

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 25, 2016

The regular City Council meeting of January 25, 2016 began at 7:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Reverend Diane M. Carter, of St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. FEUERSTEIN, MR. HILL, MR. MILLER, MRS. MISSLER, MISS MULL, and MISS NASCONE.

The minutes from the January 11, 2016 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.

Justin Smith, who is running for Sandusky County Commissioner, was introduced. He spoke briefly about his concerns and why he is running. He answered several questions from Council members.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker stated that a list of Bellevue City's Boards and Commissions assignments was circulated to Council members. There is one revision in the Audit Committee. The Chairman of the Finance Committee of Council also serves on the Audit Committee. As Chairman of that Committee, Mr. Miller will now fill that position instead of Miss Nascone.

He stated that he has a meeting tomorrow with Tim Hollinger of the Huron County Health Department regarding drug problems in the City.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, stated that even though the Street Department is short staffed, they did a great job removing the snow from the streets last week. Also, last week on East Main Street, there was a water main break. There was also a leak in front of Wendy's. The Department again did a great job. The Vac truck keeps proving its worth.

The cost for fixing the electric line damage at the wastewater plant was just under \$15,200.00. They are hoping to get reimbursed for that.

A week from this Thursday, February 4, representatives from AFSCME will be here for negotiations.

Last weekend, 37 million gallons of water was pumped into Reservoir #5 for a total of just under 170 million gallons this year.

Mayor Strecker sat down with the City health insurance carrier. There will not be any raises in insurance premiums again this year. This is a great savings for the City.

President Smith stated that the Mayor and Safety-Service Director were invited to sit in front with Council members but at this time, they have chosen to sit at the table.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Baker stated that he talked with Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, about problems with houses that have been abandoned and have had no utilities for a number of years. They also discussed the problem with wild cats in the area. He has had many phone calls about this issue.

Mr. Hill stated that with regard to fixing the water leaks, the vac truck has been very valuable. The vac truck can shave two to three hours of time off fixing a leak.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Hill stated that Resolution R-1-16 that was tabled at the last meeting will not come back off the table. He asked Mr. Wallingford to comment and he stated that the Bellevue Recreation Club will go out for the grant which does not need approval by Council. The tabled resolution appears on tonight's agenda and will be on the next agenda, but it will not come off the table. This will all go through the Rec Club.

President Smith stated that there will be a Committee of the Whole work session following this meeting tonight.

Sandra Keller of the Committee to Grow Bellevue reported on the Committee's watering project and stated there are openings for volunteers who want to help.

They have received a commitment for music at the Open Air Markets. They are still looking for activity ideas. The last market will be on August 25.

The downtown street light project is in phase 3.

Christmas lights have all been taken down.

The Power of the Purse is scheduled for March 3. This is their major fund raiser. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available at Ace Hardware and The Golden Acorn.

Judy Miller of the Shop Bellevue Committee stated that their first project will be held on Thursday, February 4, which is their third annual chili cookoff. It will be held at the Green Emerald Restaurant on February 4 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith thanked Vicki Meyers for putting together directories and for all the assistance she gives Council. He asked for a motion to accept the Boards and Commission appointments in the list provided by the Mayor with the change of the appointment of John Miller. Motion was made by Miss Nascone and seconded by Mr. Feuerstein. Roll was called. All were in favor. Mrs. Missler—yes, with reservations.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 1-16 was given its second reading by title only: 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.

Motion was made by Mr. Feuerstein to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 1-16 its third reading 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 Mr. Feuerstein to adopt this ordinance and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Miller. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0, and as an emergency.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mayor Strecker thanked Council for accepting the Board members.

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