

**MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING
July 10, 2023**

A public hearing was held on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 7:15 p.m. regarding the zoning change proposed by Ordinance No. 17-23. President Smith read the title of the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE RE-ZONING A PARCEL OF LAND OWNED BY AEGLOS ENTERPRISES LLC, THEREBY AMENDING THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF BELLEVE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The third and final reading of Ordinance No. 17-23 will be done tonight.

There were no citizen comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2023**

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor and Council President, Ronald Smith. 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 June 26, 2023 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. The minutes were approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker congratulated the Bellevue Fire Department and all the winners of the 2023 Hometown Heroes Awards sponsored by the Bellevue Area Chamber of Commerce. They celebrated at a dinner held in the Bellevue High School cafeteria.

He thanked Amy Palsa and her staff, the Street Department, the Safety-Service Director, and all the sponsors and volunteers who helped to make the Family Fun Night a big success.

The Bellevue Holiday House will sponsor a concert on July 21. That will be the second concert at Central Park.

There will be a community pep rally and snake dance on Thursday, August 10, at Central Park with student athletes, cheerleaders, and the Bellevue High School band. They will have food trucks.

The third and final concert will be on August 12 at Central Park.

They are planning a haunted Halloween House in October and a special Christmas house in December.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, gave an update of several sidewalk projects that have been completed. Mr. Hill inquired who pays for sidewalk repair. Mr. Brugnone stated that the individual residents pay for it.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that the annual audit by the State Auditor has begun. This is the third year in a row it has been done by the State Auditor. The City has started the bidding program to find a different auditor for next year's audit.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, stated that the minutes for tonight should reflect that a public hearing was held tonight at 7:15 p.m. regarding the zoning change proposed by Ordinance No. 17-23. There were no comments made by citizens of Bellevue, and that the third and final reading of the ordinance will be done tonight.

He stated that the Family Fun Night was very well done, the fireworks were great and the weather was perfect.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Shepherd thanked the Safety-Service Director for the update on sidewalk repairs. He is happy to see the progress being made.

He announced that this Friday the Oddo family will be traveling to Washington D.C. to the Navy Museum to see the unveiling of a memorial plaque to honor the six Oddo brothers from Bellevue who served in World War II.

Ms. Downing stated that she heard many positive comments from citizens regarding the Family Fun Night at Robert Peters Park. The fireworks were great.

She visited the recycling bins today and talked with a couple of gentlemen who asked if you have to separate items into different bins. They stated to her that they are happy to have recycling available.

Mr. Waldrup stated that he hoped everyone had a great 4th of July. He and his family enjoyed all the festivities and fireworks at Robert Peters Park. He congratulated Amy, her staff, and all the volunteers for their hard work in organizing the Family Fun Night. It was great to see all the families that were there enjoying the event.

President Smith stated that his three-year-old great-grandson sat on the front porch watching the fireworks and saying, "Wowww!"

Mr. Baker stated that he is not able to open documents on his City email account and understands that it is because of the City blocking them. Ms. Downing stated that she receives the emails but the last few weeks the downloads have been blocked. President Smith stated that he was having difficulty opening his documents and he talked with Terri at the City. She was able to go in and unblock the documents. Mr. Brugnone stated he will talk with Kevin and Terri and try to resolve the issue.

He stated it is already the seventh month of the year and hopes that something is being done with the water department study.

Mr. Wynbissinger reiterated that the Family Fun Night was a great success. There was a huge turnout. He thanked everyone involved with planning and hard work.

Mr. Hill gave kudos to the Rec Board and Amy. She did a great job picking out new equipment and placing them in the best places at the Rec Center. It has been up and running since Saturday morning. He invited everyone to stop in and see the new equipment.

Last week they received the pond pump back after having it out for repair. They will schedule a time to get it have it installed.

Mrs. Ommert stated she heard many positive comments from citizens about the Family Fun Night. It was packed everywhere with people and everyone enjoyed it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Teri Fields, 220 North Sandusky Street, stated her displeasure of the placement of the recycling bins in her neighborhood. There is constant noise of the lids slamming, traffic, and trucks picking it up at all hours of the night. She said it is a great idea but the bins should be placed in a public area and not in a residential area. No one in her neighborhood likes them.

She was crossing the street at U.S. Rt. 20 and Ohio State Rt. 18 wearing a bright, colorful shirt and still almost got hit by a truck. She suggests that the City put a four-way crossing there which would make it much safer.

Lauri Strayer, 306 North Sandusky Street, stated there is more and more traffic with the recycling bins and much more noise with the lids slamming, people dumping bottles and other noisy items, and trucks picking up recycling anywhere between 3:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. She is also finding trash in her yard that has blown there from the bins. It is a great idea to have recycling bins but they should be put in a better place where it won't bother citizens in homes surrounding them. She is suggesting that City officials reconsider where to keep the bins as there has to be a better place that is not surrounded by residents.

Jeff Haughwout, 108 Arlington Drive, inquired who can use Bellevue's compost site. The citizens of Bellevue pay for the site through taxes. He lives on the north side of town and has noticed many trucks coming from the north loaded with tree branches and grass clippings going to the site. Also, are the dumpsters for anyone or only for the citizens of Bellevue?

President Smith stated that it is his recommendation for citizens with these kinds of questions to call City officials regarding these matters or talk with them after the meeting tonight to get some answers.

Patti Gray, 252 Gunther Street, quoted from Field of Dreams, "If you plan it, they will come" and congratulated the City for the awesome Family Fun Night.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 19-23 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT WITH RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF OHIO, INC., FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AN INTERNATIONALTRUCK FRONT PLOW WITH SPREADER, WITHOUT BID UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 735.051, AND/OR UNDER ODOT CONTRACT, AND REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 11-22, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 19-23 its second and third readings by title only. 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. Baker to adopt Ordinance No. 19-23, 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.

Ordinance No. 17-23 was given its third reading by title only. AN ORDINANCE RE-ZONING A PARCEL OF LAND OWNED BY AEGLOS ENTERPRISES LLC, THEREBY AMENDING THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF BELLEVE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Ordinance No. 17-23, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0, and as an emergency.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, thanked Council for passing Ordinance No. 19-23. He will place the order for the snow plow tomorrow.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Wynbissinger. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council