

## **MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 27, 2014**

The regular City Council meeting of January 27, 2014, was called to order by President Smith. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. FEUERSTEIN, MRS. HENRY, MR. HILL, MR. MILLER, MRS. MISSLER, and MISS NASCONE.

The minutes from the January 13, 2013 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Mrs. Missler made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes were approved as written.

### **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:**

**Mayor Berkey** stated that after Mark Kaufman became Interim Police Chief, he and Jeff Crosby met with him. One of the things they discussed was purchasing a dog for a canine unit for Bellevue's Police Department. They then asked businessmen Charles Tinnel and Jeff Cook if they would help in raising funds to make the purchase. Mr. Cook addressed Council. He met with Mr. Tinnel and discussed their strategy. They made a list of citizens and businesses to visit and discuss their plans to add a canine unit and ask for donations. They met with many businessmen and have already received sizeable donations. He thanked the many businesses who have contributed. They also talked with Judge Aigler who thought it was an excellent idea. The judge called him back later and told him that his staff put together funds to donate to the canine unit. Everyone has been so helpful and happy to donate for the unit. That speaks volumes about our businesses and community and what can be accomplished when everyone works together for a good cause. Everyone is concerned about the drug problem in our City. They were hoping for \$20,000.00 and they have raised double that amount. If something happens to the dog we are purchasing, or if another dog is desired, we will have funds for it. A separate fund will be set up for this purpose.

Interim Police Chief, Mark Kaufman, thanked Mayor Berkey and Safety-Service Director Jeff Crosby for their hard work. He thanked Chuck Tinnel and Jeff Cook for their dedication and hard work in soliciting donations. The dog we are getting will be set up with a permanent handler that he will live with 24-7. The dog will be involved in tracking, searching suspects and buildings and he will be State certified. The one they are looking at is a 16-month old German Shepherd being trained in Germany. Narcotics training will occur when he arrives here. He will be a huge asset to the Police Department. He will be great for public relations also. The dog's name is "Lasso." Officer Tyi McCarley has been selected to work with Lasso. The City wants a dog that will be able to do drug work, and also one that has a good enough temperament that he can be walked through a school without worrying about how the dog will react with children. Trained dogs have around a 6-9 year career.

Robert McDowell, investigator with the Huron County Prosecutor's Office, was introduced. He has been training dogs for 35 years. He takes care of all the canine units in the surrounding counties and townships in Northwest Ohio. When he picks out a dog he picks one that can apprehend suspects and yet be comfortable around children. His goal is to get Lasso here in the next couple of weeks. He said they will bring the dog to the first Council meeting they can bring him to. Mr. McDowell was impressed with the support shown by citizens and businesses. He said this venture will be done correctly from the start. It will be a tremendous asset to the City. The Police Department will be very busy for the first several months taking the dog to businesses, schools, cub scout and boy scout troops, etc. Training takes place every Tuesday night. It isn't mandatory to attend every Tuesday, but as much as Tiy can attend will be very helpful. We have a real problem with drugs in northern Ohio. Most of the canine units are used for drug enforcement and not for

burglary and thefts. Laws in Germany make it hard for narcotics training. That is why we wait to train them with drugs until they arrive here. The dog will very quickly be without a leash. Shepherds have good temperaments and they work well in our climate. When asked why we don't purchase dogs here in the U.S. he stated that dogs bred in US are mostly for show. You can pay a lot of money for dogs here and many times their health is not what you want. Dogs from Germany have excellent health and they are high in energy. They normally retire them when they are around 9-10 years of age. He purchases and places dogs for canine units in nine different states. Ohio has mandated certification for police dogs which is a real bonus.

Mayor Berkey introduced Eric Burt who runs the Facebook page for the Police Department. A few months ago, the vet's office was broken into. With Eric's quick action of placing information on Facebook, by the afternoon of the same day the suspect was apprehended. Administration wants to help our Police Department. With community support, we can combat the drug problems we are facing. Mayor Berkey stated that he is grateful that we have an officer like Tyi who has a love for dogs and pride for his job and is excited to take on the role of training and working with this new addition to the Department.

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby** wanted to welcome the new fireman that the City has hired, Brian Ackerman. He has been on the job for about a month and is doing very well.

**Law Director, Mr. Wallingford** stated that information has been distributed concerning the 2013 financial disclosure statement. Everyone should have received a paper that describes that process for filling it out and submitting it. You can do it online, or print out a hard copy to fill out and return. We have some extra copies for those who would like them. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. The deadline this year is the same as the regular tax deadline, April 15.

#### REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mr. Miller** scheduled an Industrial Development Committee meeting for February 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., just prior to the regular Council meeting. He commended the Mayor, Safety-Service Director, Judge, Police Department, Bellevue businesses and citizens for all their efforts in working toward obtaining a canine unit to help with drug problems in the City.

**Miss Nascone** stated that she thinks the canine unit is a very good project and thanked everyone involved.

**Mrs. Missler** thanked all the citizens who go above and beyond the call of duty taking care of the snow. Several citizens have been going around to vacant homes and shovelling walks and driveways. She appreciates the help of the citizens who take on that extra burden.

