

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 26, 2015**

The regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, May 26, 2015, began at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Council President, Mr. Smith. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. FEUERSTEIN, MR. HILL, MR. MILLER, MRS. MISSLER, and MISS NASCONE.

The minutes from the May 11, 2015 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Feuerstein made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby, stated that a lot of work has been done on the grounds at Central Park. The building should be here by the end of the week. He announced that there will be an "Ohio Flags of Honor" ceremony at Central Park on June 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Prior to the opening ceremony, the building will be dedicated. Council is invited to take part in the ceremony. County and State representatives will be there. The display will take place June 26 through June 28. There will be military personnel guarding the flags at night.

A notice will be placed in the water bills that a survey is being done for Bellevue's Police Department by "Survey Monkey" website. Chief Kaufman encourages everyone to take part in the survey.

Mr. Crosby read a letter sent to Officer Nunez by Chief of Police, Mark Kaufman. He stated that on May 2, 2015, Officer Nunez responded just outside the city limits to assist Huron County fire crews at the site of a home fire. Upon arrival he assessed the situation and assisted in removing a resident from the burning home who was unable to do so under his own power. His actions possibly saved the life of the home owner. The Chief commended Officer Nunez for setting such a fine example. He presented him a citation of valor.

Treasurer, Mr. Freitag stated that very few agencies in the country have access to IRS records. RITA does have access. They check zip codes and addresses and make sure city taxes have been paid. An ordinance will be presented this fall regarding tax uniformity throughout the State.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby, stated that last year the City recouped just over \$20,000.00 of taxes owed to it thanks to RITA.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford stated that the City received a letter from the Planning Commission about rezoning some property on East Main Street. This was discussed at a Council of the Whole work session prior to tonight's Council meeting. He has prepared an ordinance that can be added to the agenda tonight or sponsored for its first reading next time. Public notice has been set and published. The hearing will take place on June 22, 2015 at 7:20 p.m., just prior to our regular City Council meeting.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Miller stated that a round of applause is earned by those who have been working on the "Ohio Flags of Honor" ceremonies. He stated that he took a tour of Bellevue's parks and he is very impressed with the progress on all of the school properties. He reported from the Bellevue Historical Society that the City received a grant for the restoration of the Tremont House. The grant of \$50,000.00 will kick start the project.

Mr. Baker stated that he has received many favorable comments about the mural that is being painted on the side of the building as you enter Bellevue from the east. It really enhances the City.

Mr. Hill asked about the time frame for the mural and Mr. Miller stated that it should be completed in about three more weeks.

Mr. Baker thanked the Committee to Grow Bellevue for all their hard work in beautifying the downtown area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Hill stated that Recreational Director, Marc Weisenberger, put together a small tour to some of the projects the Recreation Center is working on. He gave a nice presentation.

Mrs. Ryan of the Committee to Grow Bellevue thanked everyone for their comments about the flowers and downtown beautification. She stated that some spraying for weeds will need to be done. She inquired when the City sprays for mosquitos so the committee members who are watering flowers can avoid watering on those days. Mr. Crosby stated that it is done on Mondays and Thursdays. She said that the open air markets will be starting the first Thursday in July and go through August.

Mrs. Meadows from Shop Bellevue passed Council members a Summer Guide of Ohio Attractions and Events for 2015. It is a free booklet that the business owners can pass out. It covers many counties in our area and Bellevue is well represented. She also stated that they will be having an old-fashioned sewing bee to make some pennants for the "Ohio Flags of Honor" ceremony and for July 4. Anyone interested in helping can bring sewing supplies when they meet on June 8 at 12:00 noon at 120 East Main Street. Volunteers are needed and all are welcome.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mrs. Henry and Mayor Berkey were excused. He thanked the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War posts for sponsoring this year's Memorial Day ceremony and he thanked all who attended. He thanked Mr. Weisenberger for giving a tour. He stated that a Council of the Whole work session was held tonight just prior to the Council meeting. Ordinance 11-15 was discussed and a vote was taken to make a recommendation to City Council to add it to tonight's agenda. Mr. Baker made a motion to add Ordinance 11-15 to the agenda. It was seconded by Mrs. Missler. All were in favor. Ordinance 11-15 will be added to tonight's agenda.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 11-15 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE RE-ZONING PARCELS OF LAND OWNED BY CARMELO & NUNZIA RUTA, THEREBY AMENDING THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby, stated that bidding for Walnut Street paving will be going out soon. An ordinance will be forthcoming.

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