

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

The regular City Council meeting of Monday, September 14, 2015, began at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor Dan Howard of the First Baptist Church of Bellevue. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. FEUERSTEIN, MRS. HENRY, MR. HILL, MR. MILLER, and MISS NASCONE.

The minutes of the August 24, 2015 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Fuerstein seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Berkey announced that there will be an open house for Council members at the new Goodwill facility (previously the old Pamida building) on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. A tour will be taken which is expected to last 45 minutes so members can arrive at Council meeting by 7:30. He made the announcement that AJM Packaging will be opening a new business in Bellevue. This will create another 150 jobs for the community. He thanked Governor Kasich for taking the initiative to create tax incentives. He thanked Lisa Wagner, Regional Project Manager of JobsOhio, for working with AJM and keeping us informed. He thanked Steve Fuhr of the Bellevue Development Corporation for his help in this endeavor. He thanked our Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby, for keeping the lines of communication open with AJM and JobsOhio, and he thanked Council for their foresight and initiative. He stated that there are well over 600 jobs available with all the new businesses coming to Bellevue. President Smith announced that there are flyers on the table at the back with a list of available jobs in the community.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby, stated that he has been working with Steve Fuhr on expanding the community reinvestment area to encompass the whole City. He will be meeting with a council of trustees to explain what the reinvestment area means to the City. If a person purchases a home for \$150,000.00 and wants to invest \$50,000.00 in remodeling, the \$50,000.00 he would spend for remodeling would be tax exempt for 12 years. If someone wants to build a home in Bellevue, the taxes on a new home are abated for 15 years. This is a great incentive for building new homes here in Bellevue. For companies building warehouses, taxes are abated for 15 years. He will keep Council informed with the progress.

He stated that a notice has been published for the final time regarding the buildings on 127-129 East Main Street which were damaged by the storms a couple of years ago. There is a 60-day waiting period for any of the previous owners to contact the City. After that time, Council will be asked for permission for the City to apply to have the buildings taken down.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Miller reported that the Bellevue Historical Society held their first Wine and Cheese Festival on September 5. It was successful and he thanked all who came and participated.

Mr. Baker stated that fireworks last night at the park were well received. Kudos to Mr. Weisenberger for the event.

Mr. Hill stated that Jeff Cook was unable to make it tonight to make a report on the new dog park. It has been rescheduled for the first meeting in October. He wanted to thank Marc and the Rec Department for having a family fun day on Saturday. The weather didn't cooperate but they made a good effort. He thanked Mr. Miller for the Wine & Cheese Festival. He was out of town and unable to attend, but he has heard many positive comments about it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Smith announced that a Council of the Whole work session was held tonight just prior to the regular Council meeting where they discussed two pieces of legislation. Ordinance 14-15 is on the agenda for tonight. Resolution R-5-15 is not on the agenda, but during his President's Report a motion can be made and a vote taken to put it on the agenda.

Miss Nascone reminded everyone that a Budget & Finance Committee meeting will be held directly following the Council meeting tonight.

Virginia Robinson of the Committee to Grow Bellevue stated that the flower pots will be taken in and disassembled tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. The hanging baskets will come down Saturday morning and then the fall decorations will be put up by the Shop Bellevue Committee and local merchants. She also stated that she enjoyed the Wine & Cheese Festival.

Sgt. Tyi McCarley, of the Bellevue Police Department Canine Unit, handed out a flyer for the first annual Halloween Ball and Raffle and invited everyone to come out and enjoy this event. The cost for the reverse raffle and dinner is \$50.00. Dinner alone is \$20.00. This will raise funds to support the Canine Unit. He stated that he just completed the second annual canine seminar and the satisfaction level of Lasso's performance has skyrocketed. If anyone has questions or updates on Lasso, feel free to contact him.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

President Smith stated that it is difficult to hear when a citizen is speaking at the podium and others sitting in the audience are talking at the same time. He encouraged everyone to be respectful and quiet during that time.

Joshua Bollinger, 168 Walnut Street, stated he is grateful that Walnut Street has been fixed. He said, however, that the curbs are falling apart. He was talking with neighbor who works in construction and said a company was paid to fix curbs on side streets in Bellevue last

year, particularly by the Railroad Museum. Mr. Crosby stated that he doesn't know of anyone who was paid by the City to do that.

John Miller, 151 Walnut Street, inquired if the City is going to do the crack sealing on East Main Street like they did on West Main Street. Mr. Crosby stated that he understands within the next two years East Main Street will be repaved by ODOT.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mrs. Missler is excused tonight. Because of Columbus Day falling on the first meeting in October, City Council will be meeting on Tuesday, October 13.

He then opened the floor for a motion to add Resolution R-5-15 to tonight's agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mrs. Henry. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution R-5-15 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Motion was made by Mr. Miller to suspend the rules and give Resolution R-5-15 its second reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Miss Nascone. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

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Ordinance 14-15 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING REPLACEMENT PAGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Miss Nascone to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 14-15 its second and third readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

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Motion was made by Miss Nascone to adopt Ordinance 14-15. The motion was seconded by Mr. Feuerstein. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 6-0 and as an emergency.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mr. Miller thanked all the volunteers who helped with the Wine & Cheese Festival.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council