

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 12, 2022

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, September 12, 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, MR. HILL, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

Minutes of the August 22, 2022 City Council meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Waldrup 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:

Mayor Strecker welcomed Mr. Lantz back.

Bellevue's Halloween parade will be on October 27. Entrants will line up at Central Park at 5:30 and the parade starts at 6:00 p.m. Trick-or-Treating is scheduled for October 29. If it rains, it will be held on October 30.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, reminded Council that Ordinance 16-22 on the agenda tonight is mostly regarding the grant that was awarded to the Bellevue Municipal Court.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, stated that the City has received a liquor license transfer request from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding the transfer of Bellevue Beverage Center, LLC, to Royal Beverage Point LLC. This is the type of action where if we know of issues we might want to request a hearing. During the president's report he will ask for a motion. If there are any concerns let us know at that time. Normally we would request a motion to **not** request a hearing. The clerk will then get the information to the Division of Liquor Control. Also, we have a councilman that is associated with this transfer. We are expecting a motion for that person to be recused as a matter of an abundance of caution.

On Jan 10, 2022, Council passed a motion to authorize the Safety-Service Director to make an application for a grant for an electric vehicle charging station. This afternoon the City received notice that the grant has been awarded and a proposed grant agreement regarding an electric vehicle charging station to be built next to Bellevue's Fire Station that they want signed by early morning on September 26 (which is our next Council meeting day). We would like to ask for a couple more days to review and discuss this and have a resolution ready at our next meeting. There is no guarantee that they will grant us a couple more days, so if the City wishes to proceed with this, we need to schedule a special City Council meeting perhaps next Monday night to discuss this. We need to do a resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to sign this grant agreement. The plan is to have the Clerk email a copy of the agreement to everyone this Wednesday. This will be reviewed by the Safety-Service Director and Auditor Smith as far as finances, and also our Engineer, Kevin Scagnetti, to see how to make this happen. Later on there will be a bidding ordinance and an ordinance to amend the permanent appropriations. He asked President Smith and Council to have a tentative date set up to meet briefly to go over this with Mr. Scagnetti in attendance to answer any questions Council might have so you can make an informed decision whether or not to have Mike sign this agreement.

Carrie Williams, 124 Charlotte Avenue, inquired if Bellevue schools have any protocol for handling an active shooter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Councilwoman, Ms. Downing, and Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, are both excused tonight.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mrs. Ommert to recuse Mr. Brugnone from voting on the liquor license transfer request of Bellevue Beverage Center, LLC, to Royal Beverage Point LLC. Motion passed by the vote 5-0. Motion was made by Mr. Hill to not request a hearing regarding the liquor license transfer. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 5-0.

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

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 16-22 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3-22, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 17-22 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE EXPANDING THE CURRENT DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA), AND ENACTING REGULATIONS FOR THE DORA.

Ordinance No. 18-22 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE RE-PLAT OF THE PRAIRIE RIDGE SUBDIVISION--PHASE I, INLOTS 2385-2389, INCLUSIVE, ON CENTENNIAL DRIVE, BELLEVUE, SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 18-22 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Ordinance No. 18-22 was given its second and third readings by title only: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE RE-PLAT OF THE PRAIRIE RIDGE SUBDIVISION--PHASE I, INLOTS 2385-2389, INCLUSIVE, ON CENTENNIAL DRIVE, BELLEVUE, SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance No. 18-22, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Ordinance No. 15-22 was given its second reading: AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING REPLACEMENT PAGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Shepherd stated that he had a neighbor call with a complaint. She lives on North Sandusky Street and she told him that every time it rains, her street floods. She thinks perhaps the storm drains have not been cleaned out. Are they using the vac truck to clean out the drains? Mr. Lantz responded that the vac truck is out almost every day. He will have it looked at.

He inquired if the City is going to do any street resurfacing this year. Mr. Lantz stated that he has not spoken with Mr. Scagnetti about it. He will check on it. As long as the weather stays decent into October we may be able to do some.

Mr. Waldrup welcomed back Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz.

Mr. Baker thanked Council members who contributed to the concert at Central Park. It was a fun night and their support was appreciated.

Mr. Brugnone mentioned the student that was hit on his way to school. Mayor Strecker has talked with the Superintendent. They are discussing some ideas to help. Possibly going back to crossing guards in a couple of areas. Flashing lights may help. There are no traffic lights where the child was hit. We want to move on this as soon as possible and not wait until someone else gets hurt.

Mr. Hill inquired about possibly having some streets repaved. He noticed that the City parking lot was recently resurfaced, lined and arrowed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patricia Gray, 252 Guenther Street, stated that she attended the 9/11 Memorial Service. It was very moving and she thanked Kenn and Donn Rospert for all they do for the City. We cannot forget about 9/11. We need to teach our children what happened that day.

She mentioned the street signs on 20 and that people are not slowing down as they pass through the City.

She mentioned that perhaps a little black top could be put on Guenther Street so that plows can go through when it snows.

The ditch looks awful. There are so many weeds.

Midge Covella, 119 Ridge Drive, stated that she agrees with Patty. She inquired if Council members listen to the citizen comments and drive down the streets to check them out. The ditch looks like a disaster. Weeds are growing in the water now. Animals that had habitats there are now invading their yards and foundations and under sheds. The City cannot just spray the weeds. A lot of money was spent and a lot of money was wasted. Black walnut trees are gone. Squirrels don't have anything to eat. All the trees are gone. The birds there were killed and their nests were knocked down. There are snakes and rats now. She expressed her disgust with it all.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-3-22 its third reading by title only, and declaring an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Ordinance No. 15-22 was given its third reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING REPLACEMENT PAGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Ordinance No. 15-22, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, inquired if Council wishes to schedule a special City Council meeting for next Monday, September 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Safety-Service Director signing a proposed grant agreement regarding an electric vehicle charging station to be built next to Bellevue's Fire Station. If we aren't given a couple more days for the Safety-Service Director to sign the grant agreement, we will hold the special meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Shepherd stated that he has driven down Guenther Street and it is really rough. He inquired if utility work is currently being done. It was stated that they are waiting for the gas company to finish their work. Perhaps a temporary fix could be done to help out.

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