

## MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

The regular City Council meeting of September 8, 2014, was called to order by Council President Ronald Smith. A prayer was offered by Pastor John Ginty of the Bellevue Assembly of God Church.

Council persons present: Duane Baker, Dennis Feuerstein, Rise Henry, Steve Hill, John Miller, Peggy Missler and Rose Mary Nascone.

The minutes from the August 25, 2014, regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Mrs. Missler noted her absence was not excused in the August 25, 2014 meeting minutes. Council President Smith apologized and said she is to be excused. Mrs. Henry made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

**Mayor Donald Berkey** apologized for delaying the last City Council meeting. Police Chief Mark Kaufman had called and said he and other officials were preparing to shut down a meth lab located on Thomas Drive and, at that time, he could not share why the meeting was delayed.

Mayor Berkey also congratulated Brian Sears on passing the test to become Fire Chief. He feels confident Brian will do a good job for the City.

**Safety-Service Director Jeffrey Crosby** congratulated Brian Sears and looks forward to working with him as Fire Chief. He appreciates the job he has done for the City. He has the City's best interest in mind.

Mr. Crosby said he had a meeting, earlier today, with the City's health care provider. In looking at the numbers for the City employees' health care, it looks very positive. There is a carryover that is a very positive number. He could not give a specific number. It should allow us to have a free month of coverage. When most of the country will be experiencing health care increases in the double digits, or more, the City's will be in the single digits. He is not trying to be political, but thinks the country is in for a rude awakening on what it costs for Obama Care. The cost will be substantially higher than what was projected. Obama Care has a direct affect, even on the City employees' health care, because of what is required.

**Auditor Steven Smith** said Resolution R-6-14 needs to be sent to the County Auditor by October 1<sup>st</sup>, which means the first reading may be done tonight and would like the second and third reading at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> City Council meeting.

**Law Director David Wallingford** reported, as of August 29, 2014, the gift of real estate deed from Jim and Nancy Shelley for the park in Country View has been finalized and recorded.

## REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mr. Feuerstein** congratulated Brian Sears on becoming Fire Chief and welcomed Peggy Missler back to the City Council meetings.

**Mr. Miller** agreed with Mr. Feuerstein's comments.

**Mrs. Missler** congratulated Brian Sears on becoming Fire Chief. He gave her a tour of the fire station and did a great job.

She thanked everybody for the cards and support she has received.

She commented that the paving job on Nickel Plate Road is fantastic. She also said she received a call from a citizen stating that there are no street signs at the intersection of Kilbourne Street and Flat Rock Road.

**Mr. Hill** echoed the same sentiments regarding Brian Sears and thinks the City is in good hands with Police Chief Mark Kaufman and Fire Chief Brian Sears. The City is headed in a positive direction. He thanked the Downtown Committee for hosting the Open Air Markets. They were outstanding and there was a great turnout.

**Mrs. Henry** agreed with Mr. Hill's comments and thanked the Downtown Committee.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Mr. Baker** reported, at the Public Safety Committee meeting held at 6:45 p.m., prior to this meeting, that Fire Chief Sears discussed purchasing a new truck. It was voted on at the meeting to appropriate money to the Fire Department fund for the purchase of this tanker.

**Mr. Hill** said a Parks & Recreation Committee meeting will be held directly after the City Council meeting regarding the Central Park.

**Council President Smith** said he gave all the Committees assignments at the beginning of the year and he will be touching base with them on the status of those assignments.

**Virginia Robinson of the Committee to Grow Bellevue** congratulated Brian Sears. She thanked everyone for visiting the Open Air Markets. It was a great success; people were happy and all of the Committee's costs were covered. Someone suggested they continue the markets thru September and October. She is hoping it is bigger and better next year.

Also, the downtown planter flowers will be watered this week and allowed to dry out, next week. They will be removed the following week.

**Dave Robinson of the Committee to Grow Bellevue** suggested everyone take a look at the downtown improvements. The downtown looks so much better than it did last year. Businesses are looking better. The fire station looks good. He thinks things are moving in the right direction. The Committee will keep on going.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** None.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Council President Smith** congratulated the new Fire Chief and thanked him for all his years of service and wished him the best.

**LEGISLATION:**

**Council President Smith** entertained a motion to amend **Ordinance 24-14** declaring an emergency as suggested by the Law Director.

**Law Director David Wallingford** explained that Ordinance 24-14 was amended to add, "*Section 4. The Mayor and/or Safety-Service Director are hereby authorized to sign the related contract with Utility Service Co., Inc.*". This is regarding the work on the water towers and this makes it clear that they may sign the contract in addition to appropriating the funds.

Motion was made by Mr. Feuerstein to amend **Ordinance 24-14**. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0.

**Resolution R-6-14.** Mr. Wallingford explained this is something Council does every year in September, prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>, to make sure the City's books and the County's books all have the same information concerning various rates and levies and is required by state law.

**Resolution R-6-14** was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

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

**Ordinance 23-14** was given its second reading, by title only: AN ORDINANCE TO CONTINUE THE ADDITIONAL BELLEVUE CITY EARNED INCOME TAX OF ½ PERCENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Ordinance 24-14**, as amended, was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 13-14, AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH UTILITY SERVICE COMPANY, INC., AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Feuerstein to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 24-14, as amended, its second and third reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Miss Nascone. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0.

**Ordinance 24-14**, as amended, was given its second and third reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 13-14, AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH UTILITY SERVICE COMPANY, INC., AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Feuerstein to adopt Ordinance 24-14, as amended, and as an emergency. The motion was seconded by Miss Nascone. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0 and as an emergency.

**CLOSING REMARKS:**

**Council 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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Terri L. Sanders  
Administrative Assistant/Acting Clerk