

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 26, 2024

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, August 26, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor and Council President, Mr. Smith. Council members present: MR. BAKER, MR. HILL, MS. MUNIZ, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WYNBISSINGER. Mr. Burkhart was excused.

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of August 12, 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 stated that it was his honor last week to attend and speak at the senior lunch at The Bellevue Hospital. He updated everyone about Bellevue's Fish and Loaves, the Holiday House, and some projects that will be coming up.

He gave an update on how Sgt. Nick Tenore is doing with the Department's K-9 Unit's officer Suki. He stated that Suki has been deployed 33 times which resulted in 17 arrests, confiscation of several kinds of drugs and they brought in \$2,458.00 in cash. President Smith inquired if the Eagles have been donating to the K-9 Unit. Mayor Strecker stated they have not received a report regarding their donations yet.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that there is construction going on in the south part of the City parking lot by the Fire Station. They are building an EV charging station. On the north side of the parking lot, directly behind Mr. Wallingford's office, they have installed more signs to let the public know that the first row is only 2-hour parking.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that the Rotary Revolving Loan Fund project has been extended and will begin in 2025.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, mentioned that Resolution No. R-6-24 will have its third reading tonight by title only.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mrs. Ommert stated that she enjoyed the concert at Central Park last Saturday. She also attended Praise in the Park Community Worship last Tuesday and is looking forward to the event this Saturday.

Mr. Hill inquired about the work being done on the catch basins and one in particular where there is a hole with no plate on it, Mr. Brugnone stated that there are six cones placed there to warn people of the hole. Mr. Hill stated that it could be a big liability for the City and should be covered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Ommert scheduled a Budget & Finance Committee meeting for Monday, September 9, 2024, at 7:15 p.m., just prior to the regular City Council meeting.

President Smith reported that a Committee of the Whole work session was held tonight prior to this meeting where they discussed the City's acquisition of property adjoining the City office building, and proposed Ordinance No. 18-24. It was voted and approved to take Ordinance No. 18-24 out of Committee and add it to tonight's agenda by motion and vote. He requested a motion to add Ordinance No. 18-24 to tonight's agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to add Ordinance No. 18-24 to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patti Gray, 252 Gunther Street, stated that some of her neighbors on Gunther Street have inquired about the big rocks on their sidewalks. Mr. Brugnone stated that the street will be finished, and then the sidewalks will be repaired.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, and Councilman, Mr. Burkhart, were excused tonight. He then turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 18-24 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE IN THE MATTER OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE'S PROPOISED PURCHASE OF LAND ADJOINING AND BELLEVUE CITY BUILDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 18-24 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 6-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Ordinance No. 18-24 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and the motion passed by the vote 5-1, Mr. Shepherd voting no.

Ordinance No. 17-24 was given its second reading by title only: 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.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to adopt Ordinance No. 17-24 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and the motion passed by the vote 6-0.

Resolution No. R-6-24 was given its third 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Resolution No. R-6-24. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken and the motion passed by the vote 6-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Muniz. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
City Council Clerk