

## MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

The regular City Council meeting of September 12, 2016 began at 7:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Reverend Juli Lejman-Guy of St. Paul's Lutheran 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 August 22, 2016, were presented for approval. Mr. Feuerstein made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mrs. Missler seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

### REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

**Mayor Strecker** stated that he received a petition by residents wanting to change the date for Trick or Treating this year. It will be held on Saturday, October 29, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Halloween parade will take place on Thursday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. The parade will start at Central Park and end up at the Railroad Museum.

Members of the Huron County Health Department will be in Council Chambers tomorrow night doing a project and distributing free Narcan kits for interested residents.

The sign at Oakland Avenue and Northwest Street has been changed. It has larger 8" letters and the sign will be red and white in honor of the Reds and the Lady Reds. Various clubs from the high school will be painting hydrants red and white. He thanked students and parents for the pride they are showing in the community.

A new police sign for U.S. Route 20 will be installed on Wednesday.

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz**, stated that Street Department bids were opened and a contract was signed for Seven Limers to begin the repaving project for 2016. A list of the streets to be resurfaced has been distributed to Council members.

The culvert and bridge is done at Ner Road and the road will be opened after it has been resurfaced.

A representative from the Division of Forestry will be meeting with him and Bellevue's Tree Commission and will give an insight into what Ohio offers for aging trees. She will do core samples on some of the trees and suggest what may be done. The project will take some time and may go into 2017.

The valve replacement on Route 20 is complete.

A letter has been received from the EPA regarding a survey conducted in which the City is in violation at its Water Treatment Plant. He has contacted the EPA and they will be working out some issues. The City needs another clarifier. They are looking into low and no interest loans that the EPA offers for projects and he will keep everyone informed as more

information becomes available. He wants to make it clear that Bellevue's water is safe to drink.

At the Wastewater Treatment Plant, a project is being worked on which is costly but the City should realize a great cost savings in approximately 2 ½ years with the amount of electricity used.

He has talked with Barnes Nursery who would like to sign a contract for another three years at no additional cost to the City. As soon as the contract is available he will forward it to Mr. Wallingford and an ordinance will be prepared.

**Law Director, Mr. Wallingford** announced that each year the City Code is updated. The updates were completed a few weeks ago and they are available on the internet which is very user-friendly. He also has some printed copies of the updates available for anyone keeping a hard copy of the Revised Code.

#### REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mr. Miller** stated that the work on the Elks building is very nice and it adds to the beauty of our downtown area.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Mrs. Ommert** stated that a Streets and Sidewalks Committee meeting was held prior to the regular meeting tonight. The bike trail was discussed.

**Mr. Hill** stated that he attended Parks & Recreation Board meeting last Monday. A handout created by Mr. Weisenberger was distributed to Council members regarding the status of the grants that have been applied for, where they came from, and where they are applied. The only grant that hasn't been procured yet for this year is the one for restrooms at Robert Peters Park. He will keep everyone updated. He thanked Marc for all his hard work and dedication.

**Mr. Miller** scheduled a meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee directly following the next council meeting on August 26, 2016 to discuss the temporary budget for next year.

**Jean Ryan, representing the Committee to Grow Bellevue**, stated that this Saturday is the day scheduled to take down all the plants. Their next project will be lighting the Christmas tree and putting up a Christmas train at Central Park. She thanked everyone who supported the open air markets.

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS:

**Jean Ryan, 103 Arlington Drive**, inquired about the City's flushing system and restrooms at Central Park. Mr. Lantz stated that Kevin Scagnetti has been talking with the company in Norwalk who is providing the restrooms and they will be should be installed sometime this fall or early spring. Both the City and the Rec Department will be working on this together.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** stated that the Mayor has called a Special Council Meeting to be held Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss a new ordinance establishing a job creation income tax credit program as an alternative to the program set up previously. He stated that Mr. Fuhr will be available at the Council of the Whole meeting following this meeting to discuss the ordinance.

LEGISLATION:

**Resolution R-10-16 was given its first reading:** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Feuerstein to adopt Ordinance 12-16. It was seconded by Mr. Miller. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance 13-16. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0

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,

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**Ronald Smith**  
President of Council

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**Rhonda R. Soper**  
Clerk of Council