

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 22, 2016

The regular City Council meeting of August 22, 2016 began at 7:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Doug Gildenmeister, Pastor of Vickery United Methodist Church. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. FEUERSTEIN, MR. HILL, MRS. MISSLER, MISS NASCONE, AND MRS. OMMERT.

The minutes from the regular City Council meeting of August 8, 2016, were presented for approval. Mr. Feuerstein made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mrs. Ommert seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker announced that a candlelight vigil will be held for Brittany McHargue on Thursday evening at 8:30 in Central Park. Miss McHargue lost her life in a bicycling accident on US 20 on Thursday, August 18.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, stated that the new culvert has been installed on Ner Road. The road is still closed, but it will open within the next couple of weeks. Repaving bids went out last week. This morning two new valves were installed to help with the water main that runs down Main Street.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Hill stated that Mr. Weisenberger of the Recreation Department has distributed new activities fliers to all the children in school. The fliers are sponsored by The Bellevue Hospital.

Ohio State Parks Magazine has a great article about Jungle Junction. By combining Jungle Junction and the City's swimming pool for combo passes, the City's revenue has been increased this year by \$15,000.00 which is a huge success! People from all over are coming to enjoy Jungle Junction and the pool. As an update on the bike trail, they are working out some details and they are getting close to the bidding process. He will keep everyone informed.

President Smith introduced **Debbie Cook and Tammy Collins** of the Attica Hub Newspaper. They had been approached by Bellevue subscribers to dedicate a section to Bellevue and they have been working out a plan to do this. The newspaper is a weekly paper that is delivered right to the door on Thursdays. They are well known for their auctions which they advertise each week. They have one to two sections and up to 20 pages per paper. They will have a new reporter to cover Bellevue. Meetings of Churches and various organizations will be listed on their calendar free of charge. Also free are birth announcements, engagements, weddings and obituaries. The newspaper is over 120 years old. They printed cards introducing the newspaper to be delivered to every postal address in Bellevue and they have joined the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Ommert announced that there will be a Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., just prior to the regular City Council Meeting to discuss the bike trail.

George Keller, representing the Committee to Grow Bellevue, stated that the Open Air Markets are coming to a close, the last one being this Thursday night. Walt Sanders will be there as Elvis. The Committee will soon be disassembling flowers downtown.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

George Keller, representing the Bellevue Historical Society & Mad River & NKP Railroad Museum, stated that the windows on west and front sides are finished in the Tremont House. Thomas Steel recently delivered all the steel needed to support the second and third floors and the steel will be installed soon. They are going to have a beam-signing event.

The Wine & Cheese Festival was a great success. They are already planning next year's event.

Last weekend was the second annual Rail Fest which was a big success. It will always be scheduled for the third weekend in August. Last year he made a great map of the City which he passed out at the Rail Fest. This year he added much more. The map outlines and gives directions to restaurants, hotels, City Offices, the Bellevue Hospital, pharmacies, schools, administrative offices, tourist places, etc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mr. Miller is excused tonight.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 14-16 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING REPLACEMENT PAGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Miss Nascone to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 14-16 its second and third readings 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 Miss Nascone to adopt Ordinance 14-16 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0 and as an emergency.

Ordinance 12-16 was given its second reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 925.12 OF THE BELLEVUE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AS TO SEWER CHARGE ADJUSTMENT.

Ordinance 13-16 was given its second reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 921.04(b) OF THE BELLEVUE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AS TO WATER WORKS SYSTEM CONNECTIONS.

CLOSING REMARKS:

President Smith thanked everyone for attending.

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