

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING December 11, 2023

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor Ron Ferguson of Ebenezer Community 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 November 27, 2023, were presented for approval. It was noted that the recycling area that was mentioned in a comment by Mr. Shepherd should have been the compost site. A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to approve the minutes as revised. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. The minutes are approved as revised.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker thanked Mr. Waldrup and Ms. Downing for their service and dedication as Council members. They both have done a great job. He wished them the best.

He thanked everyone involved with the Christmas parade and lighting the lights at Central Park.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that he appreciates the hard work Mr. Waldrup and Ms. Downing have done in Council.

He thanked Mr. Wallingford and Mayor Strecker for their work with the fire contract between Bellevue and the Townships of Lyme, Thompson, and York.

He notes that the recycling containers are very full and will continue to be full until the end of the year. He will contract the recycling company and request one or two more containers.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated, once again, that the Auditor of State is still finalizing his audit of the City and when he receives the report he will inform Council.

He distributed copies of his year-to-date report through November, 2023.

Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, stated that he will miss Ms. Downing and Mr. Waldrup and thanked them for the good job they did in City Council.

He thanked Mr. Wallingford and the Clerk for their help with the income tax ordinance.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford thanked Mr. Freitag for his help with the income tax ordinance.

He noted that that Bellevue received a liquor license transfer request from the Division of Liquor Control. It is a transfer from Vue events LLC & Patio to A. N. Ward Catering Company LLC, dba Ward Catering & Patio. If there are any issues, a hearing can be set. He was notified by the Police Chief and Mayor that they have had no issues with the license.

He received a signed contract with Lyme Township. Ordinance No. 29-23 which was passed at the last Council meeting is for contracts signed by Thompson and York Townships and the City of Bellevue. He drew up a new ordinance, Ordinance No. 30-23, for Lyme Township's contract. It can be added to tonight's agenda by motion during the President's report.

For the tax ordinance, he needed to change the wording in the exhibit and update some of the language in the ordinance so he will read the entire ordinance tonight.

President Smith will be discussing a Council vacancy beginning January 1. We went through the same procedure last year.