

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MAY 9, 2016

The regular City Council meeting of May 9, 2016 began at 7:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Councilperson, Mrs. Ommert. 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 April 25, 2016, were presented for approval. President Smith stated that one revision needed to be made. On page 2, first paragraph, the dates needed to be clarified to add the years. Mr. Miller made a motion to accept the minutes as revised. Mr. Feuerstein seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as amended.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker commented on the ribbon cutting ceremony held for Jungle Junction on Thursday, May 5. Parks and Recreation Director, Marc Weisenberger, opened the ceremony. He has done a great job working with everyone to get this up and running. It was a good day for Bellevue and the Rec Department.

He stated that a draft of an ordinance regarding a position for Economic Development Director was circulated to Council. He encouraged everyone to review it and a final draft will be forthcoming.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, stated that the Waste Water Plant has the vac truck working on Route 20 in preparation for the bike trail. He also announced the streets that are being considered for resurfacing.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Miller inquired how things were going in relation to the purchasing of an ionizer for the reservoirs. Mr. Wallingford stated that contractual issues are being considered. He said that the City is still waiting for something from the EPA acknowledging and approving, or at least acknowledging that they do not object to, the City using the ionizer. It is still on the table and being discussed.

Mr. Hill stated that the Jungle Junction ribbon cutting ceremony was great and they also held an open house on Saturday, May 7. It was very well attended. It is now open, fully staffed, and the hours are on the website. One birthday party was already celebrated there and many more are scheduled for the near future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Smith stated that a Committee of the Whole work session was held just prior to this meeting. The Committee recommended that Resolution R-8-16 be added to tonight's agenda. Mr. Miller made a motion to add it to tonight's agenda. Miss Nascone seconded the motion. All were in favor. Resolution R-8-16 is hereby added to tonight's agenda.

Mrs. Robinson of the Committee to Grow Bellevue stated that solar lights went up under the sign on Castalia Street. They will be ordering six more solar lights.

The Open Air Markets will be starting in July. Mrs. Ryan was approached by a family that wanted to donate their time to one of the open air markets. They will be putting away the picnic tables afterward. If anyone knows of any other families that would be interested in donating time, let her know and she will work with them.

This weekend flowers will be planted in areas around the City and the hanging flower baskets will be hung on May 21. She thanked Council for their continuous support.

Mr. Keller, representing the Bellevue Historical Society & Mad River Railroad Museum, stated that Railroad Museum opened as scheduled. Even with inclement weather, they had good attendance. Most of the people attending were from out of the City and they are the ones he wants to interest in the eating establishments here. He said he met the first foreign visitors who were from Barbados.

The Historical Society received their \$50,000.00 matching grant and it is going towards the restoration of the Tremont House which is progressing very well.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

Eli Beachy, Executive Director of Historic Lyme Village, presented the City of Bellevue with a historically significant 36-star American flag that dates back to July 4, 1865. After extensive research, it has been determined that this flag was the national flag for Gambee Post #33 of the Grand Army of the Republic veterans organization. In 2017 the City of Bellevue will mark 150 continuous years of honoring veterans and it began with this flag. They will be restoring it with thread from the 1800's and it will be presented when finished to the City. Mayor Strecker thanked Mr. Beachy and stated that the City is honored to be presented with this flag.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

LEGISLATION:

Resolution R-5-16 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION DETERMINING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICE FOR THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Resolution R-6-16 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.03 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE REQUESTING THE SANDUSKY COUNTY AUDITOR, THE HURON COUNTY AUDITOR AND THE ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, THE CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, IN SANDUSKY COUNTY, HURON COUNTY AND ERIE COUNTY, AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A RENEWAL ONE (1) MILL TAX LEVY FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PURPOSES AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 5705.19 OF THE REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Resolution R-7-16 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR THE RENEWAL OF A ONE (1) MILL LEVY FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Resolution R-8-16 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT WINTER CONTRACT (018-17) FOR ROAD SALT.

Motion was made by Mr. Miller to suspend the rules and give Resolution R-8-16 its second and third readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Feuerstein. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

Resolution R-8-16 was given its second and third readings by title only: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT WINTER CONTRACT (018-17) FOR ROAD SALT.

Motion was made by Mrs. Missler to adopt Resolution R-8-16 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0, and as an emergency.

Ordinance 5-16 was given its third reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTEER PEACE OFFICERS' DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mrs. Missler to adopt Ordinance 5-16 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0, and as an emergency.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Recreation Department Director, Mr. Wysesberger stated that he will be applying for a grant which will be used for public restrooms in conjunction with the dog park. He will be submitting information to Mr. Wallingford for an ordinance to apply for the grant. He also announced that June 23, 24, and 25 will be the City's Community Days.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, stated that he circulated to Council a schedule for mosquito spraying for the season.

Mr. Hill personally thanked Mr. Beachy for the incredible donation of the 36-star flag.

Mayor Strecker also thanked Mr. Beachy for the flag and stated it is a wonderful donation to the City of Bellevue.

President Smith opened the floor for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as it relates to contract negotiations. Mr. Miller made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Feuerstein. 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. Ommert. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council