MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 14, 2012

The regular Council meeting of May 14, 2012, was called to order by President Karen Justice. Council persons present: MRS. HENRY, MR. HILL, MR. MILLER, MRS. MISSLER, MISS NASCONE, MR. SANDERS, AND MR. SMITH.

The minutes from the April 23, 2012 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Mrs. Missler moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. The vote was aye.

President Justice introduced Jeff Reed, a training specialist for Goodwill Industries in Erie, Huron, Ottawa and Sandusky Counties. Mr. Reed resides in Norwalk, but he is originally from Bellevue and graduated from Bellevue High School. He wanted to make everyone aware of the computer recycling program that Goodwill launched four years ago with Dell Computers. They gladly accept any used or unwanted computer equipment, including all parts of a computer. They also accept printers. The computers and parts can be turned in to any Goodwill store. Bellevue has a Goodwill Industries store and there are six other stores in the nearby communities. If what you are donating is a small size, you can drop it off. If you have a large quantity of things, you can call and schedule a time for them to bring a truck and pick your items up. Also, they just launched a new residential and business lawn service. If anyone needs help, give them a call and they will provide an estimate. He stated how honored they are to be in the community. Mayor Berkey is a member of their board of trustees and they are grateful for his service. When they receive income, all the money from recycling or lawn care goes to support their programs. They are not simply in the business or operating retail stores where people can purchase gently used clothing and household items at discounted prices, but their mission is to provide training and employment opportunities for people who are disabled or disadvantaged. They have done that since their founding in 1902. Last year alone, Goodwill Industries in the four county area provided jobs for approximately 500 people and over the years they have served thousands of others.

Interim Police Chief Matt Johnson addressed the audience and presented the “Officer of the Year Award.” The award was started in 1997. In 1997 and 1998 the officer who won it was Mark Brooks. He stated they all knew Captain Brooks would be winning it every year because he was such an outstanding officer. Chief Johnson has decided to rename the award the “Bellevue Police Department--Captain Mark Brooks Memorial Officer of the Year Award” to remember and honor Mark through the years. The Officer of the Year is awarded partially on voting by peers, and the other part of it is by evaluation scores throughout the year. The winner of this year’s award is Bellevue Police Detective, Eric Burt. Detective Burt is one of Bellevue’s first detectives. He has done a fine job. The 2011 Communications Officer of the Year is Joel Bickhart. Joel is always pleasant and helpful. He is the one who trains new officers, and he works well with the public. The plaque will be on display at the police station. Mrs. Brooks was invited to hold the plaque while pictures were taken.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Berkey announced that there will be a public meeting after our next meeting to update the community on railroad crossings and other important items with regard to the City. He thanked all
who were responsible for the drug awareness walk and stated that there were around 100 people who participated. He thanked John Miller and others who helped organize the festivities surrounding the Teddy Roosevelt speech downtown on Saturday. He had the opportunity to meet re-enactor Gib Young who portrayed Teddy Roosevelt. The community came together and everyone seemed to have a great time. Mr. Miller stated that it was a combination of many hard workers who put together the celebration. Mayor Berkey thanked all the volunteers and the Bellevue Police Dept. for cutting off traffic and providing safety for the event. It was a very successful event. Another example of how we can all come together and grow as a community.

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby** informed Council members that it worked very well to put the dumpsters at the compost site. The City went from three full dumpsters to 1½. It makes a difference when people are watching. The workers there are doing a great job.

Mr. Crosby announced that Matt Johnson was appointed interim police chief last week. Chief Brandal is out on medical leave. Matt has stepped up and has been stepping up for quite some time and he appreciates the job that Matt is doing.

He also stated that 111 violations have been passed out so far, mostly for junk vehicles and lawns that need mowing. He stated that it amazes him the number of times that people do not understand what a junk vehicle is. If it isn’t driveable, it is a junk vehicle. Also, with summer approaching, if a resident has a pool and it is capable of holding 18” or more of water, it has to have a self-locking gate around the perimeter. In children between the ages of 2 and 10, the number one reason for accidental death is drowning.

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**Mrs. Missler** thanked the Bellevue Police Department for their help with the activities last Saturday. She said they made it look easy and she knows it isn’t easy to do what they do.

**Mr. Hill** thanked the Committee to Grow Bellevue for all they are doing. They are doing an excellent job.

**Mr. Smith** conducted his first Streets and Sidewalks Committee meeting tonight before Council. He thanked everyone who attended for their participation.

**Mr. Miller** thanked the Bellevue Street Department for putting blockades up and no parking areas for the festivities on Saturday.

**Miss Nascone** stated that while she was riding down Main Street, and dodging holes in the road, she saw a group of people being led by our City Engineer. They were with members of the Ohio Department of Transportation and they were checking out Main Street to prepare for the repaving project.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Mr. Sanders** scheduled a meeting of the Public Safety Committee to be held on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., just prior to the regular City Council meeting.
Wilburn Wade, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and the Committee to Grow Bellevue, thanked everyone who supported the events in Bellevue over the weekend. He wanted to thank the Eagles for the delicious breakfast that was served. Everyone was working together to make a fun weekend for the community. The committee has invested over $1,000.00 and over 200 man hours to get the parking lot in the great shape it is in now. While they were working, they noticed a problem with banners. He would like to see what can be done to get the banners removed. He also informed Council that baskets of flowers will be hung on Main Street on Saturday, May 19. If anyone is interested in helping, volunteers will meet Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. at the Chamber office.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

President Justice stated that our next regular City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29 because Monday, May 28 is Memorial Day. She also announced that there will be a public hearing regarding railroad crossings directly after the meeting on Tuesday.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 13-12 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 STREET REPAVING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Miss Nascone to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 13-12 its second and third readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

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Motion was made by Miss Nascone to adopt Ordinance 13-12 and as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Smith. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0, and as an emergency.

ORDINANCE 14-12 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AS ADOPTED FOR SODIUM CHLORIDE/ROCK SALT REQUIREMENT FOR PURCHASE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Miss Nascone to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 14-12 its second and third readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. A vote was taken. All were in favor.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Missler to adopt Ordinance 14-12 and as an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Sanders. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0, and as an emergency.

**ORDINANCE 15-12** was given its first reading: **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REHABILITATION AND RESURFACING OF US-20, IN THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, FROM TR-296 TO SR-18, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion was made by Mr. Sanders to suspend the rules and give Ordinance 15-12 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 Mr. Miller to adopt Ordinance 15-12 and as an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0, and as an emergency.

**President Justice** thanked Mr. Scagnetti for his hard work with ODOT and for convincing them that Bellevue’s portion of the work needs to be done this year.

**ORDINANCE 12-12** was given its second reading: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 351 AS TO PARKING.**

CLOSING REMARKS:

**Mr. Hill** thanked the Police Department for attending the meeting and stated they are doing a great job.

**Mr. Smith** thanked the citizens for supporting the events on Saturday. The main speakers were very impressed with our youth.

**Mayor Berkey** thanked everyone for attending.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sanders and seconded by Mrs. Missler.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen L. Justice                          Rhonda R. Soper
President of Council                      Clerk of Council