

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JULY 11, 2016

The regular City Council meeting of July 11, 2016 began at 7:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Council President, Ronald Smith. 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 June 27, 2016, were presented for approval. President Smith noted that the street in the Mayor's comments on page 1 should have been "Hobson Street" not "Huffman Street." Mr. Baker made a motion to accept the minutes as revised. Mrs. Ommert seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as revised.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker wanted to make everyone aware of the spaghetti dinner fundraiser which will be held Friday, July 15, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bellevue Eagle's Club. The proceeds will be used for bringing the traveling Vietnam Wall to Bellevue in 2017. Donations are \$10.00.

The City is receiving requests for the use of Central Park. An application form has been drawn up so that the City will be aware of what is going on.

He reminded everyone that the Open-Air Markets will begin on July 28.

He then read a proclamation for Amcor Rigid Plastics to congratulate them for 30 years of business. Amcor has contributed greatly to the community. This Sunday they will be having a celebration and this proclamation will be given to them.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, stated that the vac truck was out last weekend early on Saturday morning taking care of catch basins. This will help alleviate problems when it rains.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Baker scheduled a Public Utilities Committee meeting for July 25 at 7:00 p.m., just prior to the regular City Council meeting.

Mr. Hill thanked everyone for helping and donating their time for Community Days. He stated that Amcor Rigid Plastics is a great corporate citizen. Their signature plant will be here in Bellevue. This is great for the City.

Mrs. Ommert stated that a Streets and Sidewalks Committee meeting was held tonight at 7:00 p.m., prior to the regular council meeting where they discussed several issues that will be looked into.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lorraine Robinson, representing the Committee to Grow Bellevue stated that the Committee's project at Central Park regarding the picnic tables has concluded with new tables being placed on the concrete pads. This will be great for the Open-Air markets and other events held there. The Committee has purchased new trash receptacles for Central Park. The Open-Air Markets are coming up soon. She thanked everyone for their support.

Judy Miller, representing Shop Bellevue Committee, stated that they have a community calendar on their website and they encourage everyone to post events. She thanked the City for their support. July 25-30 will be a "Shop Hop" with thirty-five different shops participating. Cards can be purchased for \$5.00 which can be used at any of the participating businesses. The first Thursday in August they will be hosting a pet walk and at the end of September they will have a zombie walk.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

George Keller, representing the Mad River & NKP Railroad Museum, stated that the Railroad Museum celebrated its 40th anniversary during Community Days and the entrance was free. They had a steam engine there which provided rides to over 800 people. It was a big success. Gift shop sales were great. The people who brought the steam engine into Bellevue were very impressed with the way the citizens of Bellevue treated them and they reduced the price they were charging for the rides. August 20, 2016 will be the annual Rail Fest. They are in the process of picking up sponsors for that event. The car show that was held over the weekend was another great event. It was used as a benefit and raised over \$4,000.00.

Jeannie Gore, representing The Bellevue Historical Society, gave an update on the Tremont House restoration. They dedicated the historical marker. They will be having a sunflower sale at the Golden Acorn wherein all proceeds will go to the restoration of the Tremont House. The Wine and Cheese Festival will be held August 6.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith thanked the Administration for having the carpet cleaned. He then turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 9-16 was given its third reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF A FULL-TIME CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, AND FIXING THE SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR THIS POSITION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mrs. Missler to adopt Ordinance 9-16 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. The motion passed 7-0 and as an emergency.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mayor Strecker thanked Council for passing Ordinance 9-16.

President Smith opened the floor for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as it relates to contract negotiations and possible litigation. Mr. Baker made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. 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