

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 11, 2016

The regular City Council meeting of April 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, MRS. MISSLER, MISS NASCONE, AND MRS. OMMERT.

The minutes from the regular City Council meeting on March 28, 2016, were presented for approval. President Smith stated that two revisions have been made. The first is changing "water heaters" to "water meters" on page 1. The second was changing who seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting from Mrs. Missler to Mr. Miller. Mrs. Missler made a motion to approve the minutes as revised. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as revised.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker introduced three guests from Kinder Morgan. He presented them with an award for their donation of \$50,000.00 toward Bellevue's new Jungle Junction project. The building will now be known as Kinder Morgan Kids Center.

He stated that he was honored to attend the Vietnam War ceremony at the Fallen Soldiers Memorial on Wednesday, March 30. He said it was a very moving ceremony. He read a proclamation that recognizes March 30, 2016 as the commemorative day of the 50th anniversary of the ending of the Vietnam War. He thanked Don and Ken Rospert for putting the ceremony together.

On March 29 he attended a Mayor's Day celebration in Fremont.

He thanked the City's Street Department for taking care of the streets after the winter weather we had over the weekend.

On Friday, April 8, he represented Bellevue at a Huron County Economic Development meeting in Willard.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, stated that the fire hydrants in the City were flushed last week. The crews stated that it was the quickest they have done it. The Street Department did a great job clearing the streets after the snowfall.

He met with Eric MacMichael at the Waste Water Plant who informed him that the flows are up considerably due to the snow and rain but should be going down soon.

Contract negotiations for Group 1 will be wrapping up this week.

City Treasurer, Mr. Freitag reminded everyone that this is tax week. If anyone needs help, there is an automated phone service at RITA and they also have live agents there until 7:00 p.m. each night. They will be open Saturday also. Their website is rita.ohio.com.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Miller stated that he attended a township meeting last week. There was a lot of excitement regarding Apex Clean Energy, a new company in town. They are installing a solar farm and working on wind generators.

Miss Nascone stated that she also attended the Vietnam War anniversary ceremony and was moved by the wonderful program and the reverence and respect shown. It was very well done.

Mr. Hill thanked Don and Ken Rospert for their work on the Vietnam War ceremony. He also thanked the Kinder Morgan representatives for what the company has done for Jungle Junction. The Recreation Department is on track for a grand opening at Jungle Junction on May 5.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Robinson, of the Committee to Grow Bellevue, stated that every Tuesday morning the Committee meets in the Buckeye Room at the City office building. Everyone is welcome to attend.

They still have a few openings on Saturdays in the months of July, August and early September for citizens who would like to help with watering the plants and hanging flowers.

The open-air markets are coming right along.

They will be planting the hanging plants and planters on May 14.

Mr. Keller, representing the Bellevue Historical Society & Mad River & NKP Railroad Museum, stated that on Friday, April 29, the Historical Society will be presented with a \$50,000.00 check by the Sandusky County Communities Foundation. This is a matching grant which will be put to good use on the restoration of the Tremont House. On June 25, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. there will be a dedication of the historical marker at the Tremont House.

August 6, 2016 is scheduled for the annual Wine & Cheese Festival.

The Railroad Museum is opening Saturday, April 30. June 25 and 26 will be their 40th anniversary celebration. That weekend there will be free admission to the museum. A small steam engine will be there and rides will be given. He thanked Council for their continuing support.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith asked Council to approve the recommendations of the Bellevue Tax Incentive Review Committee (TIRC) after a meeting was held at the end of March wherein they conducted their annual compliance review. TIRC determined that Bellevue is in substantial compliance. He recommended that a motion be made to accept the recommendations of TIRC. Mr. Miller made a motion to accept the recommendations. Miss Nascone seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

He then turned the time over to Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 5-16 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 141.05 TO THE BELLEVUE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, CONCERNING THE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CLOSING OF LICENSED PREMISES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance 6-16 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTEER PEACE OFFICERS' DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Miss Nascone to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 6-16 its second and third readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

Ordinance 6-16 was given its second and third readings by title only: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTEER PEACE OFFICERS' DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Miss Nascone to adopt Ordinance 6-16 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Miller. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-1 and as an emergency. Mrs. Missler, nay.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Miss Nascone scheduled a Public Safety Committee meeting for April 25, 2016 immediately following our next City Council meeting.

President Smith opened the floor for a motion to go into **Executive Session**. Mr. Miller made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Missler. All were in favor. They will return to Council after the session only to adjourn the meeting.

After the Executive Session, 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