

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

The regular City Council meeting of February 8, 2016 began at 7:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Reverend Juli Lejman-Guy of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. FEUERSTEIN, MR. HILL, MR. MILLER, MRS. MISSLER, MISS MULL, and MISS NASCONE.

The minutes from the January 25, 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.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker updated Council on the use of Narcan for drug overdoses. The City is working with North Central EMS and the Huron County Health Department to make Narcan available to the Bellevue Fire Department as a backup to North Central EMS. He distributed to Council some information on the Volunteer Angel Program.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, stated that he was contacted by Eric MacMichael, Superintendent of the Waste Water Treatment Plant, and City Engineer, Kevin Scagnetti, regarding the pumps at the subway. There are three pumps and two are not working. To replace two pumps it will cost around \$16,000.00. Also, they are having issues with the clarifier at the Water Treatment Plant. The propeller that mixes the chemicals was rubbing against the side and chipping off the encrustation and the metal is in poor shape. Greg Ruffing came out and cut out a lot of the damaged areas and got it back in operation. In April the paint areas will be sandblasted.

Group 1 negotiations started last Thursday where they met with service and clerical. It was very successful. This week there will be more negotiations. Insurance claims with the waste water treatment power line is on-going.

Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, stated that he received a communication from RITA. They will be extending call center hours for questions from tax payers. From Feb. 22 through March 24, in addition to their regular 8:00 to 5:00 hours, they will be open on Mondays and Thursdays until 6:00 p.m. March 24 through April 28, they will add Tuesdays to be open until 6:00 p.m. The telephone number for questions is 1-800-860-7482.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, stated that tabled Resolution R-1-16 is on the agenda for the last time tonight. This was taken over by the Bellevue Recreation Club. No Council action is needed.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Miller stated that he met with the Mayor and City Auditor, Steve Smith, to do some preliminary work on the budget. They will be ready for Council to have a Budget & Finance Committee meeting in two weeks.

Mrs. Missler inquired if the City has done routine maintenance on the clarifier. It was discussed that the City has only one clarifier, and, if it were out of commission, the City would have to use the old filtration system from the 1930's during maintenance. For that reason, no maintenance has been done. In April, after having the sandblasting done, routine maintenance will be done.

Miss Mull stated that she would like to initiate promoting the City at Council meetings by keeping citizens informed about what the various businesses are doing. This month, she thanked Bassett's Market. A couple of months ago, they added a veterans parking area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Hill stated that he met with the Recreation Board tonight. Mr. Weisenberger informed everyone that new playground equipment will be put up at Gardner Ridge. He received a grant of \$6,000.00 last year and just received another grant for \$6,000.00 and with \$12,000.00, the Recreation Department is purchasing playground equipment. Marc is doing a great job covering every section of town. Also, Robert Peters Park will have a new west entrance coming in by the dog park. An easement is being secured with Bellevue Fish & Loaves and the Society for the Arts. The dog park is scheduled to open in April. Also opening in April is Jungle Junction.

Mr. Robinson of the Committee to Grow Bellevue thanked Council for their support. 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. The Committee would like to see good participation in that.

Mrs. Meadows of the Shop Bellevue Committee thanked everyone who attended Bellevue's Third Annual Chili Cook Off. It was a very successful event. There was a tie between the two celebrity cooks. It will be held again next year on Thursday, February 2, at a different location yet to be chosen.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith reminded Council members to fill out their 2015 disclosure form. It can be filled out and submitted online, or a hard copy can be mailed in. It is due this year on May 16.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 2-15 was given its first reading: **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.**

CLOSING REMARKS:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, announced that Josh Maas from Advanced Tank Technologies is in attendance tonight. He will be giving a presentation following the meeting regarding the KRIA Ionizer. This is new technology currently being used outside the US and is being studied for use here. It would clean water in the reservoirs without using chemicals.

President Smith thanked everyone for attending.

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