

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 27, 2014

The regular City Council meeting of May 27, 2014, was called to order by President Smith. A prayer was offered by Kathy Lawrence, President of Bellevue Ministerial Assoc. and Pastor of Zion United Church of Christ Fireside.

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

The minutes from the May 12, 2014 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mrs. Missler seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Berkey thanked the City employees who put the flags up and he thanked Amcor for providing the flags. He thanked the Committee to Grow Bellevue for putting the flowers around the City. He enjoyed participating with them. He thanked Rich Oddo for serving on the Planning Commission and presented the name of Lynn McCoy for Council's approval to take Mr. Oddo's place.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby thanked Edison for the 40' boom truck it donated to the City.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Miller talked with Chris Sallee who has agreed to have someone at the water plant at 4:15 tomorrow for a tour for anyone who would like to tour the facility.

Mr. Baker inquired what is planned to follow-up the meeting where the idea of traffic cameras was presented. Mr. Smith stated that the Mayor is looking into it. The Mayor stated that it seems like a "wait and see" with legal issues regarding the use of cameras.

Mrs. Missler stated that some citizens are inquiring about the hills surrounding the subway underpass. Mr. Crosby stated that the crown vetch which was planted has not taken hold and is turning into weeds and not looking good. They are looking into what they can do.

She also thanked everyone that attended the memorial service at the cemetery on Memorial Day. It was very nice and she wishes more would attend.

She stated that they held a Public Utilities Committee meeting just prior to the regular City Council meeting tonight where they talked about doing a water treatment study. She feels that a tour of the water treatment facility tomorrow seems rushed and she doesn't think others will show up with just a one-day notice.

Mr. Hill echoed Peggy's comments on the Memorial Day parade and service. He would like to see more participation. He did hear great comments on how the cemetery looks and the new speaker system. He thanked everyone who planned it and carried it out.

Mrs. Henry stated first time in 20 years there has been no rusty water in her neighborhood.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Henry scheduled a Streets & Sidewalk Committee meeting for June 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., just prior to the regular City Council meeting.

Mrs. Ryan of the Committee to Grow Bellevue thanked Mayor Berkey for helping plant the flowers and supporting their committee. She thanked the City for hanging flags and stated it was great that they did it all on the same day. She asked if the City has a priority list for the new Central Park and the new dog park. Mayor Berkey stated that the problem they have encountered is regarding the gazebo. Croghan Colonial Bank has committed \$25,000.00 to the cost of building the gazebo. The City hasn't received an estimate yet. The Mayor stated that the goal this year is to build the gazebo and plant trees. They are trying to obtain property for the dog park from the current owners. It is more involved than they previously thought, but it is in progress. He should be able to give an update at the next City Council meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith thanked everyone who worked diligently planting flowers and putting up flags downtown. Everything is beautiful. He thanked everyone for participating in the Memorial Day events to keep alive the memory of all those who made the sacrifice for our freedom. Some communities are no longer doing this and he is proud that Bellevue does.

He stated that he sent an email regarding the Mayor's request to appoint Lynn McCoy who will be taking the place of Rich Oddo on the Planning Commission.

Mrs. Missler inquired about the Mayor appointing citizens to positions and why Council has to vote on it. Also, how can she vote on someone she doesn't know. Mr. Wallingford stated that the codified ordinances state that Council needs to review and approve the appointment by vote. Emails are sent in advance so Council members can review the name of the person being appointed and ask any questions before voting. Mayor Berkey stated that he has known Lynn McCoy for over ten years and she comes very highly recommended. She has a Master's Degree and has good common sense. He further stated that if Council members know of others who would like to serve, to let him know.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Lynn McCoy to serve on the Planning Commission. It was seconded by Mr. Feuerstein. All were in favor.

Mr. Smith announced that on June 23 at 6:00 there will be a walk-through at the wastewater treatment facility. He encouraged all citizens to participate. A regular City

Council meeting will be held directly following in the conference room at the plant. Mr. Wallingford stated that the walk-through and Council meeting are open to the public.

LEGISLATION: None.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Miss Nascone inquired about the mowing problems with people blowing their grass into the streets. Mr. Crosby stated that the catch basins get clogged from the grass matting, and it can cause flooding in the streets and basements. He said to let him know when she sees violations and he'll send out a letter and if it continues, the person will next receive a citation.

Mr. Baker inquired if we are on schedule for the demolition of the house on Northwest Street and Mr. Crosby stated that we are. Mr. Baker also stated that he and his wife purchased a new home which is still in the First Ward.

Mayor Berkey thanked everyone that participated in the Memorial Day events. He thought they were very well attended. He thanked the Committee to Grow Bellevue for all they do and for their support at each of our Council meetings. He also stated that Wayne McCoy, the retiring Bellevue High School band director, conducted his final performance at the Memorial Day services. He will be greatly missed.

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