

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2016

The regular City Council meeting of October 11, 2016 began at 7:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Council member, Dennis Feuerstein. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. FEUERSTEIN, MR. HILL, MR. MILLER, MRS. MISSLER, AND MISS NASCONE.

The minutes for the regular City Council meeting of September 26, 2016, were presented for approval. Mr. Miller stated 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 stated that Rotary International is the world's first non-profit organization. They spearheaded the eradication of polio where they played a major role. Rotary clubs are in 64 countries and there are over 3.9 million members worldwide. He read a proclamation which proclaims October 24, 2016 World Polio Day. While he was at the Rotary meeting he met Bellevue's new Dr., Peter Highlander. He will be a great asset to the City.

He distributed letters to Council members from the Chamber of Commerce and requested that they review them and give their opinions.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz, stated that the repaving project for 2016 has been completed. Ner Road is finished and the bridge is now open. Handrails will soon be installed. Recently there was a problem at Five Points intersection with storm water. It was repaired and two new catch basins have been installed.

He turned the time over to Bellevue's Police Chief, Mark Kauffman. Chief Kaufman introduced two new police officers, Frank Sirce and Samantha Lewis. He also announced that Officer Carla Schaffer and the Department's 4-year-old canine, Lasso, has completed 300 hours of training in Pennsylvania. Officer Schaffer conducted a demonstration where Lasso searched and found some hidden marijuana.

Council Clerk, Mrs. Soper stated that the number on Ordinance 17-16 (which was previously distributed to Council members for their review) has been changed to 18-16. It was determined that the appropriations ordinance should be presented to Council prior to the Northcoast Inland Trail ordinance.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Miller received a lot of comments about how great the City looks with the beautiful fall decorations. He stated he appreciates Shop Bellevue Committee for their hard work.

Mr. Baker stated that one of Bellevue's police officers helped with traffic while he was working on a project at his employment and they did a great job controlling the traffic.

Mrs. Missler inquired if the new officers will be placed on Facebook. She also announced that she has a card for Mrs. Ommert for everyone to sign.

Mr. Hill congratulated the new police officers and stated that working with Chief Kauffman will be great for their careers. He then inquired about the legality of the food trailers that come into the City as businesses. Mr. Wallingford stated that he will look into it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Miss Nascone asked Chief Kaufman what the procedure is to have Lasso check out if there are drugs in a citizen's home. Chief Kaufman stated that if citizens are concerned, they need to call the police station and they will determine if Lasso is needed. They don't take him around to homes just because someone believes there may be drug dealings going on at a particular house.

Dave Robinson of the Committee to Grow Bellevue, stated that a group of seven volunteers met and cleaned up the parking lot at Sandusky and Main Street. 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 the Committee to Grow Bellevue for the work that they do. Her committee is partnering with the Railroad Museum for their convention this weekend. They will have a Ladies Night Saturday evening. They are working on their plans for shopping in Bellevue the day after Thanksgiving.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mrs. Ommert is excused tonight. At the next meeting, the Mayor will have the United Selective Fund raffle tickets. He then turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 17-16 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2016 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3-16, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 18-16 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTHCOAST INLAND TRAIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 15-16 was given its second reading by title only: 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.

Resolution R-10-16 was given its third 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.

Motion was made by Miss Nascone to adopt Resolution R-10-16. It was seconded by Mr. Feuerstein. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mayor Strecker acknowledged Benjamin Kofelt for achieving Eagle Scout.

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