

## MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING April 22, 2024

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, April 22, 2024, 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, MR. BURKHART, MR. HILL, MS. MUNIZ, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WYNBISSINGER.

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 9, 2024, 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:

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone**, distributed a flyer about hydrant flushing.

He stated that too many people are mowing and leaving clippings in the street. Please let citizens know not to do that as it clogs drains.

Frontier has been tearing up some of the City's boulevards and sidewalks to install fiber optics. They will be coming back to repair everything they have done but he doesn't have a schedule for when they will do it.

Mr. Baker noted that Frontier has also been lifting up City manholes. He inquired if the City will lose its franchise fee with another company coming in. Mr. Wallingford stated it is not a cable or franchise.

**Law Director, Mr. Wallingford**, stated that he has prepared a resolution regarding Huron County Emergency Management Services. This is something we do every year and there is no rush as we are good through the end of June. If it is Council's pleasure, a motion can be made to add it to our next agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Baker to add Resolution R-4-24 to our next agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0. Resolution R-4-24 will be added to our agenda for May 13, 2024.

### REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mr. Baker** inquired if the City still has school crossing guards. Mr. Brugnone stated that it doesn't. There is money in the budget to hire some if the City decides to have them again. In the meantime, the school children need to be using the crosswalks. He sees many of them walking across the roads nowhere near a crosswalk.

**Mr. Hill** met with Troy Roth, Superintendent of the Bellevue Board of Education, where they discussed the properties where the former schools were built that have been donated to the Recreation Department and could these properties be sold? Mr. Wallingford stated that one property has a right of first refusal. If the City does not want it back, it could be sold. He believes they are zoned R-1. It would be good to be mindful of the neighbors of these properties and who they are selling to before they are sold.

**Mr. Shepherd** stated that there is a property that has many abandoned vehicles which has become an eyesore.

He mentioned that some citizens are still wanting to have chickens within the City limits and he still thinks it could be done.

He also wanted to congratulate our Police Department's K-9 Suki and her handler. He would like to see the K-9 program expanded.

COOMMITTEE REPORTS:

**President Smith** stated that a Council of the Whole work session for held prior to this meeting tonight to discuss proposed Resolution No. R-3-24, and Ordinance Nos. 10-24, 11-24, 12-24, 13-24 and 14-24. He scheduled a Council of the Whole work session for Monday, May 13, 2024, at 7:20 p.m., to discuss the terms of service for Council persons to change from two years to four years.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

**Patti Gray, 252 Gunther Street**, stated that she would like to see a leashing law for cats. There are so many feral cats in the neighborhoods getting into garages and flowerbeds. She would like to see them licensed and on a leash.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** stated that Mayor Strecker and Auditor, Mr. Smith, are excused tonight. He noted that the second City Council meeting in May falls on Monday, May 27 which is Memorial Day. The meeting will be rescheduled to Tuesday, May 28.

Motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to add the Resolution and Ordinances discussed in tonight's Committee of the Whole work session (Resolution R-3-24, and Ordinance Nos. 10-24, 11-24, 12-24, 13-24 and 14-24) to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0.

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

LEGISLATION:

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to have the resolution and ordinances on the agenda read by title only. It was seconded by Mr. Shepherd. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0. Mr. Wallingford will explain the resolution and each ordinance and then read them by title only.

**Resolution No. R-3-24 was given its first reading by title only:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2024.

A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-3-24 its second and third readings by title only. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to adopt Resolution No. R-3-24 and as. It was seconded by Mr. Burkhart. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 10-24 was given its first reading by title only:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR STREET REPAVING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 10-24 its second and third readings by title only, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to adopt Ordinance No. 10-24, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 11-24 was given its first reading by title only:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR THE CITY CENTRE PARKING LOT REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 11-24 its second and third readings by title only, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Burkhart to adopt Ordinance No. 11-24, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 6-1, Mr. Shepherd, nay.

**Ordinance No. 12-24 was given its first reading by title only:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL REAL ESTATE ON SHEFFIELD STREET, BELLEVUE, HURON COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 12-24 its second and third readings by title only, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Ordinance No. 12-24, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 6-1, Mr. Shepherd, nay.

**Ordinance No. 13-24 was given its first reading by title only:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 532 GARDNER STREET, BELLEVUE, SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 13-24 its second and third readings by title only, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to adopt Ordinance No. 13-24, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Ms. Muniz. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 14-24 was given its first reading by title only:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 406 HIGH STREET, BELLEVUE, HURON COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Ms. Muniz to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 14-24 its second and third readings by title only, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 14-24 was given its second and third readings by title only:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 406 HIGH STREET, BELLEVUE, HURON COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Ms. Muniz to adopt Ordinance No. 14-24, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Burkhart. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

**Mr. Baker** gave kudos to Mayor Strecker and Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, for their support of Cliff Moore, of Clyde, Ohio, who was doing a 100-mile run on the bike trail to support veterans. The runner's father works for Ohio Edison. He reached out to Mr. Baker to see if something could be provided for his son if he needed rest. Mr. Brugnone and two police officers escorted him as he came through Bellevue. His run was completed in Clyde at the VFW where he gave a shout out to Bellevue and its support of his run.

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone**, thanked Council for passing the resolution and ordinances tonight.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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**  
**City Council Clerk**