

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 27, 2015

The regular City Council meeting of April 27, 2015 began at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor Justin Jump of Bellevue's First United Methodist Church. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. FEUERSTEIN, MRS. HENRY, MR. HILL, MR. MILLER, MRS. MISSLER, and MISS NASCONE.

The minutes from the April 13, 2015 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. President Smith noticed a typo on page one. Mr. Feuerstein made a motion to approve the minutes as revised and Miss Nascone seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as revised.

President Smith introduced Seth Weber, the Bellevue Gazette's new reporter, and welcomed him to City Council meetings.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Berkey encouraged everyone to vote for the one-half percent income tax renewal on Tuesday, May 5. It is very important that this renewal passes as it provides funding for Bellevue's Street, Fire, and Police Departments.

He read a letter he received from Bellevue's Police Chief, Mark Kaufman, who wants to conduct a survey. His goal is to find out what citizens think of our Police Department, the crime in Bellevue, and any other concerns they may have. Information gathered will serve to better indicate where funds and manpower may be directed. The survey will be available on the Police Department's Facebook page, and citizens will be given information and a password in their water bill to take the survey. After results are compiled, he will meet with Council. His ultimate goal is to discover what is important to Bellevue's citizens, change what is not working, and build trust in the community and the Police Department. He is hoping to have the survey available the first part of June.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Miller stated that he has heard compliments from citizens about the potholes being filled. The Street Department has done a good job and it is appreciated. He announced he will be working at the subway again this Saturday if anyone wants to help. They are about three-fourths of the way finished.

Mr. Baker stated that with the weather improving everyone is getting out more and he has been able to communicate more with citizens. The majority of the people are feeling good about how Bellevue is progressing. He is hoping now with a new reporter for the Gazette, more people will come to Council meetings and get involved. He asked about the street repaving list for this year and if the work will be getting done earlier. President Smith

stated that monies were appropriated for it in the budget and the street work should be getting done earlier this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Miller stated that they had an Industrial Development Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. tonight prior to Council meeting. The Committee discussed Resolution R-3-15 which is on the agenda tonight. He is hoping to have all three readings and the resolution passed tonight.

Dave Robinson of the Committee to Grow Bellevue stated that they will be planting flowers this Wednesday and they are looking at other projects they want to do. They have a different watering cart to use this year. The hanging flower baskets will go up May 15. He said they are averaging 12 to 14 people at their committee meetings on Tuesday mornings. Everyone is welcome to attend. He feels they have a great group this year. President Smith thanked him for his service to the City.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

George Keller of Lyme Township spoke about "Rail Fest" which will take place August 15 at the Mad River & NKP Railroad Museum. It will involve twenty-four hours of train watching. They have thirty sponsors made up of restaurants, motels and other businesses in the area. He is hoping for good weather and attendance. He passed around an advertisement which will run in a railroad magazine during May, June and July. The Railroad Museum opens this Saturday. In May it is open on weekends and in June they will have a full schedule.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, and Safety-Service Director, Jeff Crosby, are excused from the meeting tonight.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution R-3-15 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA NUMBER 10 IN THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Feuerstein to suspend the rules and give Resolution R-3-15 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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Mr. Miller inquired if "Sandusky County" in Sections 1 and 8 should be changed to "Huron County." After a discussion, it was decided that it should be changed to "Huron County" in both places. Mr. Miller made a motion to revise the Resolution to read "Huron County" in Sections 1 and 8. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Resolution R-3-15 as revised. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0 and as an emergency.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mayor Berkey stated that the Sandusky Register had an article today on the renovation going on at the old Pamida building. With the work being done it is evident that Goodwill will be there for many years to come which is great news for Bellevue.

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