

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 25, 2014**

The regular City Council meeting of August 25, 2014, was called to order by President Smith. A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Bellevue's former mayor, treasurer and city council president, Loretta Meacham, and for Bellevue's former safety-service director, Carl Essex. A prayer was offered by Pastor Juli Lejman-Guy of St. John's Lutheran Church.

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

The minutes from the August 11, 2014 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Mrs. Henry made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes were approved as written.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:**

**Mayor Berkey** announced that Interim Police Chief Mark Kauffman has met all the requirements and is now Bellevue's Chief of Police. During the last year he and Mr. Crosby worked with Mark as he served as interim police chief, and they have been very impressed with his leadership skills and the positive changes he has made to the Department. Bellevue's Police Department was challenged to participate in the ALS ice bucket challenge. He was very impressed with the number of participants and their enthusiasm. Mark will continue to do an excellent job.

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby** stated that he agrees with Mayor Berkey in that he has been very impressed with Mark's leadership and positive attitude. He has heard a lot of positive comments. He is looking forward to working with Mark and the rest of the department.

He also stated that he has spoken with Mr. Shontz from the Huron compost facility who continues to be impressed with how often we use our compost site and how positive it has been for the City. The use continues to go up there and it appears that the scheduling has worked well for everyone.

**Law Director, Mr. Wallingford** stated that words cannot describe the love that Loretta Meacham had for our community and the depth of her service in so many capacities as mayor, council member, president of council and treasurer. She will be missed.

**REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**Mr. Feuerstein** congratulated new Police Chief Mark Kaufman.

**Mr. Miller** also congratulated the new Police Chief.

**Mr. Baker** stated that last week he was involved with a contractor working from outside the City who had very positive things to say about two of our employees in the Street and Water Distribution Departments. He has also received good feedback from citizens regarding the announcement in the newspaper of the streets that are to be paved.

**Mr. Hill** congratulated Police Chief Mark Kaufman for his new position. He has known Mark for a long time and he knows he will be a big asset to the Department. He also thanked the Police Department for doing the ALS bucket challenge. He mentioned that there was a big turnout for it. They ended up doing it twice to make sure Chief Kaufman was in the video.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Mr. Baker** scheduled a Public Safety Committee meeting for September 8, 2014 at 6:45 p.m., prior to the regular City Council meeting.

**Mr. Hill** scheduled a Parks & Recreation Committee meeting to be held directly after the City Council meeting on September 8, 2014.

**Council President, Mr. Smith** stated that a Public Utilities Committee meeting was held prior to tonight's City Council meeting regarding the tank maintenance program. He then opened the floor for a motion to put Ordinance 24-14 on the agenda tonight. Motion was made by Mrs. Henry and seconded by Mr. Baker. All were in favor. Ordinance 24-14 will be placed on tonight's agenda.

**Mrs. Kerr of the Committee to Grow Bellevue** stated that there is only one more Open Air Market which will be held this Thursday. The weather has been very cooperative and they have had a lot of vendors. It has been a big success and it is great for the community.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** congratulated our new Police Chief. He then turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for legislation.

#### LEGISLATION:

**Ordinance 22-14** was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 13-14, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Ordinance 23-14** was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE TO CONTINUE THE ADDITIONAL BELLEVUE CITY EARNED INCOME TAX OF ½ PER CENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Ordinance 24-14** was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 13-14, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Ordinance 20-14** was given its third 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.

Motion was made by Miss Nascone to adopt Ordinance 20-14 and as an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 6-0 and as an emergency

CLOSING REMARKS:

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby** stated that they will be starting to pave the streets next week. The first one will be at the east end of Nickel Plate Road. When the Railroad Museum hosts the car show, the street will be finished.

**Mayor Berkey** stated that he hates to see the farmers markets come to an end.

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

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Feuerstein. 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