

MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING August 9, 2021

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 7:20 p.m., to discuss Ordinance No. 22-21.

Time was given for discussion of the ordinance. No comments were made by citizens.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING August 9, 2021

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Council Person, Mrs. Ommert. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. BRUGNONE, MS. DOWNING, MR. HILL, MS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

The minutes of the July 26, 2021 Public Hearing were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Brugnone to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

The minutes of the July 26, 2021 regular City Council meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Shepherd 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 thanked Council for their help with the National Purple Heart Day ceremony and celebration Saturday at the Fallen Soldiers Memorial. He thanked Kenn and Donn Rospert, Jerry Risner, Tom Norman, Jim Alt, Rob Ward, Ricky Lee, Pastor Diane Carter, and the Huron County Veterans Services for all their work organizing the ceremony. It was a wonderful event honoring veterans, Gold Star families, and Purple Heart recipients.

The Ohio Flags of Honor has been disbanded and Bellevue was very fortunate to receive 125 flags which were donated for our cemetery.

Shop Bellevue will sponsor "Stroll the Streets" on Friday and Saturday, August 13 and 14. There will be outside games and fun. On Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. there will be shopping specials throughout the town. The Police Department will be giving out ID badges.

There will be a "Back to School Bash" at the Bellevue Recreation Center on Saturday, August 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The pool and Jungle Junction will be open, and there will be several food trucks. The cost is \$5.00 for children ages 2 and up and \$3.00 if adults want to swim. Fireworks will be displayed at 9:00 p.m.

There will be a Purple Heart Ceremony at the Eagles Club on August 23. It is an honor for Bellevue to become a Purple Heart City. There are only 32 cities in Ohio that are Purple Heart cities. He has been in talks with Mr. Lantz and Mr. Wallingford regarding changing the name of a portion of Lyme Street to "Memorial Way" which will honor Purple Heart recipients, Gold Star families and veterans. An ordinance will be prepared and a committee meeting can be scheduled to discuss this.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, was wished a Happy Birthday. He stated that eight streets in Bellevue are on the list to be repaved this year. They are Woodward, Gardner (from Woodward to Kilbourne), Ellis, Flatrock Road (From Gardner to St. Rt. 18) Glendale, Attwood, Belle, and Randall. He is hoping that the bids will come in low like last year and another street can be added. The Street Department has been working hard the last few weeks to prepare for the paving project.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, distributed a worksheet amending the 2021 budget. He followed up with the Budget & Finance Committee meeting which was held prior to this meeting and stated that he recommends an ordinance be prepared for the amended budget and that it be added to the next agenda.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, stated regarding the lawsuits against the opioid pharmaceutical companies in which the cities in Ohio are invited to join, that Bellevue has decided not to participate in them.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ms. Downing stated that she attended the ceremony on Saturday night. It was well attended.

Mr. Waldrup stated that he was also in attendance at the ceremony on Saturday night and it was a very nice event.

Mr. Shepherd has received complaints about parking on Walnut Street. Everyone there has a driveway and he inquired if the City could ban parking on the street or if it is possible to give parking permits to certain individuals while banning others. Also, could it be a safety issue with getting emergency vehicles in and out of the area. Mr. Wallingford stated that Council does have a say regarding this but Mr. Lantz is manager over the streets. Mr. Lantz stated that he has heard of no problems with emergency vehicles being able to access the road.

He inquired if there any ordinances regarding bird feeders in the City and stated he has had neighbors complaining about it. Mr. Wallingford stated that he has looked into it and there are no ordinances regarding citizens feeding birds.

Mr. Baker thanked Mayor Strecker and Mr. Lantz for promptly taking care of some visibility and signage issues on the bike trail.

He inquired about the EMS contract and what might happen if it did not pass next time. How would the City handle emergency services? Mr. Wallingford stated that the levy comes first and then the contract. Before the contract comes up for renewal, it can be discussed in a meeting where questions and concerns can be addressed.

Mr. Brugnone gave a shout out to Mr. Lantz and the Street Department for quickly getting out to help when the railroad was recently shut down.

He received a call from a citizen on Greenwood Heights regarding a student who goes to Monroeville High School painting an eagle on the street in front of his home, which home is just around the corner from Bellevue High School. Several parents expressed concerns. Is there anything that can be done regarding painting on the streets? Mr. Wallingford stated that there is nothing in the ordinances regarding that and anything street related is under the Safety-Service Director's jurisdiction. With any decision made there would be unhappy citizens.

Mr. Hill stated that he saw some DORA signs going up last week and inquired if they were mainly for the ceremony on Saturday night? It was discussed that it was primarily for the event and the City is still waiting for cups. It should be up and going soon.

Regarding the Mill Pond pavilion which was built by an Eagle Scout, it is starting to sag and it looks unsafe. Mr. Lantz stated they would look into having it repaired.

Mrs. Ommert gave kudos for the ceremony on Saturday night. It was first class and was enjoyed by many.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Ommert scheduled a Budget & Finance Committee meeting for Monday, August 23, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. to discuss budget changes and a possible ordinance to take out of committee and be added to the agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patricia Gray, 252 Gunther Street, stated that she has lived in Bellevue for 45 years. She inquired when Gunther Street may get new water lines so the street can be repaved and be smooth. Hopefully Gunther Street could be the extra street added for this year.

She also attended the ceremony on Saturday night and stated that she feels Bellevue is truly a blessed City.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith reminded Council that there will be a Public Hearing on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 7:15 p.m. to permit a Medical Marijuana dispensary and passage of Ordinance No. 23-21.

He thanked Mayor Strecker and everyone who helped with the planning of the ceremony on Saturday evening. As a veteran, he appreciates everything that Bellevue does to honor them.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution No. R-8-21 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-8-21 its second and third readings by title only. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. Motion passed by the vote 7-0.

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Motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Resolution No. R-8-21. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. Motion passed by the vote 7-0.

Ordinance No. 23-21 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THAT A MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY IS A PERMITTED USE IN THE CITY AS LONG AS IT IS LOCATED WITHIN A B-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE ZONING CODE SECTION 1207.05 AS A RETAIL BUSINESS OR SERVICE SIMILAR TO THOSE LISTED IN THE SAME ZONING DISTRICT AS DETERMINED BY THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 24-21 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE IN THE MATTER OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE'S PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 206-

208 WEST CENTER STREET, BELLEVUE, SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules give Ordinance No. 24-21 its second and third readings by title only, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. Motion passed by the vote 7-0.

Ordinance No. 24-21 was given its second and third readings by title only and declaring an emergency: AN ORDINANCE IN THE MATTER OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE'S PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 206-208 WEST CENTER STREET, BELLEVUE, SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance No. 24-21, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. Motion passed by the vote 7-0.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to adopt Ordinance No. 22-21. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mr. Baker inquired about the demolition of the former Ben Franklin building. Mr. Lantz stated that he believes it will be started during the first couple of weeks of September. One lane on Main Street will be blocked off while the work is being done.

Mayor Strecker thanked Mr. Baker for his help with the Center Street project.

President Smith thanked everyone for attending and announced that there will be an Executive Session to discuss union contract negotiations. A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Mr. Waldrup. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert, and all were in favor. Council members will return to the regular City Council meeting following the Executive Session with no further business and only to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council