

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 27, 2022

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Council President, Ronald Smith. Council members present: MR. BAKER, MR. BRUGNONE, MS. DOWNING, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

Minutes of the June 13, 2022 City Council meeting 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.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker stated that the City of Bellevue has been awarded "Tree City USA" for the 26th year by the Arbor Day Foundation. Ohio has the greatest number of tree cities in the country. There are 52 Tree Cities in Northwest Ohio.

He distributed a flyer to everyone about Historic Lyme Village celebrating Civil War Days on Saturday and Sunday, July 9th and 10th. He thanked Lyme Village for having this celebration which brings in a lot of visitors.

On Thursday, July 7, he will be attending the Huron County Commission meeting and on Tuesday, July 12, he will be attending the Sandusky County Commission meeting. He plans to attend these meetings monthly and if there is anything Council would like him to discuss with them, let him know. He thanked both counties for all their help and support during the pandemic.

His heart goes out to the family, friends, and co-workers of Tiffin firefighter and paramedic, Sean Tyler, who recently passed away. He embraced the virtues of honor, courage and duty. He always had a kind word for everyone. He loved his family and community. He was the son-in-law of Councilman Steve Hill, and leaves a wife and three children. He will be greatly missed.

Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, stated that last week the Regional Council of Governments met which is the enabling group that allows RITA to function. We are a member of that Council and he represents the City and was in attendance at the meeting. There was one piece of business that was handled, an amendment to the agreement which would have allowed for attendance at RCOG meetings by remote communication, should Ohio law permit public bodies to hold public meetings by remote communications in the future. The Amendment did not pass. Next year they will go back to in-person meetings.

The current Executive Director at the Regional Council of Governments, Don Smith, has retired and Amy Arrighi has been selected as the new Executive Director.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, gave a heads up that a motion will be coming to Council for their approval at some point. We are required under a provision of the Ohio Revised Code to make a payment to either the Humane Society or someone they contract with to handle the enforcement issues regarding cruelty and neglect of animals. The only one we have heard from is the Sandusky County Humane Society who has contracted with the Sandusky County Dog Warden to handle these issues of cruelty and neglect. Since Bellevue is in three counties, they would like something official to recognize and authorize them to act in any part of Bellevue

whether it be Sandusky County, Huron County or Erie County. The Mayor is the one authorized to make the payment and to have this connection with whoever the Humane Society appoints to deal with cruelty and neglect issues. Mr. Wallingford has drafted a letter to the parties involved for the Mayor to sign. It puts in writing that we are paying money to them. We have already paid for this year that we are authorizing them and instructing them to cover any cruelty and neglect issues citywide. Once the letter is approved and goes out, we will be addressing it in Council by way of a motion to make them aware that this is what the Mayor has decided to do and that Council supports it and understands we need to put it in the budget and pay it every year. It is already in the budget. It doesn't need to be a resolution or ordinance, just a motion.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Baker stated that he received a number of comments about how good the old Ben Franklin building has been cleaned up. It looks so much better.

He recently read in the newspaper that a state representative for Huron County was able to apply for and receive grant money for projects in the county. He wonders if perhaps our congressman could apply for grants for us.

He inquired if there is a list of streets chosen for re-pavement yet. Mr. Lantz stated that at first, not knowing what the increase in costs would be for blacktop this year, they were discussing postponing re-pavement projects until next year but after talking with Mr. Scagnetti, and looking at many of the streets that need work done, they have decided to try and fix eight or nine streets. The list of streets will hopefully be ready by the next Council meeting.

He has received a couple of calls regarding fireworks for this year and inquired if any have been scheduled. Mayor Strecker stated that they will have them at the end of summer bash on August 13 at 9:00 p.m. at Robert Peters Park.

He inquired about how the demolition of property on Center Street is progressing. Mr. Lantz stated that they were stripping the asbestos and waiting for a company to come in and let us know when they can tear them down.

Mr. Brugnone thanked Mr. Lantz and the Street Department for taking care of the debris on Belle Avenue.

He inquired if there is anything that can be done about the roads going out to the compost site. Mr. Lantz stated that they are trying to put grindings and pack them in. They are not going to do hot asphalt because there are so many other streets in Bellevue more in need of repair. Maybe next year they can add it to the list of streets to repave.

Mrs. Ommert inquired about repairing Brinker Street. Mr. Lantz stated that they can put cold patch for now. The Street Department will be going around and doing some hot patching this year on Route 20 and grate some of the streets and get them smoothed out. Mr. Baker mentioned that Columbia Gas does work on the streets and then leaves them in a mess. Mr. Lantz stated they are trying to stay in the Boulevard area as much as possible. Mr. Wallingford stated it would be great if Columbia Gas could let the City know when they are going to be doing work on a street so the City doesn't work on it only to have Columbia Gas tear it up afterward.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Baker stated that a Public Utilities Committee meeting was held tonight at 7:00 p.m., where they discussed possibly extending the water line out Gardner Road. Nothing was determined regarding that. They also discussed the Water Department's boiler proposed no-bid purchase for the Water Treatment Plant and Mr. Wallingford will have an ordinance prepared and placed on the next agenda for July 11.

President Smith stated that a Committee of the Whole work session was held tonight prior to this meeting. They discussed (1) Nature's Works Grant for the Recreation Department and proposed Resolution No. R-7-22, (2) Sourcewell proposed general Resolution No. R-8-22, (3) Sourcewell proposed plow truck Ordinance No. 11-22, (4) the NKP Railroad Museum property purchase and proposed Ordinance No. 12-22, and (5) AFSCME Groups 2 & 3 contract and proposed Ordinance No. 13-22. Mr. Brugnone made a motion to add all five ordinances and resolutions to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and motion passed by the vote 6-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patricia Gray, 252 Guenther Street, stated that at the last City Council meeting she expressed her desire to have the potholes on Guenther Street fixed. She profoundly thanked Mr. Lantz and the Street Department for repairing them so timely.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mr. Hill is excused tonight.

At our last City Council meeting everyone was given a copy of this year's Boards and Commissions appointments to review. He entertained a motion to accept these assignments. Motion was made by Mr. Brugnone. It was seconded by Mr. Waldrup. All were in favor of approving the appointments.

He then turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution No. R-7-22 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FILING OF AN APPLICATION AND THE OBLIGATION OF NECESSARY FUNDS TO COMPLETE A NATURE WORKS PROJECT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Ms. Downing to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-7-22 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

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Motion was made by Ms. Downing to adopt Resolution No. R-7-22, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

Resolution No. R-8-22 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, TO PARTICIPATE IN SOURCEWELL, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE (NJPA), COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-8-22 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

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Motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Resolution No. R-8-22, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

Ordinance No. 9-22 was given its second reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3-22, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 11-22 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT FOR AN INTERNATIONAL PLOW TRUCK UNDER THE SOURCEWELL NATIONAL BIDDING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 12-22 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL REAL ESTATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Brugnone to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 12-22 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Waldrup. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

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Motion was made by Mr. Brugnone to adopt Ordinance No. 12-22, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Waldrup. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

Ordinance No. 13-22 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LABOR CONTRACT WITH AFSCME, GROUPS 2 AND 3, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 13-22 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

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Motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance No. 13-22, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

Ordinance No. 8-22 was given its third and final reading by title only: 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.

Motion was made by Mr. Brugnone to adopt Ordinance No. 8-22, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Waldrup. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, thanked Council for passing Ordinance No. 13-22.

Mayor Strecker thanked Council for approving the appointment of 2022's Boards and Commissions.

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