

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JULY 13, 2015

The regular City Council meeting of Monday, July 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, MR. HILL, MR. MILLER, MRS. MISSLER, and MISS NASCONE.

The minutes of the June 22, 2015 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

The minutes of the special meeting held on June 29, 2015 were presented for approval. Mr. Feuerstein made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mrs. Missler seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Berkey thanked everyone involved with the dedication of Central Park and the Flags of Honor ceremony. He thanked City Council members for attending and park personnel and all those who contributed monetarily and physically. He thanked the Street Department for the hours they put in to make sure the park was ready and he thanked the numerous volunteers. It was a very historic event and 400 to 500 people attended. He also thanked the volunteers who helped take down flags on the final day. They were finished in less than an hour and without all the help it would have taken much more time.

He stated that the open air markets this year will also have concerts. The first one will be Thursday, July 30 and Walt Sanders will provide the concert.

He stated that on Wednesday, July 1, Tower Automotive announced a major expansion of its Bellevue plant. It will create many new jobs. Mitsubishi Chemical is also expanding which means more jobs. Bassetts is expanding. The old Pamida building is being renovated by Goodwill and there will be many new employees there. He read a news release regarding an EPA grant for economic development incentives.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Hill thanked the committee involved with Bellevue Community Days. It is a year-long process and so much time and effort is put into it. The weather was a factor this year, but that is always a possibility. He said he doesn't know the final numbers yet, but the Recreation Department did an outstanding job. If anyone wants to be on that committee it would be greatly appreciated. He also mentioned that he attended the Central Park dedication with the intention of leaving afterward but the Flags of Honor ceremony was so moving that he stayed the entire time and really enjoyed it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Miss Nascone reminded Council that a Budget & Finance Committee meeting will be held directly after the meeting tonight. She also scheduled another meeting for Monday, August 24, 2015, directly following the regular City Council meeting.

Virginia Robinson of the Committee to Grow Bellevue commented that she had a lot of fun at Community Days and it was great to see the City come together for the dedication of Central Park and the flag ceremony. She announced that the open air markets will begin on July 30 and the concert series should be great. She thanked Council and Administration for all the support they give the Committee.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

John Miller, 151 Walnut Street, stated that his is concerned about the water situation. Erie County is having various issues. He inquired if Bellevue could just use its own reservoirs and be independent. President Smith stated that the city is required by the EPA to have a backup source.

Joshua Bollinger, 168 Walnut Street, inquired when Walnut Street will be repaved. Mr. Crosby stated that bids will be going out at the end of this month. The work will start in August.

Ruth Ann Manders, 619 Dewey Street, stated that she is representing her brother, Roger Didion, who lives at 765 Kilbourne Street. Roger has a storm drain and deep ditch in his yard that makes it impossible to mow. She inquired if there is anything that could be done with it and if he is responsible to mow it. Mr. Crosby stated he will look into it. She also stated that the Armstrong property has not been mowed since April. She inquired if some of the EPA grant money could be spent for cleaning up that area. Mr. Crosby stated that the grant is not for clean-up. The EPA has given Armstrong permission to leave the cement there. He said he will take a look at the weeds growing there.

Ty Curliss, 420 North Buckeye Street, thanked Mayor Berkey for following up with him on several matters. He was concerned about his property being changed from R-1 to I-2 and stated he saw it on the City's website. He stated that the zoning change took place in February when he was not home and was not informed about it. President Smith and Mr. Crosby informed him that his property has not been rezoned and it was zoning codes that were updated in February. He recently had a meeting with Mitsubishi representatives about his concerns with their expansion.

Stewart Vetter, 167 Walnut Street, inquired about drain cleaning on his street. Mr. Crosby stated that a truck was just purchased by the City for this and the drains should be cleaned in a few weeks. He also inquired if the City will be putting in new curbs as well as repaving the street. Mr. Crosby stated that curbs are not part of the repaving project and if property owners want new curbs, it will be their responsibility to pay for them, and they can be

assessed for them. Mr. Crosby also stated that Main Street curbs were paid for by a federal grant but there are no grants for putting curbs on side streets.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith turned time over to **Law Director, Mr. Wallingford**, for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 12-15 was given its third reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR STREET REPAVING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance 12-15 and as an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 6-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mr. Baker stated that with all the rain we have had recently, several citizens commented to him that the water has not pooled up like it used to. The drains that have been fixed are working well.

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