

## MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 28, 2014

The regular City Council meeting of April 28, 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 April 14, 2014 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Mrs. Missler made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

### REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

**Mayor Berkey** read a proclamation designating May 2014 "Motorcycle Awareness Month." The proclamation will promote motorcycle awareness and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety. He also stated that with Dave Garman's recent resignation in the Bellevue Rec Club, he would like to present Ron Miller for approval by Council to take his place.

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby** stated that Bellevue was given a 100% achievement award from Ohio Workers Compensation for reducing our accidents last year by 100% which means we stay in the excellent rating and our rates are the best we can get.

### REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mr. Miller** stated that he would like to see quieter mufflers on all motorcycles.

**Mr. Baker** stated that he has been approached by several citizens inquiring when the roads will be fixed. He urged them to be patient and the roads will be taken care of.

**Mrs. Missler** called a Public Utilities Committee meeting for Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., just prior to the regular City Council meeting. Water Department Superintendent, Chris Sallee, will give a report.

**Mr. Hill** thanked and congratulated Police Chief Mark Kaufman for his efforts in promoting health and wellness.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Virginia Robinson of the Committee to Grow Bellevue** reported that they are looking at Saturday, May 17, for a clean-up day. All hands will be appreciated. They will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the old junior high garage where they will begin by planting baskets of flowers. All volunteers are welcome.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** stated that he previously emailed a questionnaire from the Gas Association to all Council members. He stated that anyone needing help filling it out can talk with him.

The Mayor has scheduled an Optotraffic presentation for 6:30 p.m. on May 12, just prior to the regular City Council meeting.

There will be no City Council meeting on Monday, May 26 as it is Memorial Day. We will meet on Tuesday, May 27 at the regular time.

This Thursday, May 1, the Bellevue Ministerial Association will hold a public commemoration of the National Day of Prayer at 12:00 noon at the Fallen Soldiers Memorial.

The Bellevue C.A.R.E. (Community Anti-Drug & Resistance Education) group will host a Town Hall meeting at the Bellevue Society for the Arts at 205 Maple Street from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, with a representative from the Ohio Attorney General's Office who will address the drug epidemic in our region.

This Wed., April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. representatives from the City will be having a meeting with Poggemeyer to discuss our zoning code update.

State Issue No. 1 will be on the May 6 primary statewide ballot. President Smith sent out an email to City Council members giving them information about it. Ohio's local communities are in continuing need of support for infrastructure projects. Sandusky County has completed hundreds of projects by way of grants and low interest loans. The May 6, 2014 ballot provides voters an opportunity to renew the program. He opened the floor for a motion to support Issue No. 1. Motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mrs. Henry. All were in favor. The City of Bellevue declares its support for Issue No. 1.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the Mayor's selection for Ronald Miller to serve in the Bellevue Rec Club. He will be replacing Dave Garman. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken. The motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Missler asked how Mr. Miller was selected. The Mayor stated that he was looking for someone that was qualified, analytical and who could improve the efficiency of the Rec Center. He stated that it is difficult to find people who are qualified and who are willing to serve. Although Mr. Miller is also serving on the Tree Commission, he stated he would be willing to serve in the Rec Club.

LEGISLATION: None.

CLOSING REMARKS:

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby** stated that he has started rounds for junk vehicle violations. A junk vehicle is a vehicle that cannot be driven on the street for any reason. If someone wants a vehicle that is not drivable, it has to be under a roof or in a garage. Historic vehicles also have rules. Just owning a historic vehicle doesn't allow you to take it and put it in your back yard. It still has to be out of sight.

When asked about the progress of the house demolition, he stated that the contracts have been awarded and the City is waiting for them to move forward.

**Mayor Berkey** encouraged everyone to attend the C.A.R.E. meeting at the Society of the Arts regarding the area's drug issues this Thursday, May 1. He informed Council that the Police Department dog is getting close to being fully trained, but the police and dog can't do everything. Everyone needs to get involved.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mrs. Missler. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ronald Smith  
President of Council

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Rhonda R. Soper  
Clerk of Council