

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 13, 2015

The regular City Council meeting of April 13, 2015 began at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Mr. Feuerstein. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. FEUERSTEIN, MRS. HENRY, MR. HILL, MR. MILLER, and MRS. MISSLER.

The minutes from the March 23, 2015 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Miller noted that the paragraph regarding the reservoir being filled from Sandusky should state "water tank" not "reservoir." Mrs. Missler made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and Mr. Feuerstein seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as amended.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Berkey encouraged everyone to visit the City's website and sign up for its texting service. It is a great way to keep informed of the open hours at the compost site, road closings, water flushing, council meetings, etc. He also congratulated Bellevue's Police Department for the bust they made of \$10,000.00 worth of heroin. The Department's canine, Lasso, was very helpful.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby, stated that the compost site is open. This weekend the City had two trash cans available and they filled completely up and were overflowing.

He stated that **City Engineer, Kevin Scagnetti**, met today with personnel from Ohio Edison Co. where the utilities were laid out for Central Park's irrigation and electric.

The City still continues to have problems with taste and odor in the water. They have shut off Reservoirs 1 and 2 and everything is coming through Reservoir 3. There is no algae in Reservoirs 4 or 5. There is algae in Reservoirs 1 and 2 and some in Reservoir 3. They are continuing to treat Reservoirs 1, 2 and 3. The water is better, but it still isn't what they want it to be. The EPA is aware of the issues as they were present when City personnel did the testing. They are continuing to work on the problems.

He wants to say what a great asset Lasso is to the City's Police Department. He did a great job finding drugs in the particular vehicle mentioned by the Mayor. When the vehicle was stopped, the officer asked if he could search it. The owner said no. The dog smelled drugs in the vehicle and gave the alert signal which gives the officer a right to search it. When the vehicle was searched, the officer found the heroin. The dog is doing a great job.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Feuerstein inquired about a home that has been abandoned for the last 5 years and if there are there any plans for demolishing that property. Mr. Crosby stated that there are no

plans as of now. Mr. Feuerstein stated there are concerns with the wet basement. Mr. Crosby stated that there are quite a few abandoned homes in Bellevue with the same issues. When monies become available, they will be able to take a closer look at some of the properties. Mr. Feuerstein asked about the potholes around town and if they are scheduling them to be filled. Mr. Crosby stated that three times a week he drives around and when he sees a pothole he emails the address to the Street Department and they fix the potholes right away. He doesn't feel that the potholes are all that bad after the harsh winter we had.

Mr. Hill stated that daily he drives through many of the surrounding towns and cities, and many of them have significantly more problems with potholes than Bellevue.

Mr. Miller expressed deep appreciation to all the citizens who turned out on Saturday morning and worked to clean up sidewalks on the hill of the subway. They did a great job. He stated that it is obvious the citizens of Bellevue are proud of their community with homes and yards being cleaned up, painted, etc. He wonders if the City could get someone to clean up the sewer by a house near the subway. Mr. Crosby stated that it is a catch basin or sinkhole and it is on private property.

Mr. Baker stated that some citizens have spoken out about the condition of the underpass. He asked if it is the City's responsibility or the railroad's. Mr. Crosby stated that ODOT claims it belongs to the railroad. Even though it may not look great, the structure is sound. Mayor Berkey stated that they pulled out some old documents from when it was originally built in 1938-39. The language is not specific, but you can tell it is railroad property.

Mr. Baker stated that a number of citizens have complained to him about street lights that are out. He told them there is a 1-800 number to call and report them. Mr. Crosby added that you have to give them the pole number or they won't fix them. The City calls once a week with pole numbers of the lights that need to be replaced. If anyone has a light out near them, look for the pole number and call the City and they will make sure it is taken care of.

Mrs. Missler thanked the Street Department for patching the potholes on Gardner Road.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Hill stated that a Parks & Recreation Committee meeting was held prior to the regular Council meeting tonight wherein they discussed Resolution R-2-15 which is on the agenda tonight. This resolution will give the Recreation Director authorization to apply for a grant for the specific purpose of constructing a restroom at Central Park.

