

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING September 26, 2022

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Councilwoman, Mrs. Ommert. Council members present: MR. BAKER, MS. DOWNING, MR. HILL, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 12, 2022 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

Minutes of the special City Council meeting of September 19, 2022 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:

Mayor Strecker stated that Four County Young at Heart celebrated its 50th anniversary yesterday. He stated that they do an excellent job for our seniors and he congratulated them and gave them a proclamation from Council and the Administration.

Thursday October 13 will be the Halloween Extravaganza at the Rec Center with trunk or Treat, games, and a costume contest from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

There will be a costume contest at Copper Top on October 16 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Acting Safety-Service Director, Mr. Scagnetti, stated that tonight Ordinance No. 19-22 regarding a bridge inspection program is on the agenda. We have participated in this in the past. It used to be costly before the federal government got involved and the City spent a tremendous amount on bridge inspections. Now the government does the leg work. If we could quickly pass this ordinance and get it back to them that would be very helpful.

A notice to contractors for street resurfacing went out. The bids are due October 6. They will be doing a limited amount of streets this year and lining up more for next year. This year a portion of Center Street and Guenther Street will be repaved. Columbia Gas will be doing projects in Bellevue for the next five years. Some of their work could make the streets have potholes again. The City may need to work on streets that don't need to be done as badly as others because of the gas company. Goodrich road is not going to be done because of bean harvesting.

The City will be getting authorization for bidding for a project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. They are getting permit applications in to the EPA and they expect them back in the next few weeks. The estimate for the project is 2.6 million dollars. It won't be awarded before 2023 and they could possibly push it out to next year for the budget.

The City received a grant from ODOT for the authority to contract the design of West Main Street. Even though it won't be constructed until 2025, the City needs to get started with the design. The survey crew is coming and they would like to jump on it before snow covers the ground. The cost will be approximately \$347,000.00. We already have \$350,000.00 in that line account for state highway improvements.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that the Auditor of State is currently doing an audit.

President Smith introduced Russ Zimmerman, Sandusky County Commissioner, and invited him to speak. Commissioner Zimmerman stated that he is up for reelection this year. He introduced himself and talked about projects he has worked on for the last four years including upgrading the county offices with LED lighting and one new copper roof. He stated that many counties used the money

received from the America Recovery Plan for bonuses for their employees. Sandusky County used the money for infrastructure.

He stated that the Commissioners divide the 34 committees among them and one of them attends each meeting and then reports to the others so that all four of them are informed about what is going on in the County.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ms. Downing stated that she received a list of issues that need attention from a citizen and she forwarded it to Mayor Strecker. She thanked the Mayor for how quickly he addressed and took care of all of the issues.

She attended the Fall Festival on Saturday. It was a fun event and had a great turnout.

She inquired if there is any new information on getting a street light on Hartland Drive. Mayor Strecker stated that there is no information yet. He will be working on it and will get back to her.

Mr. Waldrup stated that his questions regarding street resurfacing were answered previously by Mr. Scagnetti.

Mr. Hill inquired about the street light on Miles Avenue. Mr. Scagnetti stated it is being worked on.

Mrs. Ommert stated that it gets very dark at night at Ridge Park and inquired if a light could be installed. It was discussed that a siren will be going up there and they could also install some lighting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patricia Gray, 252 Guenther Street, stated that she is very excited about having Guenther Street resurfaced.

Shop Bellevue will be having a drive-through barbecue on Saturday, October 1, from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Snooties will be providing barbecue beef, green beans, macaroni and cheese and a specialty bun. They will also have a chocolate-covered Oreo from Candy Depot. Tickets are \$15.00 each and presale only. Tickets can be purchased at Candy Depot and Snooties. Shop Bellevue will use the proceeds to help with grants for local businesses.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Councilman, Mr. Brugnone was excused tonight. He then turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 19-22 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE OHIO DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMPLETE BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES, AT NO COST TO THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 19-22 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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Motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Ordinance No. 19-22, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 16-22 its third reading by title only, and declaring an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Ordinance No. 16-22 was given its third 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. 16-22, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Waldrup. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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

CLOSING REMARKS:

Ms. Downing stated that Pass It On Clothing Closet will be having their annual coat giveaway for children on Saturday, October 15, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The coats are free and will benefit children in the Bellevue City School District.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council