

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Councilman, Mr. Burkhart. 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 September 9, 2024, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Burkhart to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker stated that Rumours will perform at the Bellevue's Eagles Club on Saturday, Sept 28. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. Any Council members who are interested in attending, let him know.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, reported that they had to close the recycling bins today. There are issues with people not breaking boxes down and they are filling up too quickly. They will be closed until tomorrow morning.

By the time all the streets were repaired, they realized they can add another street. They added Greenwood Heights to this year's streets repaving.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Burkhart inquired who won the contract for paving the City's streets. He was informed that 7-L received the contract and he stated that he appreciates keeping the contracts local.

He sees a lot in the news about immigration and was wondering if the City has received any information about local immigration. Mr. Brugnone stated that the Police Chief would probably be the one with that information.

Ms. Muniz stated that those involved with the 9-11 Memorial did a fantastic job. It was a beautiful ceremony.

She is impressed with the progress that is being made at Robert Peters Park with the new playground equipment.

Mr. Hill welcomed the high school government class members attending the meeting tonight.

Mr. Shepherd stated that he looked over August's financial reports and inquired if we could eliminate items with no dollar amounts that we no longer use. Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that he had the same impression when he first started but learned it isn't worth the effort as many of them are recurring and we don't want to lose the history of the financial information.

One was a bicycle license. Is it possible to eliminate that one? Mr. Wallingford stated that it can be eliminated and he would need to get the Police Chief involved with the decision

He inquired about Elm Street drainage line and if there will be work done on the pond. Mayor Strecker stated it is still in negotiations.

He stated that the Ordinance No. 19-24 is on the agenda tonight. It has many numbers and items to read. He would like to make a motion to have the new ordinance read by title only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0. Ordinance 19-24 will be read by title only.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Wynbissinger scheduled an Economic Development Committee meeting for Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., just prior to the regular City Council meeting, to discuss the Sandusky County Land Bank. Executive Director, Jared Young, will be in attendance to do a presentation.

Mrs. Ommert scheduled a Budget & Finance Committee meeting for Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Shepherd, for the Streets & Sidewalks Committee, stated that he is glad the City saved money on street resurfacing. The City got a lot done this year. He inquired if we could get a report on the sidewalks that run parallel to the streets that are resurfaced so letters can be sent to some of the home owners who need to repair their sidewalks.

The Route 20 project is ready for bid. It needs to be advertised. He would like to have it done as soon as possible. It will take three to four months to complete and will begin next spring. Traffic will be maintained throughout. A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to add legislation for the Route 20 Project to the next agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0. An ordinance has been prepared and will be added to the next agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, is excused tonight. He stated that Council's next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, because Monday is a holiday.

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

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 19-24 was given its first reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING REPLACEMENT PAGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 19-24 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. 19-24, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

CLOSING REMARKS: None.

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