

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 27, 2021

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, September 27, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Council Clerk, Mrs. Soper. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. BRUGNONE, MS. DOWNING, MR. HILL, MS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

Minutes of the September 13, 2021 City Council meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Baker to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker stated that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He did a Proclamation and dropped it off at the 5K walk on Saturday.

He stated that tomorrow he will be representing Bellevue at the Justice for Migrant Workers Women's Rally at 8:00 a.m. in Fremont.

He also stated that tomorrow at 6:00 p.m., Monroeville will have a ceremony and become a Purple Heart City.

Safety-Service Director, Mike Lantz, stated that next week Seven Limers is going to start their repaving projects within the City.

City Engineer, Mr. Scagnetti, handed him a letter from the Ohio Department of Transportation today. He applied for a small City grant for the repaving of Main Street from the County line west to Greenwood Heights. It was approved. Depending on federal funds, it will cover 95% of the costs up to the maximum of 1.5 million dollars. We could potentially be looking at a new Main Street in 2024-2025. We may need a resolution for it. Mr. Scagnetti inquired if the City could add money and expand it out to the City limits. We have to provide notice by Friday November 5 if we are going to accept the funds.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that they will be working on the budget for the first nine months of next year and will have information to present to Council at the second meeting in October.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Shepherd stated that he spoke with the City Engineer recently about some issues with trucks making a left turn from Main Street to Exchange. He thought perhaps a sign could be installed but the Engineer stated that a sign cannot be put up. He stated they could possibly adjust the light at Five Points so more cars can get through going North. He also asked him about removing the "No turn on Red Light" and he said he would look into it.

Mr. Brugnone stated that some of the downtown businesses have inquired if the handicapped sign could be placed back in front of Gilbert's. There was one there previously.

Mr. Hill thanked the Mad River & NKP Railroad Museum for the steam engines they brought to Bellevue over the weekend and will have again next weekend. They had a large

crowd, it was very nostalgic, and they did a great job.

He inquired if Amy had contacted Mr. Lantz regarding the installation of a new Jungle Junction sign. There will also be a new sign on the building itself and a couple of other directional signs put up outside.

Mrs. Ommert stated that a business owner inquired when they will start the demolition of the Ben Franklin building. She told them they are taking care of the asbestos abatement issues and she was pleased to inform them that they will be starting the demolition on Monday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Waldrup scheduled a Public Safety Committee meeting for Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss North Central EMS. Ashley Ballah, Director, will be in attendance to answer any questions and give an update of their services.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mr. Freitag is excused tonight.

He reminded everyone that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, because Monday is a holiday.

LEGISLATION: None.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Auditor, Mr. Smith, welcomed Attorney Peter Sackett.

President Smith thanked everyone for attending tonight and asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss union negotiations and pending and eminent litigation. They will return to the regular meeting with no further business and only to adjourn. Mr. Brugnone made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council