

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 11, 2016

The regular City Council meeting of January 11, 2016 began at 7:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor John Ginty of Bellevue's Assembly of God Church. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. FEUERSTEIN, MR. HILL, MR. MILLER, MISS MULL, and MISS NASCONE.

The minutes from the December 28, 2015 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Feuerstein seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

Nominations were open for President Pro Tempore. Mr. Baker nominated Mr. Hill. No other nominations were made. Mr. Miller made a motion to close the nominations and it was seconded by Mr. Feuerstein. Mr. Hill accepted the nomination and is the new President Pro Tempore for 2016.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker stated that he appreciates what Council has done and he looks forward to working with everyone in 2016.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, greeted everyone and stated that he appreciates the undertaking it is and how much work is entailed in being the new Safety-Service Director. He stated it is a very rewarding job also. Vicki printed some AFSCME Group 1 contract forms that were distributed to Council members. He asked that Council look these forms over. They will be entering contract negotiations within the next month.

He talked with Eric MacMichael at the waste water treatment facility. Some squirrels have chewed through a main electrical line and they have been on emergency power since Saturday. This happened last year at the same time. The City has contracted to replace one line and hopefully it will take care of the problem and make it vermin proof.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford announced he has reappointed David J Claus, City Prosecutor, as Assistant Law Director, effective January 1, 2016. He has been doing a great job. He asked for a confirming motion from Council. Miss Nascone made said motion and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. All were in favor.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Feuerstein welcomed new Mayor, Mr. Strecker, and Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, and Councilwoman, Miss Mull.

Mr. Miller also welcomed the new Mayor, Safety-Service Director, and Miss Mull. He wished everyone a happy new year.

Miss Nascone stated that her cell phone number is incorrect on the document passed to Council members. If anyone would like the correct number, let her know.

Mr. Baker stated that we are starting the new year on a high note and he looks forward to working with everyone this year.

Miss Mull stated that she is very excited to be here and she looks forward to working with everyone.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Hill stated that a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was held tonight prior to the regular Council meeting. Resolution R-1-16, which is on tonight's agenda, was discussed. It will be tabled tonight upon advice given at the meeting.

President Smith stated that prior to the City Council meeting tonight, a Committee of the Whole work session was held to discuss the revolving loan fund legislation that is on tonight's agenda.

Mrs. Ryan of the Committee to Grow Bellevue reported that the Committee's first meeting of the year was held last Tuesday. They were hard at work last Thursday taking down all the City Christmas decorations. Now they are looking forward to the fundraiser scheduled for March 3, "The Power of the Purse." They are hard at work getting sponsors for this event.

Mrs. Meadows of the Shop Bellevue Committee stated that the Committee's sole purpose is to support businesses in Bellevue. They have a full agenda for 2016. Their first project will be held on Thursday, February 4, which is their third annual chili cookoff. This year the celebrity chefs competing will be Bellevue's Fire Department and Bellevue's Police Department. Mayor Strecker will be one of the judges. It will be held at the Green Emerald starting at 5:30 p.m. on February 4.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mrs. Missler is excused. He stated that Council Clerk, Mrs. Soper, will continue as clerk for this year.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution R-1-16, A JOINT RESOLUTION AGREEING TO COOPERATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PARK IMPROVEMENTS WITH A RECYCLING THEME, was **tabled** by a motion made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Hill. All were in favor. Resolution R-1-16 is tabled.

Ordinance 1-16 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE'S REVOLVING LOAN FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Miller stated that he was the first recipient of this loan and also the first person to pay it back.

President Smith stated that Ordinance 19-15 was previously tabled and inquired if anyone wished to make a motion to bring it off the table. Motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Miss Nascone. A vote was taken. The motion passed with a vote of 4-2, Mr. Hill and Mr. Miller, nay. Ordinance 19-15 is taken off the table.

Ordinance 19-15 was given its third reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE FORMALIZING THAT THE CITY AUDITOR IS THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE AND THAT CERTAIN BARGAINING UNIT AND SUPERVISORY POSITIONS SHALL REMAIN UNDER THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF THE CITY AUDITOR,

AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made to adopt this ordinance by Mr. Baker and seconded by Miss Nascone.

Miss Nascone stated that this ordinance brought a lot of concern and comments from citizens. She took her time and researched and did everything that was asked of her. She determined that what was needed was to wait for the new Administration before voting to pass it.

A vote was taken. Motion passed by 4-2, Mr. Hill and Mr. Miller, nay. It will pass but not as an emergency. It will not take effect until 30 days from the date of passing.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, discussed the condition of reservoirs #4 and #5, and stated that everything is looking good so far.

President Smith thanked everyone for attending.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Miss Mull. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council