**Mr. Hill** thanked everyone for their efforts and donations for purchasing a dog and opening a canine unit. He thanked Mayor Berkey for jumping right in and taking a leadership role in fighting our drug problem. He appreciates the Police Department for making our City safer. Also, the City Street Department crews have done an outstanding job this year. They have worked hard to keep the snow cleared to help keep businesses open.

**Mrs. Henry** welcomed two Boy Scouts who are working on their merit badges and are in attendance tonight. She thanked everyone for the canine unit presentation.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Mr. Gildenmeister of the Committee to Grow Bellevue** commended the administration and City Council for supporting the CARE program. The Mayor has been very active. There has also

been good City support. He stated he knows everyone has been taxed with weather issues and he thinks the City has done a great job, but some of the downtown business owners would like the City to look at what resources they may have to help with the plowing of the snow. The snow has been piling up so much that it makes it impossible for some businesses to have clients or customers.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** stated all should have received the acknowledgement of fraud reporting system information. He asked everyone to fill out and sign the top page and return it to him tonight. The remainder of the pages are for information only. He also distributed a list of telephone numbers and email addresses. He encouraged Council members to activate their City email accounts. It is a great way to keep everyone informed. If anyone has problems, Kevin Scagnetti at the City will be able to help. He also stated that he distributed a copy of the various committees appointed by the Mayor. He closed with a scripture from Psalms 133:1 and part of 3... "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. For there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore."

LEGISLATION:

**ORDINANCE 2-14** was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF BELLEVUE IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT, BEING PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SMOOTHSEAL ON US 20, HURON COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Miller to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 2-14 its second and third reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Miss Nascone. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

**ORDINANCE 2-14** was given its second and third readings by title only: AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF BELLEVUE IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT, BEING PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SMOOTHSEAL ON US 20, HURON COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Miss Nascone to adopt Ordinance 2-14 and as an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0 and as an emergency.

**ORDINANCE 1-14** was given its second reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A JOB CREATION INCOME TAX CREDIT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 1-14 its third reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Missler. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

**ORDINANCE 1-14** was given its third reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A JOB CREATION INCOME TAX CREDIT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mrs. Missler to adopt Ordinance 1-14 and as an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0 and as an emergency.

CLOSING REMARKS:

**Mr. Miller** stated that last March he and Mr. Smith went to Columbus to an auditor's program and he recommended it to all who could attend this year. The program is very beneficial. They put on a program about the streets and what will make them last longer and preserve them and the ordinance that was passed tonight is one of the programs they recommended.

The next 'Coffee With Councilmen' will be this Saturday, February 1, 2014 at 9:30 a.m., at the Copper Top Bake Shop. He also stated that the Chamber of Commerce is holding an auction tomorrow evening at the Bierkeller. Tickets are \$15.00 for a meal and raffle ticket. He has tickets for those who are interested.

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby** stated that this is the most snow that has fallen in January in Ohio's history. The temperatures have broken records also. The City doesn't want to put the Street Department personnel in jeopardy by having them out at 4:00 in the mornings working on the streets in -15 degree weather with wind chills making it tremendously cold. They cannot do it in the middle of the day... it has to be done first thing in the morning before traffic is an issue. The weather forecast states that Thursday evening and Friday morning this week the temperatures will be around +15 degrees. The Street Department is planning to do work at that time. The City parking lot by fire station needs to be plowed as well. Everyone has been trying to do what they can. We ran out of rock salt. Some should be delivered tomorrow. The work will get done, everyone needs to be patient.

**Mayor Berkey** commended the City Street Department. They are working very hard and doing their best. He is excited about the new dog coming to Bellevue. He appreciates everyone's efforts to make that happen. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mrs. Missler.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ronald Smith  
President of Council

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Rhonda R. Soper  
Clerk of Council

**ORDINANCE NO. 3-14**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS  
ORDINANCE NO. 19-13, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to make supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bellevue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Bellevue, Erie, Huron and Sandusky Counties, Ohio:

**SECTION 1:** That to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bellevue during the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2014, the following supplemental appropriations be and are hereby set aside and appropriated as set forth in “Exhibit A” attached.

**SECTION 2:** That the Auditor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant or warrants for payment from appropriations upon receiving proper certification and approval by the officers authorized by law to approve the same.

**SECTION 3:** That Council is in compliance with Ohio Rev. Code 5705.38(C) in setting the minimum level of budgetary control for subdivisions in that appropriation measures shall be classified so as to set forth separately the amounts appropriated for each office, department, and division, and, within each, the amount appropriated for personal services.

**SECTION 4:** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the City of Bellevue, and for the specific reason that it is necessary to make supplemental appropriations to meet expenses of the City of Bellevue.

**WHEREFORE**, this Ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage by council and approval by the Mayor.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

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RONALD SMITH  
President of Council

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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RHONDA R. SOPER  
Clerk of Council

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DONALD R. BERKEY  
Mayor

<u>Revolving Loan Fund</u>		
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Other	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
Total		300,000