH GOVDEALS, INC., FOR THE SALE OF UNNEEDED PERSONAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO O.R.C. SECTION 721.15, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Baker moved to suspend the rules and give R-6-21 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. The vote was 7-0 Aye.

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Mr. Baker moved to adopt Resolution R-6-21, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. The vote was 7-0 Aye.

**Resolution No. R-5-21 was given its second reading by title only:** RESOLUTION AND DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT (FOR "BQ" TRANSACTIONS) – COMBINATION SEWER CLEANER 2021 FREIGHTLINER 114-DS CHASSIS, VIN #3ALHG3FE5MDMS3435.

Mr. Baker moved to suspend the rules and give R-5-21 its third reading by title only. It was seconded by Mr. Waldrup. The vote was 7-0 Aye.

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Ms. Ommert moved to adopt Resolution R-5-21. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. The vote was 7-0 aye.

**Ordinance No. 15-21 was given its second reading by title only:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 9-20 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT FOR A VAC TRUCK UNDER THE STATE BIDDING PROGRAM, AND FINALIZING THE FINANCING FOR SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Baker moved to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 15-21 its third and final reading by title only, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. The vote was 7-0 aye.

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Mrs. Ommert moved to adopt Ordinance No. 15-21, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Waldrup. The vote was 7-0 Aye.

CLOSING REMARKS:

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz,** thanked everyone for the passage of Resolution R-5-21 and Ordinance No. 15-21.

ADJOURNMENT:

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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**Vickie Dauch**  
Acting Clerk of Council