

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 14, 2022**

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, November 14, 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, MR. SHEPHERD and MR. WALDRUP.

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 24, 2022 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Brugnone to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Waldrup. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker stated that the Drive Thru Santa event at the Rec Center will be December 16, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

He thanked the sponsors and volunteers who did a great job with the annual Halloween parade. It keeps getting better every year.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, stated that leaf collection is going well. The Street Department was out all last week and will be continuing this week.

The Christmas decorations are all put up.

He has been talking with the townships of York, Lyme and Thompson, about extending their fire contracts for a year. Thompson Township has signed a contract but that leaves York and Lyme. York Township discussed changing the language in the contract but after talking with Mr. Wallingford we have notified them that we are not willing to change the contract. He hasn't heard back from them but thinks they will be willing to sign.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, distributed copies of the temporary budget to go along with the ordinance to be put on tonight's agenda. He would appreciate action taken on the ordinance.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, stated how nice it was to see the building on Center Street come down.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Waldrup stated he has heard good comments about leaf collection. The Street Department is doing a great job.

He wished a Happy Veterans Day to President Smith.

Mr. Baker stated that a Public Utilities Committee meeting was held tonight to discuss the study of the water plant.

He gave kudos to the Street Department for the great job they are doing with leaf collection.

He inquired if there is still time left in the year for street repaving. Mr. Lantz stated that the temperature has to be much higher and maintained for a number of days so no more streets will be worked on this year.

Mr. Hill inquired about the proposed light at the end of Miles Street. There is drug activity there. It will be looked into.

Mrs. Ommert stated she has received good comments about leaf collection.

On Saturday another house that needed to be demolished was taken care of. The Fire Department used the house for training. That is a win-win for the City and the Fire Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Baker stated that a *Public Utilities Committee* meeting was held tonight at 7:15.

Mrs. Ommert stated that a *Budget & Finance Committee* meeting was held tonight at 7:00 p.m. During the meeting it was voted to take Ordinance No. 23-22 out of committee and add it to tonight's agenda. Motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to add Ordinance No. 23-22 to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0. Ordinance No. 23-22 is added to tonight's agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patricia Gray, 252 Gunther Street, stated that when they paved Gunther Street the manholes were covered up. She wasn't sure if that is a problem but wanted to bring it to Council's attention.

She read a statement from Shop Bellevue Ohio Committee. She announced that the community group will dis-ban as of November 2022. It was not an easy decision to make but one they took very seriously. They have contacted various community groups to see if they would like to continue some of their last items of business. Shop Bellevue is very proud of the impact they have made in the community in helping to make the public aware of the importance of shopping locally first.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith thanked Mrs. Gray and the Shop Bellevue Committee for all they have done for the City.

He announced that after tonight there will be only two more meetings unless we have to have a special meeting.

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

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 23-22 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 23-22 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shepherd. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

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Motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to adopt Ordinance No. 23-22, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Mayor Strecker recused himself from voting on Ordinance No. 24-22.

Ordinance No. 24-22 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LABOR CONTRACT WITH OPBA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 24-22 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill. 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. 24-22, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, thanked Council for passing Ordinance No. 24-22.

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,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council