Virginia Robinson of the Committee to Grow Bellevue introduced Susan Roth, the Committee's new secretary. She stated that this year's "Power of the Purse" fundraiser was a big success and she thanked everyone who participated. Spring cleanup and downtown beautifying will be coming up soon.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Bruce Kardotzke, 134 Walter Street, commented that his family has an issue with the City's water. He feels the biggest issue is chlorine in his water. He has been doing some research and reading some of the comments on social media and he is developing an understanding of what is happening, but he still has concerns. He feels that any time there is an algae bloom problem in any of the reservoirs, the citizens should be informed about it. He made a complaint about his water with the EPA and a woman came right out and tested it. She told him the minimum amount of chlorine should be .2. His tested at 6. She said she would talk with her supervisor and come back. She went to the City's water plant for testing. The second test came back at 2.73. He feels that if he can smell and taste the chlorine, there is a problem. He stated he does not know how bad the algae is. Mr. Crosby stated that the City took Reservoirs 1 and 2 out. There are no problems with Reservoirs 4 and 5. There is no unsafe water. No one is getting too much chlorine. The EPA is going to keep coming back to test his water.

Roseann Alexander, 219 Greenwood Heights, stated that she bought her home in 1997. In 1998 there were issues with the water and there have been issues for a long time. Her family cannot brush their teeth with tap water and they don't drink it. If you take a consensus of everyone in the City, there is a real problem with the water. Mr. Crosby asked if her neighbor has the same issues with water and she said she would ask. He stated that perhaps there is a problem with her water line coming in to her home and to let him know what she finds out from her neighbor.

Ruthann Manders, 619 Dewey Street, stated that across from her property there is an issue with bricks and cement that has not been cleaned up. Mr. Crosby stated that the weeds were cleaned up, but the company was informed if they did not disturb the bricks or cement then there isn't an EPA problem. As far as he knows, nothing can be done about it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Miss Nascone is excused tonight. He then opened up the floor for a motion to approve the Bellevue Tax Incentive Committee's recommendations they made and posted in their March 23, 2015 minutes of their annual meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Missler to approve the recommendations. It was seconded by Mr. Miller. A vote was taken. All were in favor. President Smith then turned the time over to Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution R-2-15 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FILING OF AN APPLICATION AND THE OBLIGATION OF NECESSARY FUNDS TO COMPLETE A NATUREWORKS GRANT PROJECT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Resolution R-2-15 its second and third readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

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Motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Resolution R-2-15. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 6-0 and as an emergency.

Ordinance 8-15 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO GRANT A REVOCABLE LICENSE TO THE BELLEVUE RECREATION CLUB, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCEPTING A DONATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Miller to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 8-15 its second and third readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

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Motion was made by Mr. Miller to adopt Ordinance 8-15. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 6-0 and as an emergency.

Ordinance 9-15 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE'S REVOLVING LOAN FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Feuerstein to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 9-15 its second and third readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Missler. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

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Motion was made by Mr. Miller to adopt Ordinance 9-15. The motion was seconded by Mr. Feuerstein. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 6-0 and as an emergency.

Ordinance 10-15 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2015 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 6-15, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 10-15 its second and third readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

Ordinance 10-15 was given its second and third readings by title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2015 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 6-15, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Feuerstein to adopt Ordinance 10-15. 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 if anyone has a junk vehicle in their neighborhood, bring it to his attention, or to his secretary, Vicki Meyers' attention, and it will be taken care of. A junk vehicle is any vehicle you cannot take out on the street. He drove around today and found five of them.

Mayor Berkey stated that a week ago a tragic event occurred in which he lost a good friend, Eric Baker. Eric touched the lives of many. He asked for prayers for his family.

President Smith thanked everyone for attending.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council