

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 12, 2014

The regular City Council meeting of May 12, 2014, was called to order by President Smith. A prayer was offered by Pastor Michael Alcorn of the Bellevue Alliance Church.

Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. FEUERSTEIN, MRS. HENRY, MR. HILL, MR. MILLER, MRS. MISSLER, and MISS NASCONE.

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

Interim Police Chief, Mark Kaufman announced that this week is national "Police Memorial Week" and he read a eulogy written by Paul Harvey for his father who was a police officer. He stated that during the first half of this year there have already been 41 policemen nationally who have given their lives in the line of duty. He then introduced "Lasso", the new German Shepherd who has been added to the Police Department. Mr. McDowell, the canine trainer, and Officer Tyi McCarley performed a demonstration to show how Lasso is being trained to sniff and point out narcotics. They attached Lasso's police badge on his collar making him an official member of the Bellevue Police Department.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Berkey thanked the police officers for attending the meeting tonight. He also thanked Interim Police Chief, Mark Kaufman, Mr. McDowell and Officer McCarley for their demonstration with Lasso. He reported that at the C.A.R.E. meeting, which was held Thursday, May 1, there were approximately 50 to 60 people in attendance.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby stated that we are now getting into the grass mowing season and he will be issuing violations for those who do not keep their lawns mowed and to those who blow their grass into the street. With the first violation the person will be sent a letter and the second violation will result in a fine.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mrs. Missler reminded Council that there will be a Public Utilities Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., just prior to the regular City Council meeting.

Mr. Hill paid tribute to Mary Louise Lepley who passed away last week. She served for 35 years as women's recreation director for the City. She organized all girls and women's activities at Greenwood Heights. She meant a great deal to the community. Her showing will be tomorrow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Kerr of the Committee to Grow Bellevue reported that the clean-up day they previously scheduled for tomorrow will be cancelled. The students who were going to help have cancelled due to the weather. They will be meeting on Saturday, May 17 at 8:00 a.m. to plant pots of flowers. They will then put up the hanging flower baskets and place pots of flowers throughout the City.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that the first meeting with Optottraffic representatives was held at 6:30 tonight.

He has been in contact with Eric MacMichael, Superintendent of the water pollution control facility. Mr. MacMichael stated that he would like to give a report, but rather than have him come to Council, he would like to schedule a walk-through at his facility where he will give a presentation.

There will not be a meeting on Monday, May 26, as it is Memorial Day. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 27.

LEGISLATION: None.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mr. Miller thanked the City for the good job cleaning the streets.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby stated that an auction was held last Saturday at Wade's Auction. The City provided ten old police vehicles and an old asphalt truck that is no longer in use to be auctioned off. They were able to bring in \$10,000.00.

Mayor Berkey encouraged Council to share thoughts and concerns regarding the meeting that was held with representatives from Optottraffic.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council