

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING July 12, 2021

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, July 12, 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, MR. HILL, MS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

The minutes of the June 28, 2021 City Council meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Shepherd requested a revision in his comments. It was a family member that visited a medical marijuana facility not him personally. 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 congratulated two cheerleaders from Bellevue High School, Victoria Thompson and Brooklyn Jones, who represented their cheer team at State and will be going to the WYAA cheer nationals in Knoxville, Tennessee on August 7th and 8th.

August 7, 2021 is National Purple Heart Day. There will be a ceremony at the Fallen Soldiers Memorial at 6:00 p.m. The Ohio Flags of Honor has been disbanded. The City has partitioned to receive approximately 100 of the flags. Family members have been invited to attend and the flags will be retired and given to the families.

There will be a ceremony on August 23, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in Council chambers, to commemorate Bellevue becoming a Purple Heart City.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, gave a status on the property on 206-208 West Center Street. Communications have been ongoing with the Administration and John Miller, on behalf of his LLC, who owns the properties. It was agreed that if Mr. Miller pays the real estate taxes for both properties, the City will be responsible for canceling or paying the special assessments for mowing. Mr. Miller has paid the taxes for both properties. Revisions will now be made to the agreement, ordinance and deed, to reflect the changes and the documents will be circulated for review.

Council Clerk, Mrs. Soper, inquired if Council members received their recent documents in the mail in a timely manner. Mr. Hill mentioned that he received it just today. Council President, Mr. Smith, stated that he is having discussions with Mr. Scagnetti about the City possibly purchasing tablets for Council members. He will keep everyone posted.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Waldrup stated that he hoped everyone had a great Fourth of July celebration.

Mr. Shepherd inquired about the installation of cameras on the sidewalk at Castalia and Northwest Streets. Mr. Lantz stated that they are not up yet but when the cards come in they should be up and running.

He inquired if the City has contacted the owner of the house on Lyme Street that we discussed at the last meeting who lives in Puerto Rico. Mr. Lantz stated they have not been able to contact him. The City has been mowing the property.

He inquired about the progress on the demolition of the old Ben Franklin building. Mr. Lantz stated that the bid was signed and they have 60-90 days from the signing of the bid so they should get started soon.

Mr. Brugnone thanked Mayor Strecker, Mr. Lantz and Mr. Wallingford for their help with a property owner regarding a fence situation.

He discussed the situation of the large number of semi-trucks turning left off U.S. 20 to Exchange and inquired if some signs might help to get the drivers to turn left at Sandusky Street.

Mr. Hill welcomed the Rec Department's newest board member, Anthony Panfalone, who is Bellevue Middle School's Athletic Director and Assistant Principal. Cody Cramer was the President and resigned to be the High School's Athletic Director.

He stated that the Mill Pond water has been treated numerous times but with all the rain and runoff, it is in bad condition.

Mrs. Ommert inquired about the status of DORA. Mayor Strecker stated that the signs are ready. They are waiting for the cups but it should be up and running soon.

She thanked the Administration for their help with some issues on her street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Waldrup stated that a Public Safety Committee meeting was held tonight prior to this meeting where Resolution No. R-7-21 was discussed. It was voted to take the resolution out of Committee and add it by motion to tonight's agenda. He made a motion to add it to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert and it passed by the vote 6-0.

Mrs. Ommert stated that in the absence of Auditor Smith, she would comment on his monthly report. She stated that the City is up from 4% to 9% compared to the same time frame in 2019.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Auditor, Mr. Smith, Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, and Council Person, Ms. Downing, are all excused tonight. He then turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution No. R-7-21 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ERIE COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN.

Ordinance No. 22-21 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE ZONING A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 798 WEST MAIN STREET, BELLEVUE, SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO.

Ordinance No. 18-21 was given its second reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE RE-ZONING PARCELS OF LAND INVOLVED IN THE PLAT OF INLOT NO. 2293 OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO, THEREBY AMENDING THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE.

Ordinance No. 19-21 was given its third and final reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF THE OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (ORDC) AND NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY (NS) FOR THE CLOSURE OF A PUBLIC GRADE CROSSING ON MCKIM STREET.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Ordinance No. 19-21, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

President Smith thanked everyone for attending and called for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council