

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2016

The regular City Council meeting of February 22, 2016 began at 7:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor Catherine Lawrence of Zion United Church of Christ, Fireside. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. FEUERSTEIN, MR. HILL, MR. MILLER, MRS. MISSLER, and MISS NASCONE.

The minutes from the February 8, 2016 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Feuerstein made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

President Smith introduced Kay E. Reiter, Executive Director of Sandusky County Economic Development, who is running for Sandusky County Commissioner. She stated that one of the big issues facing the commissioners is that citizens who live in outlying areas from Fremont don't get to know their commissioners. If she is voted in, along with the other commissioners, she would like to go out into the communities, get acquainted, and find out what is needed. There are big issues with substance abuse all over, and everyone needs to work together to help fund projects and find ways to deal with it.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker stated that his State of the City speech will be Thursday, March 10, at noon at The Willows.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, stated that the Street Department is making a list of roads in town that need to be repaved. They are hoping to have it done within the next couple of weeks.

The tree removal that took place on Route 20 was in preparation for the bike trail, which will hopefully be ready this summer or early fall. Jarrett Tree Service removed a total of 19 trees. When the trail is completed, the City will replant trees for shade to replace the ones that were taken down.

He reminded Council that the bridge on Near Road is scheduled for replacement this spring. They are considering replacing the water and gas lines underneath the bridge.

The water line replacement on State Route 113 began last week.

They are still working on Group 1 negotiations. Groups 2 and 3 will start next week.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Miller stated that the new Jungle Junction is very impressive. They have done a great job with it.

Mr. Hill stated that all the damaged cherry trees on Cherry Blvd. have been removed. New trees will be planted. He also wanted to congratulate the Lady Reds who won their sectional game. They now will be playing at district.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Feuerstein stated that an Industrial Development Committee meeting was held tonight prior to the regular meeting. Resolution R-2-16 regarding City-wide CRA will be on the agenda tonight and he requests that it be given all three readings and passed tonight if possible.

Mr. Miller reminded everyone that a Budget & Finance Committee meeting will be held directly following the meeting tonight.

Mr. Hill stated that a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was held tonight prior to Council meeting. An ordinance to allow the Club to open and maintain Jungle Junction is on the agenda tonight and he requests that it be given all three readings and passed tonight if possible.

A representative of the Committee to Grow Bellevue stated that the Committee's biggest fundraiser, The Power of The Purse, will be held next Thursday and she encouraged everyone to attend. This fundraiser helps with the Committee's projects for the year.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Bellevue Hospital President, Michael Winthrop, 121 Honeysuckle Drive, stated that he has worked with Kay Reiter for years and encouraged everyone to vote for her for Sandusky County Commissioner.

John Miller, 151 Walnut Street, stated that the clearance signs on the underpass have been taken down and he suggests that they be put back up.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith congratulated Miss Mull, now Mrs. Ommert, on her wedding that took place over the weekend and he excused her from the meeting tonight. He reminded everyone that there will not be an executive session at the end of Council tonight. On March 14 there will be a Committee of the Whole work session after Council to review the KIRA Ionizer.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford stated that during the committee meeting earlier it was discussed that all new annexed properties will be included in the CRA. He is adding language at the end of Section 2 noting this, and the Clerk will add it to the resolution.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution R-2-16 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND CLARIFYING ORDINANCE NO. 22-15 ESTABLISHING A CITY-WIDE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Miller to suspend the rules and give Resolution R-2-16 its second and third readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Feuerstein. 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 6-0 and as an emergency.

Ordinance 3-16 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance 4-16 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO LEASE THE NEW JUNGLE JUNCTION BUILDING AND JUNGLE JUNCTION EQUIPMENT FROM THE BELLEVUE RECREATION CLUB, INC. ON AN INTERIM BASIS, UNTIL THIS PROPERTY IS DONATED TO THE CITY OF BELLEVUE.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 4-16 its second and third readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

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Motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt this ordinance. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Ordinance 2-16 was given its second reading by title only: 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:

Mrs. Missler inquired if there would be meetings regarding the water rate increase. Mayor Strecker said that there will be meetings held and everyone is invited to attend.

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