

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING June 24, 2024

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, June 24, 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 June 10, 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:

Mayor Strecker thanked the sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who attended the second summer concert last Friday and helped to make it a big success. They are getting bigger and better each time.

Last week our Bellevue Recreation Department received a grant from the State of Ohio for \$100,000.00 for Robert Peters Park. He thanked Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, and Economic Development Director, Mr. Sabo, for their help in obtaining this grant.

BellevUNITY Festival will be held at Central Park on Friday, July 5, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Fireworks will be sponsored by the Rec Department and will take place at dusk.

Rose Mira will be in attendance at our next Council meeting. We will be honoring her with a proclamation. She recently received the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award. It is the highest achievement within the Girl Scouts and we want to honor her for her dedication and hard work achieving the award.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that ditch work is being done in several areas. In other areas they have to wait for some crops to come up before they can access the property to work on them.

Catch basins are going to be worked on soon.

They are working on some water line projects.

There are two railroad crossings being worked on and four will be closed for repair in July.

They started spraying for mosquitos last week and will continue through September 23. A list of dates was distributed.

Some may have seen chat on social media about a few of the homes in Bellevue that need attention. The City is aware of most of these homes and are already working on them. Some citizens don't understand the process or how long it takes.

Fireworks are prohibited within the City limits. It was brought up that the State allows certain days for fireworks but Mr. Wallingford stated that Bellevue opted out of the State's recommended days for fireworks and they are not allowed in our City limits.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that the audit for 2023 has been completed. As soon as the Auditor of State approves it, it will be made public.

Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, reported on the annual meeting of the Regional Council of Governments that he attended. It is what qualifies Bellevue to participate in RITA. RITA now has 389

communities that it serves and by next year it should reach over 400. They are very efficient and are doing a very good job. 8.8 million tax payers are using the system.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, stated that with regard to the demolition of 508 West Main Street, information was distributed to City Council on June 19, 2024, about the Safety-Service Director declaring the property at 508 West Main Street, Sandusky County, Bellevue, Ohio, PPN 03-50-00-0285-01, owned by Imperial Valley Properties, LLC, as a public nuisance, and ordering demolition. The grass has not been mowed and the taxes have not been paid, and a notice has been given to the property owner by certified mail. The certified mail card was signed and returned showing receipt by the owner. No notice of appeal or other correspondence has been received by the Safety-Service Director's office or City Council appealing said decision or objecting to that decision. Mr. Wallingford presented a motion to Council for consideration so the City can proceed with the demolition. Mr. Sabo informed him that there are some funds available from a land bank in Sandusky County but they would need approval from Council by the end of the month.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to accept the findings and orders of the Safety-Service Director to proceed with the demolition of the subject property at 508 West Main Street, Bellevue, Sandusky County, Ohio, either through Sandusky County or with actions taken by the City, for the demolition of the subject premises according to law. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a 7-0 vote to proceed.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Hill thanked the Safety-Service Director for the work being done on the ditch on Monroe Street.

There is another house on the 800 block of West Main Street that was boarded up,. Signs were put on the doors and windows, and it has been vacant. The back yard was filled with old cars. It needs to be condemned.

He was in Bassetts on Sunday morning and the recycling site came up. He said he would pass along the information that there was a truck bed cover left at the site.

When asked about the money granted to the Rec Department, as well as being used for the playground at Robert Peters Park, they want to hard surface the track and possibly add a restroom on the north end by the baseball diamond and they want to add a pavilion. Mr. Baker inquired about safety and security and Mr. Brugnone stated they are working on a camera system.

Mr. Shepherd stated that Council passed an ordinance in 2022 regarding the City opting out and not accepting the State's recommendation to allow fireworks in the City on different occasions. This was Ordinance No. 5-22 which was passed on May 23, 2022.

COOMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patti Gray, 252 Gunther Street, gave a jubilant cheer that her street is being repaired and repaved.

She inquired about mosquito spraying and the danger that it is to dogs who are out during the spraying.

She saw a neighbor who painted stars in red, white and blue on her front lawn by using stencils. She thinks it would be a good idea to have citizens paint them at Central Park for the festivities on July 5.

Charles Crecelius, 439 Buckingham Drive, stated that in January he had a basement toilet that backed up. He paid for a plumber to snake it out. A couple of neighbors redid their water lines which resulted in issues in his water line which cost him \$750.00 to repair. He would appreciate the City reimbursing him. He will talk with members of the Administration after the meeting tonight.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, thanked Auditor, Mr. Smith, for explaining to Council the need to amend the exhibit previously provided as part of Ordinance No. 15-24.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution No. R-5-24 was given its third reading by title only: A RESOLUTION, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. SECTIONS 731.03 AND 733.09 DIRECTING THE SANDUSKY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, HURON, SANDUSKY, AND ERIE COUNTIES, OHIO, CHANGING THE TERMS OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL FROM TWO (2) YEARS TO FOUR (4) YEARS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Resolution No. R-5-24 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, thanked Council for passing the motion regarding 508 West Main Street so they can proceed.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baker. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
City Council Clerk