

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 23, 2015

The regular City Council meeting of March 23, 2015 began at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Reverend Diane M. Carter of St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. FEUERSTEIN, MR. HILL, MR. MILLER, MRS. MISSLER, and MISS NASCONE.

The minutes from the March 9, 2015 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Feuerstein seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Berkey stated that on Friday, March 13, he presented a proclamation at the Bellevue Hospital recognizing their tenth anniversary of being in their new facility. He thanked the Hospital for all they contribute to the City. He recognized Mike Winthrop for his effective leadership there.

He spoke at the Bellevue Historical Society's annual meeting on March 19.

In honor of those who served in the Vietnam War, flags will be lowered at 7:00 p.m. Sunday night, March 29 until 7:00 p.m. Monday night, March 30. Bellevue lost eleven servicemen during the Vietnam War. A memorial service will be held Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Bellevue memorial site. Everyone is invited to attend.

He stated there was a mix up in the date of the annual Red's Opening Day Celebration on the original flyer. It will be held Monday, April 6, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Council chambers.

President Smith thanked Mayor Berkey on behalf of Vietnam War veterans for honoring them by lowering the flags and having a memorial service.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby congratulated Logan Stieber from Monroeville for winning his fourth national wrestling championship. He is an outstanding young man.

He mentioned there have been numerous complaints concerning the Weekly Traders which are distributed by the Gazette to people's houses. People have been getting them caught in snow blowers. He has written a letter to the Gazette to please only distribute them to people who want them, and not the ones who already have piles in their front yard.

He stated that Bellevue is having taste and odor problems with the City's water which come from number of things, one being fish kill over the winter where ice was thick and blocked oxygen, and another is from algae. The water is unpleasant but it is safe. It will get better when the City workers are able to get to the reservoirs and kill the algae.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford stated Cider Mill Carry Out has a liquor license request for a change in name only, not a transfer or a new liquor license. We can request a hearing if there are any issues with this, or we can state by motion that we do not request a hearing. A motion was made by Mr. Hill to NOT request a hearing. It was seconded by Mrs. Missler. A vote was taken. Motion passed 6-0. A hearing will not be requested.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Miller noted that spring is finally here.

Mr. Baker thanked Mr. Crosby for discussing the problems with the Weekly Trader. He also stated that many of the street sign posts around the City are bare of paint and/or rusted. He inquired if there is a summer program of some type where some of the posts can be painted. Mr. Crosby stated that there isn't a program of that kind. He said they tried a volunteer program once but there were many problems with it. He said the City will be replacing many of the signs and posts soon because of a new State law that they have to meet reflective standards.

Mrs. Missler inquired if Mr. Crosby has any idea when the water will get back to normal and he stated that as soon as the ice melts the problems can be taken care of.

Mr. Hill asked when the reservoir gets filled from Sandusky and how it is distributed. Mr. Crosby stated that the City gets water from Sandusky in the evenings and it is distributed through the whole system. It is tested regularly but not every day.

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 third and final reading tonight.

Mr. Hill reminded everyone that there will be a Parks & Recreation Committee meeting tonight following the regular Council meeting regarding the proposed rec building and play area.

Virginia Robinson of the Committee to Grow Bellevue stated that this year's "Power of the Purse" fundraiser will be held this Thursday, March 26, at the VFW. After that, the committee will be starting their downtown cleanup and beautifying.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

George Keller of Lyme Township, commented that he is here with the Committee to Grow Bellevue and as the new Lyme Township Zoning Inspector. He held the job ten years ago for a couple of years. Three years ago he was approached to do it again. He feels it is a "give back" to the community.

Rebecca Grimm, 408 Brinker Street, inquired what it would cost to clean the reservoirs. Mr. Crosby stated that cleaning the reservoirs will not help the water situation because the odor issue is a result of algae from nitrate and phosphorous runoff from fields, and not because of the sediment at the bottom on the reservoirs. The City is doing everything it can to solve the algae problem.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 7-15 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Wallingford stated that an emergency language clause will be added to this ordinance.

Motion was made by Mr. Feuerstein to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 7-15 its second and third readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Miss Nascone. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

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Motion was made by Mr. Feuerstein to adopt Ordinance 7-15. The motion was seconded by Miss Nascone. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 6-0 and as an emergency.

Ordinance 6-15 was given its third 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.

Motion was made by Mrs. Missler to adopt Ordinance 6-15. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 6-0 and as an emergency.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby stated that the City will be posting the schedule of the compost site on the next water bills.

Mayor Berkey wanted to recognize the high school band for the good job they did in the competition at Oak Harbor on March 8. The band leader is new this year and he is doing a great job.

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