

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 9, 2014**

The regular City Council meeting of JUNE 9, 2014, was called to order by President Smith. A prayer was offered by Councilman Dennis Feuerstein.

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

The minutes from the MAY 27, 2014 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Feuerstein made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Miss Nascone seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Berkey thanked Mr. Dendinger for the good work he does at the City cemetery and for the nice job he did in preparing it for the Memorial Day ceremony.

He reminded everyone that before the next City Council meeting there will be a tour at the wastewater treatment plant beginning at 6:00 p.m. The regular City Council meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at the wastewater treatment plant. The public is invited to both the tour and Council meeting.

With school getting out, he wanted to remind everyone about the curfew ordinance. He met with interim Police Chief, Mark Kaufman, and they spoke about this issue. He then read the ordinance. The Police Department will be enforcing the curfew this summer.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby stated that he would like anyone who observes others mowing grass into the street to let him know. Offenders will be given a letter first and if they don't stop doing it, they will be issued a citation. He has spoken to several citizens who are doing this and they stated they didn't know it was illegal.

Auditor, Mr. Smith stated that the annual audit for the 2013 calendar year began today. It should wrap up around June 30.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Feuerstein thanked Chris Sallee, Water Dept. Superintendent, for giving a tour at the water filtration plant. It lasted around an hour and a half and it was very informative. They do a great job.

Mrs. Missler suggested that Council members ask a friend to attend the wastewater treatment facility tour just prior to the next Council meeting. Concerning grass in the street, she has an issue with flooding on her street and she stated that a person who just moved into one of the homes near her cleans off his grate which seems to really help. If

people would take their garbage home to dispose of it instead of throwing it in the streets that would be helpful too.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Henry stated that a Streets & Sidewalk Committee meeting was held tonight at 7:00 p.m., just prior to the regular City Council meeting. They got a list of the streets that the City is hoping to fix and Council will be accepting the alley dedication plat from the NKP Railroad.

Mrs. Kerr of the Committee to Grow Bellevue reported that three of the four gateways to the City have been landscaped. A second Cash Mob has been scheduled for this Saturday. Instead of dancing or singing, the committee and citizens from around the City meet to shop and support local businesses. The first open air market is scheduled for Thursday, July 31, 2014 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Miller stated that he was recently stopped by a person in town who was looking for directions. The person made a comment about how nice the City looks. Mr. Miller thanked the Downtown Committee for all that they do to beautify the City.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that the City will be meeting again with the Poggemeyer Design Group on June 19 at 6:30 p.m. The Transformation Network, a workforce development and training center next to the Chamber of Commerce, will have an open house on Thursday, June 19 from 10:00–3:00. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held between 12:00 noon and 12 30. This will be a very powerful tool for our community.

He asked for a motion to add Ordinance 17-14 to tonight's agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was called. Motion passed 7-0.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 17-14 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ALLEY DEDICATION PLAT FOR THE MAD RIVER & NKP RAILROAD SOCIETY, INC., IN THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Miss Nascone stated that someone comes around during the early morning hours on Mondays and throws newspaper flyers all over which makes a mess. Mr. Crosby stated that he went to the newspaper and asked them about the flyers. They stated that if anyone does not want them delivered they can call the newspaper and get their name taken off the list. The problem is that the people who don't want them leave them laying on the streets and

sidewalks. Mrs. Missler inquired if the City could pass an ordinance. Mr. Wallingford stated that the City does have a littering ordinance.

Mr. Hill stated that he noticed one of the homes scheduled for demolition has been taken down. He thanked Mr. Crosby for that. Mr. Crosby stated that it is a long process but the others will all be taken down as soon as possible.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby announced that Kevin Strecker will be retiring in August. There will be a new meter reader. He also stated that Lasso made his first arrest. One of the officers made a routine traffic stop and suspected that there were drugs in the car. The driver would not give permission for him to check the car so he called for the canine unit and Lasso discovered marijuana in the vehicle as well as in the possession of the driver.

Mayor Berkey encouraged everyone to keep in mind that we live in a free country. The newspaper business also needs to make money. The citizens should pick up the flyers and dispose of them so they don't make a mess.

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