

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 23, 2022**

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, May 23, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Councilwoman, Mrs. Ommert. Council members present: MR. BAKER, MR. BRUGNONE, MS. DOWNING, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

Minutes of the May 9, 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:

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, stated that we have received a liquor license request for transfer from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control. This will transfer an existing license to a new owner. It was formerly The Bierkeller Pub and Restaurant and is now the Vue Banquet & Event Center. He spoke with Mayor Strecker and Police Chief Linder and they have not heard of any issues with this business. At his pleasure, President Smith can ask for a motion from Council NOT to request a hearing.

Bellevue Police Chief, Marc Linder introduced and swore in Patrolwoman, Mary Kaman, and Sergeant Nicholas Tenore. He also swore in Sergeant Todd Trego as a new Detective. He is also the IT specialist for the Department.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Shepherd stated that he spoke with the Mayor regarding an issue with parking on Aigler. He inquired if there is a formal procedure to decide if parking is permitted or prohibited on streets. Mr. Wallingford stated that it is at the discretion of the Safety-Service Director.

Mr. Waldrup reminded everyone that schools will be over soon which means more kids will be out and about and we need to be vigilant and watch out for them.

Mr. Baker inquired if the City Offices are open yet. Mr. Lantz stated that they are not open but they are discussing opening them around the first of June. If the numbers of Covid cases increase, they will have to be closed again.

Mr. Baker inquired if there is any way that a drive-through drop box could be installed so citizens can drop off payments without getting out of their car. Mr. Lantz stated that it is something that has been considered and they know is needed.

Mrs. Ommert stated that she met with Fire Chief Maike and went over some things that he would like to see happen with his department. She will meet with Mr. Lantz and Engineer Scagnetti and come up with a plan for the budget for next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Smith stated that a Committee of the Whole work session was held tonight prior to this meeting. Motions were made and seconded to take Ordinance Nos. 7-22 and 8-22 out of committee and add them to tonight's agenda. Motion to add Ordinance No. 7-22 was made by Mr. Brugnone and seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 6-0. Motion was then made by Mrs. Ommert to add Ordinance 8-22 to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Waldrup. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0. Both ordinances will be added to tonight's agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mr. Hill is excused tonight. He entertained a motion NOT to request hearing on the proposed liquor license transfer request of the Vue Banquet and Event Center. Mr. Shepherd made the motion to NOT request a hearing. Mr. Waldrup seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

Mr. Shepherd requested a recusal from voting on Ordinance 6-22. Mrs. Ommert made the motion and Mr. Waldrup seconded it. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 5-0. He then turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 7-22 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT FOR A DUMP TRUCK WITHOUT BID UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 735.051, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Brugnone to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 7-22 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

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Motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance 7-22, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

Ordinance No. 8-22 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCUMULATING RESOURCES FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, OR IMPROVEMENT OF FIXED ASSETS OF THE CITY, AND THEREBY AMENDING THE 2022 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3-22, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 5-22 was given its third and final 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.

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

Ordinance No. 6-22 was given its third and final reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3-22, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance No. 6-22, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, thanked Council for passing Ordinance Nos. 6-22 and 7-22.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council