

## **MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING August 28, 2023**

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, August 28, 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 August 14, 2023, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Waldrup. The minutes are approved as written.

### **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:**

**Mayor Strecker** asked Clyde Police Officer, Carla Schaffer, to stand and he presented her with a plaque honoring Lasso, a K-9 who served in the Bellevue Police Department from 2014 to 2018. He retired in 2022 and just recently passed away. He thanked Officer Schaffer for stepping in and being the K-9 officer during Lasso's service in Bellevue and in Clyde.

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone**, thanked all City department employees for their help around the clock during the two recent storms. They worked two to three days straight because of the excessive amounts of water and power line issues. They went above and beyond and he appreciates everything they did.

He has received phone calls from many citizens stating they like the new tornado sirens. They are loud and everyone is able to hear them.

They will be adding a couple of stop signs on Lyme Street. There are children trying to play there and they witnessed first hand some of the racecar driving happening there.

They got the fence put up around the recycling area. They want to pull out the stumps this fall.

**Auditor, Mr. Smith**, stated that the State Auditor is finishing up this year's audit.

He is working with Mr. Brugnone on the budget for next year and will give Council the information soon.

**Law Director, Mr. Wallingford**, stated that in the Council of the Whole work session they discussed the proposed ordinances for the adjustment in the pay for the full-time and part-time Recreation Department employees. Council will put both ordinances on the agenda for September 11. The two ordinances that were sent out had marked up copies of the exhibits showing what it used to be and what it will be. He will be contacting Amy Palsa to get final exhibits for the ordinances so the ordinances that will be sent out for the September 11 meeting will have the correct amounts.

Tonight, we have a resolution regarding rates and levies. It is one we do every year. Council can have all three readings tonight or at least two so that it can pass at the next meeting. The due date to get it back to the Auditor is October 1.

We also have Ordinance No. 20-23 regarding the City Auditor's policy concerning blanket purchase orders, and Ordinance No. 21-23 which was requested by the Safety-Service Director, regarding contracting with Rhino Shield for coating at the Water Treatment Plant.

## REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mr. Shepherd** stated that he received a number of emails from citizens opposing the zoning change near Hartland and Kilbourne. There is a proposal to change the residential zone to a business zone to allow for a Dollar General store. The emails all stated they think it is a terrible idea. He attended the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and there were a lot of citizens who were opposed to the zoning change.

**Ms. Downing** stated she received several texts regarding the zoning change also. She was happy to hear that it was tabled and she informed the citizens that it has been tabled.

She was happy to hear the tornado sirens, not because of the warning, but because she could clearly hear them.

**Mr. Waldrup** stated that everyone he talked with is against the zoning change for another dollar store.

He was also happy to be able to hear the sirens.

**Mr. Baker** stated that since we are talking about the 2024 budget, some citizens have commented to him about how nice the temporary sign is in the parking lot. If we could somehow get a sign that advertises some of Bellevue's businesses, he thinks it would be good. It won't be cheap, but even the temporary sign has helped. We could possibly place a sign in Central Park. It is something to keep in mind for 2024.

**Mr. Wynbissinger** stated that he also had many citizens reach out to him about the proposed zoning change to allow for another dollar store. They are not in favor of it.

He was also glad to hear the tornado sirens but not happy to be in basement two nights in a row.

**Mr. Hill** inquired if there is a maintenance program for the weeds along the ditch from the mill pond all the way back to the reservoir. Mr. Brugnone stated that they are addressing all these matters and it will be a joint effort between the Street Department and Water Department. Once they get a handle on it, there will be a program in place to maintain it.

**Mrs. Ommert** thanked the Administration for getting the sirens up and working. Also, a couple of citizens talked with her about the proposed zoning change for the dollar store. They feel there would be too much congestion and are opposed to it.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**President Smith** stated that a Committee of the Whole work session was held tonight at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the two proposed ordinances concerning the part-time and full-time employees at the Recreation Department. Both ordinances will be added to our next agenda. They discussed the possible purchase of a vehicle for Bellevue's Police Department, and they discussed the protocols for citizen comments during City Council meetings.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS:

**Teri Fields, 220 North Sandusky Street**, stated that she has tried to discuss the placement of the recycling bins with the Safety-Service Director but to no avail. She found a better place to put them which is behind the Elks where there is a parking lot. She knows that Council gets together to vote on things like the rezoning for the dollar store. If her neighbors had known they were planning to

put the recycling bins in her neighborhood, they would have attended a meeting to discuss it. No one wants them in their neighborhood. Also, it was discussed to put a sign with hours for recycling, but nothing has been put up. School has started and there are many kids in the area and yet there are people recycling all day and all night.

**Mayor Strecker introduced Diana Strecker Griffin** and stated she is the one who did the sign for our K-9 officer, Lasso. She has done many signs for the Holiday House and many signs for our veterans. Most of the time she won't take any payment for her signs. He wanted to introduce her and thank her for all she does for veterans, children, and Officer Lasso.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

LEGISLATION:

**Resolution No. R-8-23 was given its first reading:** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-8-23 its second and third readings by title only. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd, and seconded by Mr. Waldrup, to adopt Resolution No. R-8-23. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 20-23 was given its first reading:** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY AUDITOR'S POLICY CONCERNING BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS, IN COMPLIANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.41(D), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 20-23 its second and third readings by title only, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Baker, and seconded by Mrs. Ommert, to adopt Ordinance No. 20-23, and as an emergency. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 21-23 was given its first reading:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT WITH RHINO SHIELD, FOR THE COATING OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, WITHOUT BID UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 735.051, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CLOSING REMARKS:

**Auditor, Mr. Smith**, thanked Council for passing Ordinance No. 20-23.

**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,

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**Ronald Smith**  
**President of Council**

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**Rhonda R. Soper**  
**Clerk of Council**