

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 25, 2022**

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, July 25, 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, MR. HILL, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

Minutes of the July 11, 2022 City Council meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Waldrup to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Shepherd. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

**Law Director, Mr. Wallingford**, stated that we previously talked about the Humane Society or someone they contract with to handle enforcement issues regarding cruelty and neglect of animals. The Sandusky County Humane Society has contracted with the Sandusky County Dog Warden to handle these issues. The Mayor has signed letters to be sent to the Sandusky County Administrator, the Sandusky County Dog Warden who would be the agent, and the Humane Society of Sandusky County. There is no particular rush on sending the letters as we have already made a payment for this year. We can send copies of the letters and motion with the next agenda for everyone to look at. This will just be a motion, not a resolution or ordinance.

There is going to be a meeting on a possible Master Plan update for Monday, August 1 at 7:00 p.m. Dave will be out of town and will not be able to attend the meeting, but he has done research on the code section that covers the Master Plan and some excerpts from an ordinance we did last time. This is actually something that the Planning Commission does. Last time in addition to the Planning Commission, they had a steering committee that worked on it along with a consultant that worked on it because it is very involved. He will send copies of this information to President Smith and Ms. Downing for the meeting.

President Smith inquired if he had an issue with a dog in his neighborhood does he contact the Sandusky County Dog Warden or the Huron County Dog Warden. Mr. Wallingford stated that both counties have dog wardens, but it is the Sandusky County Dog Warden that will be handling the law enforcement of humane, cruelty and neglect issues for Bellevue.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mr. Shepherd** stated that he received a call from a citizen who read the minutes from the last meeting regarding the proposed school crosswalk. He had noticed that there are no signs on Main Street going east or west near the Immaculate Conception School. Perhaps Council could look into it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Mr. Shepherd** inquired if there are any updates on street resurfacing for this year. Mr. Scagnetti stated there are no updates.

**President Smith** scheduled a Committee of the Whole work session for Monday, August 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss the possibility of expanding DORA to include Central Park.

**Mr. Brugnone** stated that Ms. Downing asked him to remind everyone there will be a Public Works Committee meeting on Monday, August 1, and 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Master Plan.

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS:

**Kevin Acheson, 146 Miles Avenue**, brought up problems they are having on their street for the last four years which are progressively getting worse. He has been harassed with pounding at his door at 2:00 – 3:00 in the morning and then the person takes off. It has escalated into property damage to his home and vehicle. He has had rocks thrown at his house which damaged his siding. Last Friday night dirt, water bottles and rocks were thrown into his yard. There is an ongoing drug problem in the area. He spoke with a detective from the Bellevue Police Dept. The area between his house and the Ungerers has foot traffic and bicyclers going through all times of the night with mysterious black backpacks. Also there are cars coming down the street with their lights off at 2:00 – 4:00 in the morning. He has confronted someone walking down the street with a black backpack. The Armstrong property lot has many people going through to get back to the reservoir.

This is really affecting his quality of life. He cannot relax at his home at night without having to watch and make sure further damage isn't done to his home and property. He served as a policeman for twenty years. He is retired now and moved to Bellevue 19 years ago. It was a quiet neighborhood when he moved in but it has become a nightmare. A street light would help, and possibly a traffic camera so police can see the foot traffic and vehicles going through there. Also increase the presence of police by adding patrols go through there at different times they won't know what time. Also maintenance at the Armstrong property would help.

**Brad & Kristy Ungerer, 148 Miles Avenue**. **Mrs. Ungerer** stated she is here to support Mr. Acheson. She talked with Mr. Baker previously about getting a street light there. She is home all week and is grateful to have Kevin home at night watching over their properties. Her husband reached out to the owners of the neighboring property. Perry's Plantation mows the outside but they are not paid to mow the inside strip. It would be helpful to have a street light and have the strip of grass mowed and possibly remove some trees on the corner. Her son rides his bike on the sidewalk and she doesn't feel that he is safe. At night there are flashlights everywhere. The Police say they don't have enough manpower to patrol at night. If Council can assist them in getting more manpower it would really help. They are destroying the neighborhood. If the property is mowed it would cut down on the foot traffic coming through. Because of all the weeds, they have had problems with raccoons and mice, etc.

**President Smith** thanked them for coming and for their comments.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** stated that Councilwomen Mrs. Ommert and Ms. Downing, Auditor, Mr. Smith, and Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, are excused tonight.

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

LEGISLATION:

**Ordinance No. 11-22 was given its third reading by title only:** 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.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance No.11-22, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 5-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

**Mr. Baker** stated that the concert Council is sponsoring will be on August 11. He will set the final tally and let everyone know.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

**Motion**

Bellevue City Council has received and reviewed the proposed letters of Mayor Kevin G. Strecker to the Humane Society of Sandusky County's agreement to authorize the Sandusky County Dog Warden's office to handle law enforcement of cruelty and neglect issues throughout the City of Bellevue, including those portions of the City within Sandusky County, Huron County, and Erie County, and understands the necessity of an annual payment to the Humane Society of Sandusky County pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code which the City will be responsible for.

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Voting was as follows:

	Yes	No		Yes	No
<b>Mr. Baker</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Mrs. Ommert</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Mr. Brugnone</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Mr. Shepherd</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Ms. Downing</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Mr. Waldrup</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

**ATTEST:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Rhonda R. Soper**  
**Bellevue City Council Clerk**