

MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING May 8, 2023

President Smith called the public hearing to order at 7:15 p.m. He read the title to Ordinance No. 11-23: **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.**

The meeting was held open for ten minutes. No citizen comments were made. The meeting was closed at 7:25 p.m.

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING May 8, 2023

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor Jeff Durow of Bellevue Alliance Church. 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 April 24, 2023 were presented for approval. A 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 Friday, May 12, from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., The Vue will be open and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony. They will have live music.

On Tuesday, May 16, at 4:30 p.m. there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house at The Bellevue Hospital's new Cancer Care Infusion Services Center.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that a Ford Explorer was outfitted for a K-9 unit and has been sitting waiting for the Police Department's new K-9 unit. While the City was waiting to get approval for the K-9 unit, which it now has, the Chief found from an inter-department equipment sale, that Mayfield Village was retiring their K-9 unit. Their dog was reaching retirement age and they were not going to continue having a K-9 unit. They had a 2018 Dodge Charger for sale with a little over 90,000 miles on it. It comes equipped with K-9 equipment. The only thing needed is to install our radio, computer, and our tablet mount. They were asking \$12,000.00. This would enable us to take the K-9 equipment out of our Ford Explorer and add it to our regular fleet and we would have two additional vehicles for this year. We offered \$10,000 and settled for \$11,000. We pick it up Tuesday.

A couple of months ago he applied for a PEP grant. They want to purchase new signs and traffic cones for more visibility for the City workers on the streets.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, stated just before the meeting he was advised concerning the budget and the non-union pay ordinance which will enable the municipal court to adjust the rate of pay. An ordinance has been prepared and needs to be added to the next agenda or a committee meeting held to discuss it.

We have been waiting for the EMA resolution from Huron County which we received this afternoon. This is an ordinance we do every year. There is no change in the cost from last year. We do it every year. Even though Bellevue is in more than one county, the whole City will be included. We will have an ordinance prepared for our next meeting. If there are any questions, let him know. We can add it to the next agenda or discuss it in a committee meeting.

In 2021 we were part of a CHIP agreement regarding citizens receiving help for improvements to their residences. There was an agreement at that time. A new agreement will be entered into at the direction of our Economic Development Director, Mr. Sabo, for 2023. We will prepare an ordinance which can be placed on the next agenda or it can be discussed at a committee meeting.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Baker requested clarification of the CHIP program. Mr. Wallingford stated CHIP stands for Community Housing Impact and Preservation. It is based on household size and annual income. It offers no cost home repairs for homeowners who qualify. It requires no repayment. These home repairs are funded from a grant. It is a worthwhile program. It would be good to have Mr. Sabo here to explain how beneficial it was last time. We need to authorize the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract to have the funds available.

In trying to drum up support for summer concerts, he heard it said numerous times that Bellevue doesn't offer events but when it does, not many citizens support them. Also, it has been stated that there is nothing for kids to do during the concerts. There may be a better turnout if there is something for the kids to do.

He inquired about Bellevue's aggregate program. Mr. Brugnone stated that he has been in contact with a gentleman who will provide information on how their natural gas aggregate works and he will keep us updated.

Mr. Wynbissinger read a letter he received from a citizen in his ward regarding City zoning for chickens. It was discussed that there are restrictions on livestock in City limits. The letter came with a petition with 23 signatures. Mr. Wallingford stated that zoning issues first go through the City's Planning Commission.

Mr. Hill stated that as we get closer to election time, visitors running for various offices who are not citizens of Bellevue appear and want to state their political aspirations. He inquired if our stance is that they need to be on the agenda. President Smith stated that he prefers to know in advance and have it placed on the agenda. He would like it to be known that if they are not a citizen of Bellevue, and they wish to speak during one of our Council meetings, they need to first contact him and be placed on the agenda. They need to limit their speech to three minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Smith scheduled a **Committee of the Whole** work session for Monday, May 22, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. to discuss CHIP, raises for non-union fulltime employees, and any questions regarding EMA.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Blaine Cleveland, 8458 County Road 32, Green Springs, a student from the high school government class, inquired if the newly acquired police vehicle used funds from the City budget, or police budget. He inquired if Community Days could be brought back. President Smith stated it is something that the Administration would have to discuss.

Becky Grimm, 408 Brinker Street, thanked the Administration for the 25 mph sign put up between U.S. 20 and Strayer. She stated that people are still racing down her street.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, is excused tonight. He then turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation. He asked for a motion to approve the sale of City personal property by auction.

Mr. Wallingford read the following:

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 7-16, passed April 25, 2016, states in Section 3 that for any future sales of miscellaneous unneeded City personal property by Wilbur Wade or any other auctioneer, the Safety-Service Director can submit the list of items to be sold to City Council at a regular meeting of said council, who can approve the sale by public auction by motion under the authority of that ordinance, it is hereby moved that the items submitted in writing by the Safety-Service Director to City Council on May 8, 2023, are hereby approved for the sale by public auction by Wilbur Wade on or about May 13, 2023, or thereafter, under the authority of Ordinance No. 7-16 and this motion.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the auction and it was seconded by Ms. Downing. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0.

LEGISLATION:

Mr. Wallingford stated that there is a place on Resolution No. R-4-23 to approve or not approve the solid waste plan. A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to approve the plan. It was seconded by Mr. Waldrup. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0.

Resolution No. R-4-23 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE OTTAWA-SANDUSKY-SENECA JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.

A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-4-23 its second and third readings by title only. It was seconded by Mr. Waldrup. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to adopt Resolution No. R-4-23. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Resolution No. R-2-23 was given its second reading by title only: A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.03 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE REQUESTING THE SANDUSKY COUNTY AUDITOR AND HURON COUNTY AUDITOR AND ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, THE CURRENT TAXABLE VALUE OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, IN SANDUSKY COUNTY AND HURON COUNTY AND ERIE COUNTY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A RENEWAL TWO (2) MILL TAX LEVY FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 5705.19 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-2-23 its third reading by title only. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0.

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MEDICAL SERVICE AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 5705.19 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Resolution No. R-2-23, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0, and as an emergency.

Resolution No. R-3-23 was given its second reading by title only: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR THE RENEWAL OF A TWO (2) MILL TAX LEVY FOR PROVIDING AMBULANCE SERVICE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 8-23 was given its third reading by title only: 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance No. 8-23. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1, Mr. Shepherd, nay.

Ordinance No. 9-23 was given its third reading by title only: 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).

A motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance No. 8-23. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1, Mr. Shepherd, nay.

Mr. Hill requested to recuse himself from voting on Ordinance No. 11-23. A motion was made by Mrs. Ommert and seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken. It passed by the vote 6-0.

Ordinance No. 11-23 was given its third reading by title only: 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.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to adopt Ordinance No. 11-23. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken. The motion passed by a vote of 5-1, Mr. Shepherd, nay.

CLOSING REMARKS:

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. Baker. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council