

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 10, 2023

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, April 10, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor Doug Gildenmeister of Touch the Heart Youth Ministries. Council members present: MR. BAKER, MS. DOWNING, MR. HILL, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, MR. WALDRUP and MR. WYNBISSINGER.

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 27, 2023 were presented for approval. Mr. Wallingford clarified a statement that was made in the closing comments where it was suggested that Bellevue could place a bed tax on air B & B's to help fund the Chamber of Commerce. It technically would not fund the Chamber of Commerce, but would benefit the Bellevue Tourism & Visitor's Bureau. A motion was made by Ms. Downing 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 April is National Childhood Abuse Prevention Month. He has proclamations from the Mayor and Council to present to the surrounding counties.

He would like to invite Boy Scout, Evan Snyder, to our next Council meeting and introduce him. He completed his Eagle Scout project by building three small libraries at Central Park, Fish and Loaves and Jungle Junction. Some children were picking up magazines and books from the one at Central Park on Saturday.

He thanked all the individuals and businesses who volunteered to help and donate to the Easter Bunny celebration at Central Park on Saturday. There were over 500 people there. He gave kudos to Eagles Club 490 who boiled and colored 1900 Easter eggs for the children. They had an unbelievable amount of children attending.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that two new emergency sirens have been added to the City's warning system. One has been installed at Ridge Drive (East side). Another has been installed at the corner of Progress & Auxiliary Drives. (West side). Hopefully this week they will be able to test them.

He received the one-year contract from Rumpke Recycling Services. He forwarded it to Mr. Wallingford. If everything is in order, he can prepare an ordinance and it could possibly be up and running as soon as May 1. The containers will be put in the new property the City just purchased. The lights are up there and they have a camera. If we need to add containers or if we decide to put them in another location we can make those changes.

Regarding the complaints of citizens in the Gardner Apartments of the Cyclone workers making noises too early in the morning, he called Cyclone and they said they would talk with their drivers. Give it a week or two and if there are still complaints, let him know.

City Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, reminded everyone that the deadline for filing taxes is April 18.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, stated that we received another liquor license transfer request from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control. The request is to transfer a liquor license from the former Five Points gas station to its new owner, the Bellevue Food Center LLC. He contacted the Safety-Service Director and emailed the City's Chief of Police to make sure there are no issues. If Council chooses, a motion can be made to request or NOT request a hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to NOT request a hearing. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0. The Clerk will inform the Division of Liquor Control that we do not wish to request a hearing.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Hill mentioned that the compost facility was closed at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Last year they closed at 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Because this year it will be closed on Sundays, he suggests that they extend their hours on Saturdays.

Mrs. Ommert stated that several citizens commented to her that the Easter Egg Hunt at Central Park was really fun and the organizers did an excellent job.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Waldrup stated that a **Public Safety Committee** meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. tonight to discuss the EMS levy and proposed EMA contract.

President Smith scheduled a **Committee of the Whole** workshop for Monday, April 24, 2023, at 7:15 p.m., to discuss a new clarifier for the Water Treatment Plant and proposed no bid ordinance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patricia Gray, 252 Gunther Street, stated that the Easter Egg Hunt and celebration last Saturday was wonderful. The kids were so excited.

She stated that next spring, on April 8, 2024, there will be a total eclipse of the sun and we are right at the epicenter. She would like see Bellevue do some special things to promote our city.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Auditor Smith is excused tonight.

He has received questions from citizens regarding our street resurfacing program. He stated that the streets that were not completed last year with the old contract would be done this year for the 2022 contract amount. Money was left over in the line account for resurfacing the streets. This year we have more funds appropriated for street repair. Mr. Brugnone stated that nothing is changed in price from last year for the streets that were contracted to be repaired. The streets that were completed last year were Gunther, Orchard, Center and McKim. The streets that will be completed this year with the 2022 contract are North, Buckeye, Great Lakes,

Goodrich, Larkspur, Honeysuckle, Meadowlark, and Goldenrod. He went around town with Mr. Scagnetti and Mr. Sutherland putting together a list of streets that could use a resurfacing this year. They have been in contact with the gas company to make sure we don't do a street they will be disturbing. Hopefully there will be around 20-25 streets resurfaced this year. Mr. Baker inquired if the City parking lot here is being considered for repair and Mr. Brugnone stated they are discussing it.

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

LEGISLATION:

Resolution No. R-1-23 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-1-23 its second and third readings by title only. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Waldrup to adopt Resolution No. R-1-23, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Ms. Downing. A vote was taken. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0, and as an emergency.

Ordinance No. 8-23 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT PROVIDED FOR IN ORDINANCE NO. 16-15 FOR THE ELECTED POSITIONS OF BELLEVUE CITY MAYOR, BELLEVUE CITY AUDITOR, AND BELLEVUE CITY LAW DIRECTOR.

Ordinance No. 9-23 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT PROVIDED FOR IN ORDINANCE NO. 15-15 FOR THE APPOINTED POSITION OF BELLEVUE ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR (CITY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY).

Ordinance No. 10-23 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE IN THE MATTER OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE'S PROPOSED PURCHASE OF 532 GARDNER STREET, BELLEVUE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 10-23 its second and third readings by title only, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-1, Mr. Shepherd, nay.

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A motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance No. 10-23, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-1, Mr. Shepherd, nay.

Ordinance No. 11-23 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING METAL SHIPPING CONTAINERS AND TEMPORARY STORAGE CONTAINERS, AND PROHIBITING THEIR USE AS ACCESSORY BUILDINGS WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, THEREBY AMENDING THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE.

Ordinance No. 12-23 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR STREET REPAVING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 12-23 its second and third readings by title only, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Ordinance No. 12-23, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, thanked Council for passing Resolution No. R-1-23, Ordinance No. 10-23, and Ordinance No. 12-23.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Shepherd and seconded by Mr. Waldrup. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council