

## MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2015

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

The minutes of the September 28, 2015 regular Council meeting 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.

**Robin Richter**, Director of Senior Services and Transportation, WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc., expressed gratitude for having the opportunity to speak in Council meeting about the Meals on Wheels program. The program serves about thirty-five clients in the Bellevue area. They team up with Four-County Young-at-Heart to serve seniors who are home-bound in the Bellevue area. Every five years they have a levy on the ballot which they will have this year. WSOS is asking all the communities in Sandusky County to read and sign a proclamation in support of this program and to show appreciation for their services.

### REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

**Mayor Berkey** read and signed the Proclamation to support WSOS.

### REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mr. Baker** inquired if the City is contemplating hiring another fire fighter with all the growth Bellevue is experiencing.

**Mr. Hill** congratulated the Lady Red golf team who qualified for state. It is a big accomplishment for them. The boys golf team missed going to state by only three strokes. The high school has a great program for young golfers.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Carol Martin, Director of the Bellevue Tourism & Visitors Bureau** gave her yearly presentation to Council. She passed out her marketing report. She talked about the Lake Erie Shores Visitors Guide and stated Bellevue will be featured in it. Jungle Junction will also have an advertisement in it. This is a premier brochure with 400,000 copies. She stated that they appreciate President Ron Smith for attending some of their meetings.

**Mr. Hill** stated that tonight we have guests from the Bellevue Rec Department and Bellevue Rec Club to update Council on various projects. He turned the time over to Mr. Weisenberger.

**Recreation Department Director, Marc Weisenberger**, stated that Jeff Cook will be talking about the dog park and Sherie Wilhelm talked about Jungle Junction. He stated that it will open early in 2016. He reported that they put grass seed in the ground at Ridge School and they are getting the ball

diamond ready for spring. By next spring many projects that we have talked about for several years will be taking shape. At Ellis Park they are taking basketball hoops down and refurbishing them. They are making a tricycle area for small children and putting in a 2-5-year-old play structure. Central Park is in great shape. He thanked the Mayor and Mr. Crosby and members of the committee who spent much of their spare time helping there. It was a great place for the farmer's markets and concerts. They plan to put in restrooms. They are working on two neighborhood parks, one in Country View and they are in the process of applying for grant for a small play structure at Gardner Ridge. The Northcoast Inland Trail is on schedule for spring construction. All of these things will improve the quality of life in Bellevue. The Rec's website has changed. It connects to Jungle Junction's website. They are working on an agreement with Bellevue Fish and Loaves and Bellevue Society For The Arts to make a dedicated walkway. They have been changing the community center around with new space available where they have spread out the fitness equipment. They have two fund raisers a year that help with their projects, Community Days and Night at the Races which they do with the Chamber of Commerce and Bellevue Eagles. This year's Night at the Races will be held on Saturday, November 14.

**Sherie Wilhelm** updated everyone on the progress of Jungle Junction. Jim Shelley did a wonderful job getting funds and contacting local businesses to get additional donations. As of today, the total amount of money pledged or received is over \$216,000.00. There are still donations to collect, but they are off to a good start. They have a website where everyone can watch the progress: [junglejunctionplay.com](http://junglejunctionplay.com). Donations can be made on this website. They also have a Facebook page where they post pictures.

**Jeff Cook** gave an update on the dog park. They have raised \$40,000.00 for the dog park. He handed out a diagram showing what the dog park will look like. There will be a non-leash area for small dogs, a non-leash area for large dogs, and an area for leashed dogs. The corners will be angled for maintenance and to allow dogs not to feel cornered. The fence will be 5 feet tall. There will be a fee to register. They are planning to put an electronic system where users will have a key fob to get in. All dogs will be required to be registered and have their shots and rules will be posted. They want to provide a safe place for dogs and owners.

**Mrs. Robinson of the Committee to Grow Bellevue** stated that they are continuing to clean up the flower beds in the downtown area. The mural that the high school art students painted above the building that will be taken down has been coated so that the weather won't deteriorate the paint. They will find a good place to put it up when the building comes down. She stated that the large evergreen tree in Central Park will be decorated in colored lights for the Christmas season.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** stated that Mr. Miller is excused tonight. The new liquor license request by Global Limited, dba The Sports Hut, which was tabled during the last Council meeting, was discussed. He talked with Mr. Crosby and Mr. Wallingford and there were no violations, citations or police reports when they had a license before. Nothing indicates that there would be any issues with them obtaining a new liquor license. Mr. Hill made a motion to not request a hearing. Mr. Feuerstein seconded the motion. All were in favor. There will not be a hearing requested.

LEGISLATION:

**Ordinance 15-15** was given its second reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PAY RAISE FOR THE APPOINTED POSITION OF BELLEVUE ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR (CITY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY).

**Ordinance 16-15** was given its second reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAY RAISES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, THEREBY AMENDING SECTION 157.04 OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

**Ordinance 17-15** was given its second reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 193 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX.

CLOSING REMARKS:

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby**, stated that with the new Jungle Junction and dog park, Bellevue has had many things being done by volunteers and donations. He finds it amazing that Bellevue's citizens can come together and come up with such great things to enhance the City. He stated that they are in the process of planting 31 new trees in the City and they are working on getting a camera for the shelter house at the park at Greenwood.

President Smith invited Council members to sign the proclamation showing appreciation for the WSOS Meals on Wheels program, and for all of their services for seniors.

**Mayor Berkey** reminded everyone to participate and dress up for the first annual Halloween Ball and Raffle. This will raise funds to support the Bellevue Police Department's Canine Unit. He said that on Saturday morning he went by the Copper Top Bakery and saw Officer Tyi McCarley selling tickets. Later that day he went to the hardware store and again Tyi had a table set up to sell tickets. It is great to have our officers taking part in the community.

**President Smith** thanked everyone for coming.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Ronald Smith  
President of Council

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Rhonda R. Soper  
Clerk of Council