

## MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING September 11, 2023

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor and Councilman, Mr. Wynbissinger. 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 28, 2023, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Baker to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. The minutes are approved as written.

### REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

**Mayor Strecker** invited Aubrey Foos, Gwen Fries, and Lilly Garcia to stand and be recognized for going the extra mile having a lemonade stand during the summer where they donated all the money to the Holiday House for children for the upcoming holiday. Their selflessness, thoughtfulness, and generosity is inspiring. He gave each of them a citizens award.

He thanked Council President, Mr. Smith, for filling in for him at the 9/11 ceremony this morning at the Fallen Soldiers Memorial. He thanked Kenn and Donn Rospert for organizing the ceremony.

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone**, stated that today they placed two stop signs at Lyme and Sherman. Lately they have had to replace several street signs.

The Street Department will complete their Redwood Drive project soon. Next week they will finish up with the 2022 money. They will be resurfacing on Route 20. 7L Construction won the bid for this year's street resurfacing and they will begin during the first part of October.

Five sink holes have been drilled out.

Mosquito spraying is going on. The mosquitos have been really bad this year with the very wet August and early September. They hope to extend spraying into October.

**Auditor, Mr. Smith**, distributed his year to date report through August 31, 2023. He stated that the State Auditor is close to finishing up this year's audit.

**Law Director, Mr. Wallingford**, stated that this is the time of year for the codification of ordinances. Walter H. Drane has partnered with American Legal Publishing Company. They will be sending an invoice. They have sent hard copies of the updates for the old school books. He will bring several copies to the next meeting and anyone still keeping a book can have one. The Codified Ordinances are also online. We have an ordinance that incorporates the new state laws and the codifications. He sent a copy for review and he would like a motion on behalf of City Council during the President's report to have it put on the agenda for the next meeting on Sept. 25.

### REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mr. Shepherd** stated that he has some citizens contact him with concerns about resurfacing West Main Street and thinks it would be a good idea to have a press release explaining what is taking so long and when it will be done.

**Mr. Baker** inquired about the status of the Gardner Street house that will be demolished. Mr. Brugnone stated that it should be done by the first of October. The City owns the property and Jarrett's Tree Service will be removing trees and brush.

**Mr. Hill** inquired if there is any information about other properties that will be demolished. Mr. Brugnone stated there isn't any information yet.

Also, he received phone calls regarding the dumpsters at the compost site. They were overflowing over the weekend. There were only two there instead of three. With fall cleanup going on, there needs to be three. Mr. Brugnone stated he will look into it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

**Patti Gray, 252 Gunther Street**, stated that she attended the September 11 memorial. The Rospert brothers did a great job.

She stated that this is the fourth week of school and the Back Pack Program will be starting soon. Last year they packed 2,611 bags. They did 90 per week totalling \$12,500.00. It took over 300 volunteer hours. Three ladies take them into the elementary schools and while the kids are out at recess, they put a bag in their backpack. The children really appreciate them. Any monetary donations given to Fish and Loaves for this program would be appreciated.

**Teri Fields, 220 North Sandusky Street**, stated that there are no times posted at the recycling site so cars come and go any time night and day. Their lights shine through residents' windows. A snow plow would not be able to go through to clean up snow during the winter so now would be a good time to move the recycling bins.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** requested a motion to add Ordinance No. 24-23 regarding revising the codified ordinances by adopting replacement pages to be added to the next agenda. Mr. Hill made the motion and Mrs. Ommert seconded it. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0. The ordinance will be added to the next agenda.

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

LEGISLATION:

**Ordinance No. 22-23 was given its first reading:** AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE SALARY AND BENEFITS OF THE FULL-TIME RECREATION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, THEREBY REPLACING ANY AND ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE PREVIOUS ORDINANCE 9-14, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Ordinance No. 23-23 was given its first reading:** AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE SALARY AND BENEFITS OF THE PART-TIME RECREATION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, THEREBY REPLACING ANY AND ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE PREVIOUS ORDINANCE 11-14, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Wallingford stated that there was a question concerning ambiguity in a sentence in Ordinance No. 21-23 under Section 2 where it was unclear as to whether the appropriation had been done or the work had already been done. Appropriation has been done but the work has not been done.

He added the word "appropriation" to make it clear. He stated he will give the ordinance its second reading by title only and he will read Section 2 with the word "appropriation" added.

**Ordinance No. 21-23 was given its second reading by title only:** 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 21-23 its third reading by title only. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Ordinance No. 21-23, 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. 21-23.

**Law Director, Mr. Wallingford**, stated that they had a wonderful State of the City address and joint luncheon with the Chamber of Commerce last Thursday. The Mayor did a great job. Everyone received a copy of his message. **Mayor Strecker** stated it is amazing how much gets done with everyone working together.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baker. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. 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**