

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING April 25, 2016

The regular City Council meeting of Monday, April 25, 2016, began at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor Diane Carter of St. Paul's United Church of Christ of Bellevue. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. FEUERSTEIN, MR. HILL, MRS. MISSLER, MISS NASCONE AND MRS. OMMERT. (MR. MILLER arrived later.)

The minutes of the April 11, 2016 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Mrs. Missler said she voted "nay" regarding Ordinance 6-16 to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 6-16 its second and third readings by title only. Instead of "all were in favor" it should show the motion passed by a vote of 6-1. Mr. Wallingford also noted that Miss Nascone made the motion and the word "Mr." should be removed. Mr. Feuerstein made a motion to approve the minutes with noted changes. Mrs. Ommert seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved with noted changes.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker said that on Sunday, April 24th he attended the home dedication of the Firelands Habitat for Humanity home at 857 Flat Rock Road. He would like to wish good luck to the new residents. Firelands Habitat for Humanity's mission is: "Seeking to put God's love into action." They bring people together to build homes, communities and hope. They are looking to construct another home next year at this time. The Jungle Junction ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 5th at 11:00 a.m. Mayor Strecker said congratulations to the Mad River and NKP Railroad Museum. He took a walk and noticed they had restored the Wabash 671 Train. They did a fantastic job on it.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, stated the Water Department work is set to begin on the clarifier on May 16th. OME from Toledo will start on the sandblasting and see how much damage is there. In the Street Department, the bridge replacement on Ner Road is set to start in the next few weeks by R. A. Bores. At the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the work on the clarifier is complete and up and running. The tornado sirens have been repaired and should be operable. Group 1 Union contracts have been distributed to City Council members. The items in red show the changes in the contract. Mosquito spraying will begin the first week in May. He talked to Mr. Moyer of RLM Mosquito, LLC, about the Zika virus. The spray will kill that type of mosquito, but Mr. Moyer has not heard any reports on that type of mosquito yet being found in Ohio.

Mr. Freitag, Treasurer, said he shared an economic area report with the Council members from his realtor information. It is statistical information from the National Association of Realtors. It is all data from the 2015 census and is updated annually. It has historic information in it. Good information when looking at planning for the community. In regard to the income tax season, the Regional Income Tax Association (RITA) showed in their report there were a few people that had to wait on the phone for assistance on the 18th of April. The longest wait period was 8 minutes.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford said the Administration has received a communication from the Huron County Emergency Management Agency concerning the renewal of the yearly contract. This contract covers all of Bellevue, even the Sandusky County portion, the cost is 25 cents, per person, which involves 8,202 citizens, for a sum of \$2,050.50. This same contract has been renewed for several years. The contract runs from July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, so there is a little time on this, but they want to get started on it to avoid suspension of the rules. Last year's contract was Resolution R-4-15, which was passed on June 22. The Clerk has prepared a proposed resolution and contract information. If this is something Council would like, two sponsors are needed to put this on the Agenda for the next meeting or, there is time to put it into committee. Mr. Baker and Miss Nascone agreed to sponsor same.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mrs. Missler congratulated Law Director, David Wallingford, on running in his 5th Boston Marathon. Mr. Wallingford said he was glad to be there representing Bellevue, Ohio.

Mrs. Missler asked, now that the City has the new vac truck, is it just as important now for people not to mow their grass into the street. Mr. Lantz said citizens should not mow grass into the street. If he, or the police, see it being done, they will stop and tell the resident not to do so.

Mr. Hill thanked Burger King Restaurant on the fine job of renovating their restaurant and reinvesting in Bellevue. He would also like to acknowledge one of the citizens who passed away last week, Chuck Miller, from the Gordon Lumber Company. He was an outstanding individual and also served on the Rec Club.

Mrs. Ommert said she has been contacted by citizens, three or four times in the last month, about the vac truck. Citizens are noticing that we are not flooding and they are noticing the City employees out working.

President Smith noted that Mr. Miller arrived for the meeting. Mr. Miller had told him he might not be able to attend tonight's meeting.

Mr. Miller apologized for being late, but it was an event that he could not avoid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Miss Nascone stated if the Police Chief would have had new information after attending a 9-1-1 meeting, she would have called for a Safety Committee meeting to be held after Council. The Police Chief told her there are no changes from when they met before, so she will hold off scheduling a Public Safety Committee meeting until the Chief has more information.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Dave Robinson of the Committee to Grow Bellevue stated that last Tuesday afternoon the CTG had help from the Bellevue Middle School Asset Team to clean downtown and they did a wonderful job. They were happy to wear their bright green T-shirts. Also, if anyone wants to help out, Saturday, May 14th, at 8:00 a.m. is flower planting day for downtown. They will be meeting at the Central Park garage.

President Smith thanked the Committee to Grow Bellevue for helping to beautify the community.

George Keller, representing the Railroad Museum, said they will be opening in four days. He thanked the Mayor for his compliment on the F-7 train. They worked on it for over a year. It is standing proud and they are very proud of her. Every Saturday, for the last month, they have had a tremendous turnout of people helping to clean-up the museum and grounds from cleaning windows, shining silverware, rearranging displays, spreading stone, etc. He also was very happy to help with the clean-up of downtown.

Doug Gildenmeister of Touch the Heart Youth Ministries, 170 Yorkshire Place, said, in 2003, a group of concerned citizens were worried about the area youth and formed Touch the Heart Ministry. They have witnessed to 2,000 teenagers and at least two people have let them know they have prevented them from committing suicide. In 2010, they took over the old France Stone Quarry and made that into a productive and attractive property. They have run electric, water and sewer to the property, built a 30' x 60' shelter house, basketball court and volleyball court. He invited everyone to visit their new prayer path. Foos & Foos Funeral Service donated three granite benches so people can sit and enjoy nature. This Saturday, April 30th, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon is their annual work day. He invited the City Administration and City Council members to help with the clean-up and to plant some trees and shrubs on the prayer path. Afterward, they will have a cookout and fellowship from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated Mrs. Soper is excused this evening. Also, the National Day of Prayer is, Thursday, May 5th, at 12 noon, which will be held at the Fallen Soldiers Memorial and everyone is invited to attend.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 7-16 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SELL UNNEEDED PERSONAL PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Wallingford noted there is one City Council meeting left before the auction date. So, Council may wish to suspend the rules tonight or at the next meeting on May 9th.

Motion was made by Miss Nascone to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 7-16 its second and third reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Feurstein. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

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Motion was made by Mr. Feurstein to adopt Ordinance No. 7-16. The motion was seconded by Miss Nascone. Mr. Miller asked if this ordinance is only for this year or continuous. Mr. Wallingford said, it is continuous, but before each auction, an auction list will be presented to Council and Council will need to pass a motion. It would save the expense of preparing an ordinance for each auction. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0 and as an emergency.

Ordinance No. 5-16 was given its second reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 141.05 TO THE BELLEVUE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, CONCERNING THE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CLOSING OF LICENSED PREMISES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Motion was made to enter into an Executive Session regarding employment or appointment of a public employee or official and with no further action.

After the Executive Session, motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Missler and seconded by Mr. Baker. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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President of Council

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Administrative Assistant/Acting Clerk