

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 24, 2022**

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Reverend Diane Carter, of St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Council members present: MR. BAKER, MR. BRUGNONE, MS. DOWNING, MR. HILL, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD and MR. WALDRUP.

Minutes of the Public Hearing and regular City Council meeting of October 11, 2022 were presented for approval. It was noted that there was a typo in the spelling of "Gunther" Street. Also, in Ms. Downing's statement, the word "tax" needs to be changed to "text". Motion was made by Mr. Baker to approve the minutes as revised. It was seconded by Mr. Shepherd. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as revised.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:**

**Mayor Strecker** reminded everyone that Bellevue's Halloween Parade will be this Thursday, October 27. Line-up will be at Central Park at 5:30 p.m. and the parade will start at 6:00 p.m. Trick or Treating will be on Saturday, October 29, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. If it rains, Trick or Treating will be held on Sunday, October 30.

Amy Palsa of the Rec Center has been working very diligently on the Drive-Thru Santa event. They will be scheduling the date soon.

He welcomed students from Mr. Mercer's government class at the high school.

He thanked everyone who helped with the 2022 Copper Fest. It was a great success. The proceeds will help Fish and Loaves and the Bellevue Backpack Program.

**City Auditor, Mr. Smith,** distributed copies of the temporary budget for 2023 for Council members to review for the next City Council meeting. He also recommended that a Budget & Finance Committee meeting be scheduled before the next meeting.

**REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**Mr. Baker** inquired about leaf pick-up for this year. Acting Safety-Service Director, Mr. Scagnetti, stated that last year they started the week of Thanksgiving and went very smoothly. They have discussed having two crews start leaf pick-up during the same week this year.

Mr. Baker gave kudos to the Street Department. He went with them one day as they worked on Hartland Street and he was very impressed with their good work.

**Mr. Hill** stated that three weeks ago at the Rec Center they started the project of putting a new liner in the swimming pool. The crew tore out the old liner instead of placing the new one on top which exposed all the damaged concrete. They didn't know whether to proceed or not. They got some good prices to cover the damaged concrete so the liner would stick. Now they can install the liner. This is the last time a liner can be used. It should last for ten to fifteen years and then they will have to decide whether to build a new pool or put something else in its place.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Mr. Baker** stated that a ***Public Utilities Committee*** meeting was held tonight at 7:00. Benjamin Cutler, Public Affairs Manager for Columbia Gas of Ohio, was in attendance to discuss gas line improvements and answer questions.

Also, proposed Ordinance No. 22-22 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant was discussed. It was unanimously voted to take the ordinance out of committee and add it to tonight's agenda during the regular City Council meeting. Mr. Baker made a motion to add Ordinance No. 22-22 to tonight's agenda. Mr. Brugnone seconded the motion. A vote followed and passed by the vote 7-0. Ordinance No. 22-22 will be added to tonight's agenda.

**President Smith** stated that a ***Committee of the Whole*** work session was held tonight at 6:45 p.m. to discuss Omni Fiber's project for Bellevue. Jeff O'Brien from Omni Fiber introduced the company and explained what they are doing throughout the state.

**Mrs. Ommert** scheduled a ***Budget & Finance Committee*** meeting for Monday, November 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the 2023 temporary budget.

**Mr. Baker** scheduled a ***Public Utilities Committee*** meeting for Monday, November 14, 2022, at 7:15 p.m., to discuss the Water Department project.

**President Smith** introduced Ray Parker, President of the Bellevue Area Tourism & Visitors Bureau, who gave a report of their budget and work plan. He previously retired, but because Carol Martin also retired, he was approached to serve as President for one more year. He discussed what their plans are. He also discussed changing a bed tax in town which would increase the money they would receive for advertising.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS:

**Patricia Gray**, 252 Gunther Street, stated that she and all the residents of Gunther Street are ecstatic that their street was repaved. She thanked the Administration and the Street Department.

She talked about the Bellevue Backpack Program that she and a few other ladies of the community are actively engaged in. They pack bags of food for elementary students who don't have enough to eat at home over the weekend. They are preparing 97 bags each week. The amount needed has increased since the pandemic. She stated she volunteers for many things, but this program will be the last one she will ever give up. President Smith thanked her for all she does.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

## LEGISLATION:

**Ordinance No. 22-22 was given its first reading:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND FOR

THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED BELLEVUE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT SOLIDS AND GRIT REMOVAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 22-22 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 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 22-22 was given its second and third readings by title only:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED BELLEVUE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT SOLIDS AND GRIT REMOVAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance No. 22-22, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Acting Safety-Service Director, Mr. Scagnetti, thanked Council for passing Ordinance No. 22-22.

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. Waldrup. 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**