

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING April 25, 2022

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor Bryan Niebanck of Zion United Church of Christ Fireside. Council members present: MR. BAKER, MR. BRUGNONE, MS. DOWNING, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

Minutes of the April 11, 2022 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 stated that after the last City Council meeting he inquired about the status of the new position for the Bellevue Municipal Court. If it is Council's pleasure, Judge Aigler and Lynetta Bollinger would like to come to the next City Council meeting on May 9 to address this. They will know by then if they have received the grant.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz stated that hydrant flushing for 2022 started today. The City will be doing catch basin repairs soon to prepare for street resurfacing projects for 2022.

He had a request from Police Chief Linder to be present at the next meeting for swearing in the new officers that have been hired for the Police Department as well as the ones that have been moved up to Sergeant.

Auditor, Mr. Smith thanked Mayor Strecker for his commentary at the State of the City luncheon. It was very helpful for everyone in the community who was present to hear what is going on in the City.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Baker inquired about the status of taking down the Christmas lights. Mr. Lantz stated that they will be taken down soon when the flag lights will be put up.

He inquired if there are fees if you pay your water bill online. Mayor Strecker stated that there are fees only if you use a credit card. There are no fees for automatic payments out of credit cards.

He inquired if the City is making any progress regarding sirens. Mr. Lantz stated that Kevin Scagnetti and the Fire Chief met with the siren people. They checked the siren on Ashford and it is salvageable with updates made. They discussed where to place new sirens. The City offices are not a good place to put a siren and installing one near the water tower will not work either. They settled for putting one at the lift station near the hospital and one on Elm Street. So, one siren will be updated and fixed and the City should be getting two new sirens.

Some citizens have asked him if some properties along West Main Street are in the City and some not in the City. Mr. Lantz stated that some are in the City and some are in York Township.

Mr. Brugnone inquired about the status of the Railroad Museum property for sale. Mr. Lantz stated that it has been advertised in the newspaper. Mr. Wallingford stated that it has to be advertised in the newspaper for five consecutive weeks and then bids will be opened. Council will be notified of any bids that are received.

Mrs. Ommert stated that she has noticed homeowners repairing sidewalks and driveways and has had several positive comments from others regarding this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Shepherd stated that a Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting was held tonight at 7:15 p.m. They discussed a proposed ODOT resolution. They made a motion to take Resolution No. R-6-22 out of committee and add it to tonight's agenda. Mr. Shepherd made a motion to add Resolution No. R-6-22 to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0. Resolution No. R-6-22 will be added to tonight's agenda.

Mrs. Ommert scheduled a Budget & Finance Committee meeting for Monday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the status of the Bellevue Municipal Court position. Judge Aigler and Lynetta will be in attendance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Midge Covella, 119 Ridge Drive, expressed her frustration that the big ditch has not been completed. She has had several neighbors comment to her that it looks bad and they wish it had not been done. She suggested that next time Council wants to do a big project like this, that they first take a look at the area before they vote and also talk with the citizens involved. After that they could invite the citizens to a meeting and then make a decision to vote for or against it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mr. Hill is excused tonight. He then turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution No. R-5-22 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION DETERMINING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-5-22 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 6-0.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to adopt Resolution No. R-5-22, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Waldrup. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Resolution No. R-6-22 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION GIVING CONSENT OF THE CITY FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM CERTAIN MAINTENANCE AND/OR REPAIR ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE THE CITY CORPORATION AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CERTAIN MAINTENANCE AND/OR REPAIR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Ordinance No. 5-22 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE ADDRESSING THE PROVISIONS OF AMENDED SUBSTITUTE HB 172 CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF MUNICIPALITIES TO RETAIN THE REGULATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS ON THE DISCHARGE, IGNITION AND EXPLODING OF FIREWORKS THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF AMENDED SUBSTITUTE HB 172, RATIFYING THE CONTINUED VALIDITY OF BELLEVUE CODIFIED ORDINANCES CHAPTERS 1519 AND 509, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 6-22 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3-22, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Resolution No. R-4-22 was given its second reading by title only: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR THE RENEWAL OF A ONE (1) MILL LEVY FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mayor Strecker inquired if Mrs. Ommert would like him to get in touch with Judge Aigler about attending the next meeting on May 9. Mrs. Ommert stated she would appreciate it if he would contact the Judge.

President Smith thanked everyone for attending and requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending labor contract negotiations. Council will reconvene after the session with no further business and only to adjourn the regular City Council meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Waldrup and seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 6-0.

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