

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 25, 2024**

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Councilwoman, Mrs. Ommert. Council members present: MR. BAKER, MR. BURKHART, MR. HILL, MS. MUNIZ, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WYNBISSINGER.

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 11, 2024, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Burkhart to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

**Mayor Strecker** invited Sonny Workman to the podium to be recognized. The Mayor thanked him for all he does for the communities around the surrounding area, and presented him with a Citizen's Award and plaque. Mr. Workman stated that he enjoys Bellevue and thinks it is a great place. He admires Mayor Strecker and stated that he is such a wonderful mayor who is dedicated to and loves the community.

He then called former Council persons, Erin Downing, Peggy Missler, and Lee Waldrup to the podium. He thanked them for their service and love for the community and awarded them Citizen's Awards and plaques.

He announced that there will be a ceremony honoring Vietnam Veterans on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at the Fallen Soldiers Memorial.

He stated that an Easter egg hunt and meet & greet with the Easter Bunny will take place this Saturday, March 30, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Central Park. It is being sponsored by the Bellevue Eagles Club, the Bellevue Recreation Department, and the Bellevue Holiday House & Events.

He stated that last Thursday he and Mr. Brugnone met with members of the Huron County Public Health Department for their annual meeting and report. He signed a resolution that allows Huron County to have a satellite office in Bellevue. He will obtain a signed copy of the resolution from Timothy Hollinger.

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone**, informed Council that the City appropriated \$250,000.00 for a bucket truck for the Street Department. He put it out for bid and the only bid was over \$240,000.00. He found one that has everything we need. It will cost \$182,000.00. It is under budget and could serve the City for many years to come. He reached out to Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, to prepare an ordinance for this purchase. One was prepared and a copy sent out to all Council members. A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to add Ordinance No. 9-24 to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and it passed by the vote 7-0. Ordinance No. 9-24 is added to tonight's agenda.

More work is going on in town by Frontier who is using telephone poles and going underground. A lot of the workers are the same ones that worked for Omni Fiber. They are

tearing up some of the boulevards but they will be back in the spring to clean them up like Omni did last year.

Mr. Baker stated that if there are potentially three franchises now for internet, will the City still get a franchise fee from each? Mr. Wallingford stated that this is somewhat different and there is no franchise involved. But, if Spectrum loses customers, it could possibly impact the franchise fee for the City.

#### REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mrs. Ommert** thanked Mr. Brugnone for clarifying the work that is being done in the City by Frontier. She has had several citizens approach her inquiring what was happening.

**Ms. Muniz** stated that it is great to have the City come together and prepare so many fun activities for the coming solar eclipse.

**Mr. Baker** inquired if the City has any pickleball courts. Mr. Hill stated that the City is taking out the tennis courts at Robert Peters Park and installing pickleball courts.

**Mr. Wynbissinger** welcomed Mayor Strecker back and stated he is glad everything is going well with his recovery.

**Mr. Hill** also welcomed Mayor Strecker back.

He stated that on April 3 at noon, Amy Palsa will be presented a \$200,000.00 check from the Tri-County Board of Development Disabilities. This check is for equipment for Robert Peters Park.

**Mr. Shepherd** added to what Sonny Workman stated about Bellevue being a great community and positive place to live. He stated we also have the Bellevue Society of the Arts which does an amazing job at getting the community together for watching or participating in various productions. His family recently attended a production of "Finding Nemo" and really enjoyed it.

COOMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** stated that everyone was sent a copy of a TIRC letter with the minutes from the recent meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Baker to approve the TIRC minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0.

He stated that because our next City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 9, which is the solar eclipse day and most government offices, including the City Offices, will be closed that day, our regular City Council meeting will be moved to Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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

LEGISLATION:

**Ordinance No. 9-24 was given its first reading:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT WITH COMMERCE TRUCK EQUIPMENT SALES LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BUCKET TRUCK 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. 9-24 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 9-24 was given its second and third readings by title only:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT WITH COMMERCE TRUCK EQUIPMENT SALES LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BUCKET TRUCK WITHOUT BID UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 735.051, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to adopt Ordinance No. 9-24 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Burkhart. A vote was taken and the motion passed by the vote 7-0, and as an emergency.

CLOSING REMARKS:

**Mr. Baker** thanked Auditor Smith for answering some questions he had a few days ago from citizens regarding financial items in the water fund.

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone**, thanked Council for passing Ordinance No. 9-24.

**Mr. Sutherland** thanked Council for passing the ordinance for the bucket truck.

**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**  
City Council Clerk