

## MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 11, 2014

The regular City Council meeting of August 11, 2014, was called to order by President Smith. A prayer was offered by Pastor Justin Jump of Bellevue's First United Methodist Church.

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

The minutes from the July 28, 2014 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Feuerstein 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** thanked the Committee to Grow Bellevue for its diligence and hard work with the Thursday Open-Air Markets. He said they have been well attended and the Committee has done a great job with them.

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby** read an article from the NPR regarding the major water problem in the Toledo area with toxic algae. The real reason why they had a problem is that the water rates were not adjusted when they needed to be and the upgrades to their system were not performed. They did not have the proper funding for the upgrades even though the toxic algae were already an issue, and they weren't prepared for it. They will have to do major overhauling of their plant to make sure it won't happen again in the future. Bellevue has two systems that it draws water from. One from Erie County and it also has its own system. The water is constantly being tested and we know what we are getting. The article he read is about how we need to be making sure our water systems are operational. He complimented our water control personnel and stated our systems are doing great.

### REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Miss Nascone** stated that while she was driving through the City, she noticed that the streets have been fixed and she appreciates that.

**Mr. Baker** inquired about mowing the lawns where the homes have been torn down. Mr. Crosby stated that sometimes neighbors do it, and he has done it. He stated that some of the homeowners on the sides of the properties have expressed interest in purchasing the properties. Hopefully the sale of the properties will take care of the mowing issues.

**Mrs. Missler** inquired if there is anything that can be done with the garage sale signs that aren't taken down after the garage sales are completed. Mr. Crosby suggested talking with neighbors. We don't have a code enforcer anymore and the City employees don't have time to pull the signs. Mr. Wallingford stated that nothing can legally be done to prevent the signs from accumulating.

**Mr. Hill** inquired about how susceptible our reservoirs are to problems being brought in by birds and other things. Mr. Crosby stated that we don't get the blooms and have problems that other areas have. Maumee is a special case with the Maumee River, plus they have a lot of cattle businesses. We don't have those kinds of problems. Mr. Hill complimented the Committee to Grow Bellevue for the Open-Air Markets and stated they are very successful. He mentioned concern about the busy traffic, and inquired how the lady is doing who was hit last Thursday. Information on her condition has not been given out yet.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Miss Nascone** stated that prior to Council meeting tonight she conducted a Budget & Finance Committee meeting. A draft of a resolution regarding the Safety-Service Director applying for a grant was passed out during the meeting. President Smith opened the floor for a motion to add Resolution R-5-14 to the agenda tonight. Mr. Hill made the motion and Mr. Baker seconded it. A vote was taken and it passed 7-0. Resolution R-5-14 will be added to tonight's agenda.

**Mrs. Missler** scheduled a Public Utilities Committee meeting for August 25, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss maintenance on tanks and water meters.

**Sheryl Cook of the Committee to Grow Bellevue** stated that the Committee has been thrilled about the success of the Open Air Markets. They have three left. She stated that she really appreciates all the support from the City.

**Mr. Miller** stated that on behalf of City, he appreciates efforts the Committee to Grow Bellevue has made, especially with the new park benches and trash containers.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** stated that in light of what happened to the water in the Toledo area, he thanked the Mayor, Safety-Service Director, Engineer, Council, and superintendents for keeping up with upgrades to provide safe drinking water and water pollution control. If anyone wants to learn more, the personnel at the wastewater treatment plant will be happy to do a walk through and explain our system. He then turned the time over to Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, for legislation.

#### LEGISLATION:

**Resolution R-5-14** was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR AND/OR SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE SANDUSKY COUNTY COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Miller to suspend the rules and give Resolution R-5-14 its second and third readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Feuerstein. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Missler to adopt Resolution R-5-14 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.

**Ordinance 21-14** was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR STREET REPAVING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Feuerstein to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 21-14 its second and third readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Missler to adopt Ordinance 21-14 and as an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Henry. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0 and as an emergency.

**Ordinance 20-14** was given its second reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT WITHOUT BID UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 735.051 FOR THE CONTINUATION OF AMBULANCE SERVICE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Resolution R-4-14** was given its third reading by title only: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM JAMES J. SHELLEY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Miller to adopt Resolution R-4-14 and as an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Feuerstein. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0 and as an emergency.

CLOSING REMARKS:

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby** stated that the purchase of property for the dog park has gone through. Mr. Wallingford stated that the contract has been signed and a

few more legal steps will be taken and the City will own the property. Mr. Crosby also stated that he has been working with Sandusky County EMA for a new siren for the west side of Bellevue.

**Mayor Berkey** stated that sometimes we take for granted the position of the Safety-Service Director. He has a strong grasp of all the various departments in the City. He stated he appreciates Mr. Crosby for how he oversees our water department and takes care of everything for the City.

**President Smith** thanked everyone for attending this evening.

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