

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

The regular City Council meeting of September 26, 2016 began at 7:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Council President, Ronald Smith. MR. BAKER, MR. FEUERSTEIN, MR. MILLER, MRS. MISSLER, MISS NASCONE, AND MRS. OMMERT.

The minutes for the regular City Council meeting of September 12, 2016, were presented for approval. Mr. Miller stated that on Page 2 the date should read September 26 for his committee's next meeting, not August 26. Miss Nascone made a motion to accept the minutes as revised. Mr. Feuerstein seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as revised.

The minutes for the special City Council meeting of September 14, 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:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, stated that two streets in the resurfacing project have been completed. He met with a representative of the Department of Forestry. She will be back in town December 15 & 16 to do an assessment which will take two days. They will look at Bellevue's trees at no cost to the City. In January, 2017, the Ohio Department of Forestry will put on a Shade Tree Commission Academy. If someone attends it will help with grant monies that the State offers cities. It will consist of 8 days of training, but not all at once. Sylvania will be the closest one to attend.

Treasurer, Mr. Freitag stated that last year we passed an income tax ordinance to be in line with HB 5. At the time it was passed, we knew that some adjustments would need to be made. On September 14 some adjustments were made. Collections changed from the 15th to the 30th. Also some of the language was cleaned up. All the adjustments were expected.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford stated that he lives on one of the streets that was recently repaved. It was done efficiently and it is very quiet and smooth. The Street Department did a great job.

Council Clerk, Mrs. Soper stated that the fall decorations downtown are beautiful.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Miller also commented on the fall decorations. The Shop Bellevue Committee is responsible for doing these decorations and they were done with no cost to the City. They had a lot of volunteers and they did a great job.

Mr. Baker stated that he continues to receive calls from citizens regarding weeds, garbage, etc. on neighboring properties. Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, stated that two letters are required to be sent to the people informing them that they need to clean up their property. If they do not comply, the third time they can be taken to court. They are given 90 days to comply.

Mr. Baker also inquired about the 911 system and plans to fix the system. Mr. Lantz stated that they are about four years away from anything happening with it. The State has mandated

changes, but there is no funding for it. There will be meetings held regarding it and Mr. Baker is invited to attend and ask questions there.

Mrs. Missler inquired if the City was planning to repair an alley. She was informed that there are no plans to fix alleys at this time as they are working on resurfacing streets. They could possibly patch it but not resurface it. She also inquired about a trailer that is on East Main Street. Mr. Lantz stated that there are tags on it and it is within property lines so nothing can be done about it. She also inquired about signs in the boulevards. They are not allowed and can be taken down and placed in the garage to be picked up by the owners.

Mrs. Ommert stated that she is pleased with the Street Department and the work that they are doing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Miss Nascone stated that a Public Safety Committee meeting was held prior to the regular meeting tonight. Attending the meeting was Bellevue's Police Auxiliary Sergeant, Keith Jesse, and Jeremiah Green, who gave a presentation regarding a Safety Town program for mentally and physically challenged children that they are putting together. The program will be ready by the end of July or first week in August next year. They weren't asking for money from the City, they just wanted to inform the community of what they are doing. They have put a lot of hard work into this program. Two representatives of Martinsville Raceway in Attica, Ohio presented them with a trophy and a donation for the program.

Mr. Miller scheduled a meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee directly following the next council meeting on October 11, 2016 to discuss the temporary budget for next year.

George Keller, representing the Committee to Grow Bellevue, stated that they are busy working on next year's events. Their next project will be lighting the Christmas tree and putting up a new Christmas train at Central Park.

Judy Miller, representing Shop Bellevue, thanked everyone for the comments about the decorations downtown. The Attica Hub paid for all the cornstalks, and Perry's Plantation provided all the ribbons and bows. She stated that on September 24 they had a Zombie Walk through town. The children were dressed as Zombies and some were painted at Gilberts Place. The event is to help with donations to benefit "Bellevue Winterize our Kids" Program. She announced that there will be a scarecrow contest. Pictures can be taken by your favorite scarecrow and you can vote for your favorite. All money goes to Shop Bellevue programs.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

George Keller, representing the Railroad Museum, stated that the Rail Fest for 2016 was a big success and was well attended. 71 trains were shown in 24 hours. The map he prepared went over very well. The annual convention will be held in Bellevue at the Railroad Museum on October 13, 14, and 15. Dinner will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Regarding the Bellevue Historical Society, Mr. Keller reported that the new windows are all installed. There is a new wall that has been put in the first floor. They are looking for a period-correct door and period-correct bricks. Thomas Steel donated steel at their cost and their labor was free.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mr. Hill is excused tonight. He announced that the next regular City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 as October 10 is a holiday.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution R-10-16 was given its second reading by title only: 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 No. 15-16 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LABOR CONTRACT WITH AFSCME, GROUPS 2 AND 3, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 16-16 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE OHIO DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMPLETE BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES, AT NO COST TO THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Miller to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 16-16 its second and third readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

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Motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance No. 16-16. It was seconded by Mrs. Missler. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council