

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2024

Bellevue City Council met on Tuesday, October 15, 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. BURKHART, MS. MUNIZ, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WYNBISSINGER. Mr. Hill was excused.

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 23, 2024, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Burkhardt. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker thanked Waste Water Superintendent, Kegan Lilly, for inviting Council to meet at their facility.

He stated that Mr. Brugnone, Mr. Sabo, and he attended the annual Network After Work awards ceremony September 10 at the Village Barn in Monroeville. The City of Bellevue and Norfolk Southern received the Public-Private Partnership Award.

First National Bank is accepting disaster relief donations now until October 18. They need diapers, baby food, canned goods, paper towels, toilet paper, hygiene products, etc.

Thursday, October 24, 2024 will be Bellevue's annual Halloween Parade. Line up will be at 5:30 p.m. and the parade will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Trick or Treating will be on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If it rains, it will be moved to Sunday, October 27.

There will be a Trunk or Treat at St. Paul's United Church of Christ on Thursday, October 26, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, introduced Bellevue's new Waste Water Superintendent, Kegan Lilly. Mr. Lilly has been with the City for the last four months. He has helped create a new pretreatment program which will help with education for the public. He is working with Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, in helping to update ordinances to conform to what the EPA is requiring.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, distributed the City's year-to-date report through September 30, 2024.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, thanked Mr. Lilly for his hospitality. He and Mr. Lilly have been working on a resolution to slightly revise our code. There will be a Public Utilities Committee meeting before the next Council meeting to discuss the proposed resolution and it can be added to the agenda at Council's pleasure. This happens once every dozen years or so.

He received an email from Amy Palsa at the Recreation Center. Last year at this time she applied for a Sandusky County Park grant. It went well. Amy wants to apply for it again. It is due November 27. We will have a resolution prepared and circulated this week. He is requesting that Council make a motion and vote to authorize the resolution to be on our next

agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to add the new resolution to the next agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Burkhart thanked Mr. Lilly for having us meet at the waste water plant.

He Inquired if the City received a grant for work at the underpass. Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that the money that we received is strictly for drainage, and a pump to take care of the excess water. The railroad is trying to work on it, but they want Route 20 closed and that cannot be done. The City wants to take care of the water issue first, then there will be movement on the structure itself. Structurally the underpass it is fine.

Mr. Baker inquired about the traffic light at the Post Office on Northwest Street. You can sit there and wait a long time even when there are no cars coming through. Some are going through parking lots to avoid sitting at the light. He inquired if it is a mechanical issue. Mr. Brugnone stated that we are slowly trying to convert the lights to a camera system. They don't know if the light issue is weather related or the gas company digging around and making the wires loose. They will check it again and adjust it.

Mr. Wynbissinger thanked the City for monitoring the street lights and keeping them maintained especially now that it is getting dark earlier.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Ommert reminded Council that a Budget & Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the temporary 2025 budget.

Mr. Baker scheduled a Public Utilities Committee meeting for Monday, October 28, 2024, at 7:20 p.m., following the Budget & Finance Committee meeting, to discuss proposed Ordinance No. 21-24 regarding industrial waste discharge local limits.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patti Gray, 252 Gunther Street, stated that she and her neighbors are very happy with the resurfacing of Gunther Street.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mr. Hill is excused tonight. He then turned the time over to Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 20-24 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 20-24 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 6-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to adopt Ordinance No. 20-24, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Burkhart. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, Mr. Lilly, thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and announced that he would take anyone interested on a tour through the facility.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
City Council Clerk