

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING August 8, 2022

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, August 8, 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, MR. HILL, MRS. OMMERT, and MR. WALDRUP.

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

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker announced that this Thursday, August 11, at 6:00 p.m. there will be a fall sports parade and pep rally in the parking lot of the old FFCU building. They will introduce the band, cheerleaders, color guard and fall sports teams. It will be followed by a concert by Malibu Bay from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

The Back to School Bash will be on August 13 at the Bellevue Recreation Center. \$5.00 buys you a wristband that will get you into Jungle Junction and the pool. There will be two bounce houses there. There will be lots of carnival games. There will be three different food vendors. Fireworks will be at 9:30 p.m. at Robert Peters Park.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, apologized for his absence at the last couple of meetings. The amended budget that was done in April has been amended again and will be presented soon. It will allow for increased expenses for the Municipal Court and increased revenue in the Rec Dept. The 2023 temporary budget is also coming soon.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, stated that there will be a motion coming before Council tonight regarding the dog warden. Letters were sent out. This will be part of the President's report.

Within the last year or so Council approved the Prairie Ridge Subdivision (the one near The Bellevue Hospital). An application has been filed and a plat of survey has been done that can be looked over. There is a demand for larger lots. They are going to take five lots and turn them into four. The five old ones will disappear and the four new ones will replace them. A meeting at the Planning Commission is scheduled for August 17 in the afternoon. If it passes, their procedure is to send a letter to President Smith and to him informing them that it has passed. Mr. Wallingford will then prepare an ordinance to present to Council to consider and approve the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Mr. Baker informed Council that citizens have contacted him regarding mistakes that were made in drawing up the lot lines and addresses. He inquired if the City bears the responsibility for any mistakes. Mr. Wallingford stated Council is only approving the subdivision. This is just a re-plat. Issues with mistakes on addresses have nothing to do with Council.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ms. Downing inquired if Mayor Strecker knows what is going on with the covered pedestrian sign on Glendale and if it will be fixed before school starts. Mayor Strecker stated that he will check into it and get back with her tomorrow.

Mr. Waldrup reminded everyone that school starts in two weeks and we need to be careful and watch for kids walking to and from school. There will also be new drivers driving to and from school.

Mr. Baker inquired about a school crossing on Castalia Street that was discussed previously and if it be ready for the start of school. Mayor Strecker stated he doubts it will be ready for the start of school but it should be taken care of soon. He has a meeting with the new superintendent and they will move as quickly as possible on it.

He thanked the Mayor and Safety-Service Director for taking care of some high grass properties in his ward. The owners were given an opportunity to take care of them and when they didn't, the City took care of it.

Mr. Bruignone stated that he turned in a few properties for the same reason and they were taken care of.

He has received complaints about the homeless shelter downtown. People congregate 24 hours a day. Sometimes they are fully clothed and sometimes half clothed and they are running around on Main Street. He inquired if someone could look into it. It was discussed that there are addiction meetings held there and some stand around during breaks. Mr. Bruignone stated that an individual in a coat and tie and shorts walks across the street by the sign at CVS and sits there for hours possibly meditating and then goes back across the street. Mayor Strecker stated that he received some calls about this over the weekend. He will check into it. Ms. Downing stated they are technically listed as a church. They offer mattresses on the floor for homeless people. President Smith stated that there is a lot of activity there and they have helped people with addictions. The support groups are separate from the homeless shelter. They also have a food and clothing bank. Mayor Strecker stated that he will get in touch with Tim Hollinger, the Huron County Health Commissioner, and then report back to Council.

Mr. Hill gave condolences to Ms. Downing for the loss her step-mother who recently passed.

Mrs. Ommert also gave condolences to Ms. Downing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Smith stated that a Committee of the Whole work session was held tonight at 7:00 p.m. for the discussion of possibly expanding DORA to include Central Park. He also scheduled a Committee of the Whole work session for Monday, August 22, 2022, at 7:15 p.m., to further discuss expanding DORA to include Central Park.

Ms. Downing stated that a Public Works Committee meeting was held last Monday, August 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., to discuss Bellevue's Master Plan. The Planning Commission has completed a Master Plan and will prepare an ordinance to present to Council so her previously scheduled meeting for August 29 is cancelled.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patricia Gray, 252 Guenther Street, stated that she is representing Shop Bellevue. She passed out flyers and stated she has coupon books with a value of over \$500.00 from 40 local businesses for \$20.00 each. Anyone wanting to purchase one will also receive a ticket for their Cash Grab Contest.

A Back to School Bash will be held on August 13, 2022. During the "Stroll the Streets" everyone will have a chance to win four Jungle Junction tickets. There will be grocery carts for the train that anyone can donate to. Please bring a back to school item and get entered in their Cash Grab Contest. It will be held downtown from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mil'Lympic Pool and Jungle Junction will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and fireworks will be held at Robert Peters Park at dusk.

Ms. Downing stated that she has been in the loop for texts for Shop Bellevue and expressed her appreciation for all they do for the community. They work very hard and are very dedicated ladies.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, and Councilman, Mr. Shepherd, are excused tonight.

He stated that Council received and reviewed the proposed letters that Mayor Strecker was sending to the Humane Society of Sandusky County regarding the 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. Motion of approval was made by Mr. Brugnone and seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken and motion passed by the vote 6-0.

LEGISLATION: None.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mr. Baker inquired where we stand on the police contract. Mr. Wallingford stated that there are some communications going on regarding this. When ready, an ordinance with an exhibit will be prepared and presented to Council.

Mayor Strecker thanked Council for approving the letters regarding the Sandusky County Dog Warden handling the legal issues of cruelty and neglect in Bellevue.

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,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council