

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 9, 2015

The regular City Council meeting of March 9, 2015 began at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor John Ginty of the Assembly of God Church. Council persons present: MR. FEUERSTEIN, MRS. HENRY, MR. HILL, MR. MILLER, MRS. MISSLER, and MISS NASCONE.

The minutes from the February 23, 2015 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Mrs. Missler made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

None.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Miller handed out a newsletter from the Bellevue Historical Society. There is an article about the Mayor in it. The Historical Society will be having their annual meeting on March 19. He wanted to bring Council up to date regarding the activity taking place at the Tremont House. They are in the process of researching and finding out what they can do to save the building. They have hired a contractor who is working with an architect and they hope to get it started this year. It is a very unique building that deserves to be preserved.

Mr. Hill congratulated the Bellevue High School girls' varsity basketball team for winning their district championship. He wished them good luck on their game tomorrow night at Ontario High School. He also congratulated the four Bellevue Redmen wrestlers who qualified for State.

He commented on the loss of Chris Vickery, a Bellevue High School graduate of 1983, who passed away recently while he was on vacation in Puerto Rico.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Miss Nascone stated that a Budget & Finance Committee meeting was held tonight just prior to the regular Council meeting where they reviewed the final budget for 2015. The ordinance for the budget will have its second reading tonight.

President Smith reminded Council members that a Parks & Recreation Committee meeting would be held directly following tonight's City Council meeting.

Jean Ryan of the Committee to Grow Bellevue stated that this year's "Power of the Purse" ladies' night fundraiser will be held on Thursday, March 26 at the VFW. She voiced a concern that the debris coming off the former Ben Franklin store may be a hazard when the Committee starts their downtown cleanup.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Koleen Weller, 504 East Main Street, commented that she has been worried about Bellevue's water. Her children have had many health issues and they don't know if it is the water that is causing them, but it is a worry for her. She lives by the subway and there are flood waters around her home frequently which get stagnate. Along with the flood water, they are having issues with snakes. President Smith mentioned that the City wants to flush the system in the spring. Mr. Crosby assured her that the water is tested on a regular basis and other than its current taste and odor, it is safe to use. President Smith advised her to call the City any time with her questions and concerns.

Harold Bailey, 276 Northwest Street, inquired if the City has ever thought about donating bricks from the former Ben Franklin store to any number of small towns in the south that are looking for bricks. He stated that taking down buildings and donating the materials has been done in other areas with good community support.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mr. Baker is excused tonight. He then turned the time over to Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 6-15 was given its second reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby stated that the compost site for this season will be open the same days as last year. They will be posting the schedule on the water bills. The dumpsters will be available the second and fourth weekends at the compost site.

He announced that Mayor Berkey and he attended an annual meeting of the Huron County Health Department today. The City is under contract with them for our health department. In their annual meeting they go over their plans for the year and the Board votes. They voted to continue having Bellevue participate. The rates will remain the same. He stated it was an enlightening meeting.

President Smith thanked everyone for attending.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Missler and seconded by Mr. Hill. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council