

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 9, 2024

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, December 9, 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 November 25, 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:

Mayor Strecker stated that the Christmas parade has been changed to Monday, December 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that the bid on the Rt. 20 waterline project was accepted and the project will start in January and will have 100 straight days of work on it. The paving should begin in April.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, distributed the year-to-date report for November, 2024.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, informed Council that we need three items passed by motion tonight. 1) The annual renewal of liquor licenses for the City is coming up and because we have not heard of any negative issues from the City Administration or Police Department with any of the businesses, we need a motion and vote that we are accepting the liquor license renewals and we will not request a hearing, 2) Part of the title of Ordinance No. 20-24 in the minutes of October 15, 2024, regarding the name of the project, was inadvertently omitted and we need a motion and vote to accept the minutes as revised with the title of the project included, and 3) We need a motion that tonight's meeting will be the last meeting of the year and the meeting scheduled for Monday, December 23, 2024, is cancelled. Council President, Mr. Smith, can decide when to have the motions.

President Smith requested a motion to accept the revised minutes from the meeting of October 15, 2024. A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to accept the minutes as revised. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0. He then requested a motion to NOT request a hearing for the annual liquor license renewals. A motion was made by Mr. Baker to NOT request a hearing for the liquor license renewals. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0. President Smith requested a motion to cancel the last City Council meeting of December 23, 2024. A motion was made by Mr. Hill to cancel the last City Council meeting which is scheduled for December 23, 2024. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Burkhart stated that he saw the fun snowblades on the City's snowplows which have been painted by pre-school students. It was a great idea.

Ms. Muniz thanked everyone that helped at the Rec Center on Saturday with the Santa event. It was well organized and there were a lot of families there. She wished everyone Happy Holidays. President Smith stated that there 107 children who attended on Saturday, and with the adults, it was attended by 200-300 citizens.

Mr. Baker thanked Mr. Brugnone for looking into a situation that was brought to his attention at his church. He inquired if it is Council's responsibility for property issues, such as junk vehicles, when citizens complain. Mr. Brugnone stated that it is frustrating when someone is cited for a property issue, given 90 days, they clean up that particular issue, and soon after have the same issues again. Mr. Wallingford stated that Council members are the eyes and ears of the community. Unfortunately, it is one of the thankless tasks of the Administration and Safety-Service Director. We don't have the power to be more strict with the procedures. Mr. Baker stated that there are junk vehicles even at a property that the City owns. Mr. Wallingford stated that they can take a look at it and make sure they are doing everything they can and see if we want to recommend any changes.

Mr. Hill stated that he talked with Amy Palsa about Saturday's event. She said it was very well attended. Everything they do for these activities are at no cost. It was a fine job done. The stations were great and he heard it was first class. He thanked everyone involved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patti Gray, 252 Gunther Street, stated that she attended the fourth anniversary birthday party for the Animal House Sober Club of Bellevue on Saturday evening and what a privilege it was to see first hand the great work that is going on there.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith wished everyone a very blessed and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He stated that there is no legislation tonight.

LEGISLATION: None.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, thanked everyone for their hard work this year and wished everyone a great holiday season.

Mayor Strecker thanked everyone for their hard work this year as it has made a great difference in the City.

President Smith thanked the Administration for all the hard work they have done this year.

He stated that this is the last City Council meeting of the year and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
City Council Clerk