

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 9, 2022**

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Council President, Mr. Smith. Council members present: MR. BAKER, MR. BRUGNONE, MS. DOWNING, MR. HILL, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

Minutes of the April 25, 2022 City Council meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Brugnone to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:**

**Bellevue Police Chief Linder** introduced and swore in four new police officers. He then swore in one current officer that has been advanced to Sergeant.

**Mayor Strecker** stated that the Hometown Hero banners will hopefully be installed by May 16.

On Friday he attended the Jungle Junction birthday party. Amy and her staff did a great job.

He thanked the Bellevue Lions Club for picking up clothing and food donations and delivering it to the tornado victims in Kentucky.

On April 28 Bellevue had their first Sandusky County Travel & Tourism bus come to the City. Promotional items and gift bags were given from many businesses in the City. He received very positive comments from those in attendance. There will be at least twelve more coming to Bellevue.

Chief Maike and Kevin Scagnetti have been working with a company to fix and/or obtain new sirens for Bellevue. The siren on Ashford Avenue can be repaired and the City will need two new ones. They will fix the siren on Ashford and purchase one new siren this year and purchase one next year.

We are all invited to the dedication ceremony of the new Attica Area Veterans Memorial Park on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

**Auditor, Mr. Smith** received the monthly distribution report from RITA. Year to date through the end of April has us up 4.73% over last year.

**Law Director, Mr. Wallingford**, welcomed the citizens sitting at the back at the tables and mentioned that the chairs near the podium are available and told them they would be able to hear better if they decide to change seats.

**REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**Mr. Shepherd** stated that on the property at 130 North Buckeye where a house was torn down last year and currently owned by the City, a trampoline has been placed. He is concerned about the liability the City may have with it and is something we may want to address.

He received a complaint about parking on Bellaire where a cluster of vehicles hang out near Kilbourne Street. He checked with the bus superintendent and she said there are problems there with all the vehicles. Her solution is to change the bus routes and bus stops.

**Ms. Downing** noted that with the warm weather, more children are out playing and she encouraged everyone to be vigilant, watch out for the children and help keep them safe.

**Mr. Waldrup** stated that he is happy that winter is over and he is enjoying the nice weather.

**Mr. Baker** stated that he received calls from citizens who were impressed with the tornado warnings the other day. He informed everyone that it is the Fire Department who activates the sirens.

**Mr. Hill** stated that Amy at the Rec Center has many activities that she would like to implement but isn't having any luck starting them. She is trying to get a Natures Works grant. She received a call from City Administration regarding the grant. She used boiler plate language from another grant when she filled out the application and some of the wording wasn't quite what was needed. She really is trying to do the right thing. When she has mentioned a new rec center, she is well aware that without substantial financial backing it won't be happening. She reached out to Administration simply to inquire how she could start the funding process. Even plans for work at Robert Peters Park has a long way to go for funding. They don't want to start something and not be able to finish it. She is feeling frustrated that rumors are circulating and things are taken out of context when she is simply trying to move through the preliminary stages and has inquiries regarding them. She has minimum staff to work with and she is working within her budget. She has her hands full and really is doing a great job.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Mrs. Ommert** reported that a Budget & Finance Committee meeting was held tonight at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the status of the Bellevue Municipal Court's request for a new employee. Judge Aigler and Lynetta Bollinger were in attendance. The Committee gave the go-ahead for them to start looking for a new employee. Auditor, Mr. Smith, will work with them if any budget changes are needed.

**Mr. Shepherd** stated that he has been working on a sidewalk repair and replacement program. He will forward it to Mr. Wallingford and the City Engineer and depending on how they respond, he will have something ready for Council soon.

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS:

**Midge Covella**, 119 Ridge Drive, stated that she doesn't see anything moving forward on the big ditch and behind her home it is only about one-third of the way finished. She inquired when it will be moving forward. She can't landscape until it is finished. She would like to discuss her concerns.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

LEGISLATION:

**Ordinance No. 5-22 was given its second reading by title only:** 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 second reading by title only:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3-22, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Resolution No. R-4-22 was given its third and final 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.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Resolution No. R-4-22, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

**President Smith** thanked everyone for attending and requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss 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. Baker to go into Executive Session. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Brugnone and seconded by Mrs. Ommert. 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**