

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 12, 2024

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Councilman, Mr. Wynbissinger. 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 July 22, 2024, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Burkhardt to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that quite a few sidewalks have been done in the last month or so. More sidewalk repairs will be coming up in the next couple of weeks.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that the 2023 audit is now public record and is on the website. He circulated the City's year-to-date report through July 31, 2024.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, mentioned that we have previously talked about the acquisition of land near the City Office building. He talked with the attorney for the Seller and he has drafted an agreement which he has reviewed with the Safety-Service Director and other City officials, and they are at the final review stage with the attorney. Hopefully we will have something to bring to Council soon because it will involve an ordinance to approve the purchase contract for that to proceed.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Baker inquired about the status of the revolving loan fund and the Rotary. Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that we are proceeding with it.

He stated that some citizens have inquired about issues with the Bellevue Area Tourism and Visitor's Bureau and Shop Bellevue. Neither entity is affiliated with the City. President Smith stated that he has been in contact with Mr. Parker. It was suggested that a committee meeting may be held to discuss these matters. When citizens ask about these two entities we should tell them that they are not part of the City. President Smith stated that he will talk with the Mayor and Safety-Service Director and keep up to date with the Tourism and Visitor's Bureau.

Mr. Shepherd stated that a concerned citizen talked with him about homeless people living in their car in a parking lot. He mentioned that perhaps an Executive Session might be held to discuss matters with the Bellevue Area Tourism and Visitor's Bureau.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Smith reported that a Committee of the Whole work session was held tonight prior to this meeting where they discussed the North Central EMS contract and proposed Ordinance No. 17-24. It was voted and approved to take Ordinance No. 17-24 out of Committee and add it to tonight's agenda by motion and vote.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patti Gray, 252 Gunther Street, gave praise to the Street Department. Her street was done on July 23. The workers were very courteous and helpful.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mr. Freitag was excused tonight. He requested a motion to add Ordinance No. 17-24 to tonight's agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to add Ordinance No. 17-24 to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0. He then turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 17-24 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT WITHOUT BID UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 735.051 FOR THE CONTINUATION OF AMBULANCE SERVICE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Resolution No. R-6-24 was given its second reading by title only: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSUION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mayor Strecker mentioned that the office building has been painted on the outside and everyone should take a look at the great job that was done. He thanked the painters.

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