

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING November 27, 2023

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, November 27, 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, and MR. WYNBISSINGER. Mr. Waldrup was absent.

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of November 13, 2023, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker stated that the annual parade will be held December 7th with the line up at 5:30. Light-Up Central Park will be at 6:30 p.m. There will be live reindeer, food trucks, vendors, Santa and gifts. The Library Open House is set for December 14th from 5 – 7:30 p.m. There will be music by Lake Erie Winds and a Christmas book author. The library has “Dial a Story” at 419-765-1515 to listen to holiday stories.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that leaf pick up will end on Wednesday. Mr. Brugnone had Mr. Baker explain the process by the railroad tracks where they are working on wiring on the poles.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that he met with the State of Ohio working on Rotary Commons and the revolving funds. A contract will be drafted to start in April.

Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, stated that he has been working with Law Director, David A. Wallingford, on the income tax and there is an ordinance on the agenda regarding this.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford stated that there are plans for the swearing in of officials on December 11th. The retiring Judge will handle it.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Shepherd stated that a recycling location is considering a change.

Mr. Baker stated the compost pile and possible changes need to be policed. Contractors are dumping there. It will be looked at after the first of the year.

Mr. Wynbissinger asked if there were any Kilbourne Street updates. Safety-Service Director Mr. Brugnone replied no.

Mr. Hill asked about the income tax ordinance. Law Director David Wallingford replied that there are no significant changes and that it needs to be passed before the end of the year.

It was reported that the basketball program is starting at the Rec. Department and other winter sports. There will be a flyer regarding Robert Peters Playground fundraising campaign.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Safety Committee reported there is an ordinance on the agenda for York and Thompson Township fire contracts.

Committee as a Whole met prior to Council to discuss possible sale and purchase of real property.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mr. Waldrup is excused.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 29-23 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FIRE AND JAWS OF LIFE PROTECTION FOR THE TOWNSHIPS OF THOMPSON, AND YORK, AND SETTING THE RATES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF BELLEVUE TO SAID TOWNSHIPS FOR FIRE, JAWS OF LIFE, AND FALSE ALARM RESPONSE, FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2024 THROUGH 2027, INCLUSIVE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 29-23 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance No. 29-23, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and the motion passed by the vote 6-0, and as an emergency.

Ordinance No. 27-23 was given its second reading: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 28-23 was given its second reading: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 193 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mayor Strecker stated he was happy how the Thanksgiving Proclamation went.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, thanked Council for passing the fire contract ordinances tonight.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Vickie Dauch for
Rhonda R. Soper, City Council Clerk