

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 23, 2016

The regular City Council meeting of May 23, 2016 began at 7:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor Venno Kuhl of The River 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 of May 9, 2016, were presented for approval. Mr. Miller made a motion to accept 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 invited Sharon and Kyle Barnes of Barnes Nursery to stand. Barnes Nursery has been a great partner to the City. They took over the City's compost site. They have given generous donations and they are a great community-minded business. He presented them with a Key to the City.

He thanked everyone who helped to make Poppy Day a success. It was held last Friday, May 20. He thanked volunteers and members of the VFW who were stationed outside local businesses collecting donations for veterans and their families.

He thanked the Committee to Grow Bellevue for their hard work planting the flowers in various places around the City and for hanging beautiful flower baskets. It took many hours of hard work and it makes our downtown area beautiful.

He circulated an ordinance authorizing employment of an Economic Director for the City and asked that Council members read the ordinance over carefully. He would like to have it placed on the agenda for June 13. Sponsors will be Mr. Hill and Mrs. Missler.

A Memorial Day parade is scheduled for Monday, May 30, at 9:30 a.m. At 10:00 a.m. a memorial ceremony will be held at Bellevue Cemetery. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place at the high school.

The Huron County Health Department will be holding a training session and distributing free Narcan kits on Tuesday, May 31, 2015 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, stated that the work on the bridge on Ner Road is scheduled to begin tomorrow. It will take approximately two weeks to complete.

There are some catch basins being installed in front of the Water Treatment Plant due to some flood issues.

Work has begun on the clarifier at the Water Treatment Plant.

Work continues on Route 20 in preparation for bike trail. The Vac truck is cleaning out catch basins and tiles.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Miller attended a meeting with members of the Tourism & Visitor's Bureau, Lyme Village, the Railroad Museum and the Historical Museum. It was great to see everyone working together so well for the benefit of the City. A lot of good things are happening in the community.

Mr. Baker thanked the Safety-Service Director for attending to the high lawns at the abandoned houses throughout the City. Citizens have asked him about them and he lets them know that the City has a list and it will take patience for all of them to be taken care of. He would like to see the City take down more of the abandoned houses.

Mr. Hill turned the time over to Recreation Director, Mr. Weisenberger, to discuss Resolution R-9-16 which is on the agenda tonight. Mr. Weisenberger stated that Resolution R-9-16 would authorize the Rec Dept. to apply for a grant through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The grant would cover a Nature Works project. The grant will be used to repair and improve Robert Peter's Park. The grant is an 80/20 grant, meaning that the City would appropriate 80% of the funds from the budget which would later be reimbursed. The remaining twenty percent will be paid for by donations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Miss Nascone stated that earlier Mayor Strecker handed her a letter from the Director of Huron County Emergency Management. Enclosed with the letter was a reimbursement check in the amount of \$13,390.00 which completes Huron County's obligation.

Mr. Miller thanked the Community for supporting blue ribbons which were made and sold to show honor and support for our local Police Department.

Mr. Robinson of the Committee to Grow Bellevue stated that a lot of work went into planting the flower planters and hanging baskets. He thanked the community for their support. They have a crew all set up for watering.

He stated that all four gateway signs now have solar lighting which will illuminate them when it is dark. Also, nine of the ornamental street lights have been changed over to LED lighting.

The Committee has undertaken a new project for Central Park. They are working on appropriating money to construct six concrete pads for tables to sit on. When the Open Air Markets are held, the tables will not have to be moved around. They are working on concerts for the Open air Markets. Elvis will close the year with the last concert in August.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Ty Curliss, 420 North Buckeye Street, stated with regards to an item that was brought up by his wife at the City Council meeting of March 14 regarding trucks parking in the Mitsubishi parking lot at night. He inquired if anything has been done to stop them from parking there. Mr. Hill stated that right after the meeting he talked with officials from Mitsubishi and was told that the owners of the trucks would be told to park on the stones at the back of the parking lot. Mr. Curliss stated that he and his wife do not want trucks parking there at all. He was reminded that his property is not zoned residential. The Mayor stated that the trucks should be parking on the stone area.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

LEGISLATION:

Resolution R-9-16 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FILING OF AN APPLICATION AND THE OBLIGATION OF NECESSARY FUNDS TO COMPLETE A NATURE WORKS PROJECT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Miss Nascone to suspend the rules and give Resolution R-9-16 its second and third readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

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Motion was made by Miss Nascone to adopt Resolution R-9-16 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0, and as an emergency.

Ordinance 8-16 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LABOR CONTRACT WITH AFSCME, GROUP 1, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 8-16 its second and third readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. A vote was taken. Six were in favor, Mrs. Missler, nay.

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

Resolution R-5-16 was given its second reading by title only: 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 second reading by title only: 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.

Motion was made by Mr. Miller to suspend the rules and give Resolution R-6-16 its third reading 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 Mrs. Missler to adopt Resolution R-6-16 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0, and as an emergency.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Resolution R-7-16 its third reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Resolution R-7-16 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: None.

President Smith opened the floor for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as it relates to further 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. Missler. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council