

COUNCIL CHAMBER CITY OF BELLEVUE, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OCTOBER 9, 2013

Board of Council met in regular session on the above date at 7:00 p.m. The following members answered roll call:

MEMBERS: Rich, Helton, Guidugli, Almoslechner, Olliges and Poynter. Mayor Edward Riehl presiding.

The meeting was opened with a prayer and pledge to the flag.

MOTION: By Almoslechner seconded by Helton that the Minutes of the Public Hearing for the 2013-2014 tax rate held September 11, 2013 are accepted as received. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Rich seconded by Guidugli that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held September 11, 2013 are accepted as received. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Guidugli seconded by Almoslechner that the following claims are paid:

General Fund	(43)	\$	66,354.12
General Fund (9/30/2013)	(14)		25,981.03
Capital Improvement	(5)		3,816.93
Municipal Road Aid	(1)		848.00
Parks	(5)		8,752.29
Parks (9/30/2013)	(3)		1,126.51
Community Oriented Police Fund (9/30/13)	(1)		190.00
Port Bellevue	(1)		159.68
Port Bellevue (9/30/2013)	(1)		276.80

Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Almoslechner stated she will be attending the OKI meeting October 10, 2013.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Olliges reported that the next meeting of the Fire Board will be held on October 16, new medic unit will arrive in 1-2 weeks and future goal will be to outfit and use both the current medic unit as well as the new medic unit.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Rich reported on behalf of the Bellevue School Board:

Attendance and enrollment statistics.

Evening Internet Café will be available to the students.

Record attendance for the annual Golf outing which benefits the Education Foundation.

Kroger new manager, Marie Pettyjohn passed out Student of the Month awards -- Kroger is a "Best Partner" with the school.

"Tell Survey" is available on the KY Department of Education website.

Grandview Fall Festival was a great success.

Kentucky schools mentioned in Time Magazine – “Moving in a forward direction”.

FOR THE RECORD: Mayor Riehl reported on the following:

Several staff and Council Members attended the annual KLC Convention in Covington – KLC is a valuable training resource for cities.

Thanks to all the volunteers for Art in the Park as well as the September 28 Big Day of Service. Big Day of Service was a tremendous event for the Cities of Bellevue, Dayton and Newport with over 300 volunteers in attendance.

FOR THE RECORD: City Administrator Keith Spoelker reported on the following:

Proposed Ordinance 2013-10-1, repealing sections of the City Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance to conform with SB13 does not include STAR Training as this is still being reviewed by staff.

Micro-surfacing of Lincoln is on tonight’s agenda this will help the Lincoln Road issue until State funding is in place.

Financing for new 2014 Tahoe Police Cruiser is on tonight’s agenda.

As per Council request City staff has completed the process to continue to accept credit cards for payments, with the customer absorbing the transaction fee.

FOR THE RECORD: Jody Robinson, Assistant City Administrator reported on the following:

Flood gates will close for testing on October 19 beginning at 6 am- hopefully the project will be completed by Sunday October 20.

October 19 – Third Saturday event - Candy Corn and Crafts – nominal charge for this family event.

November 1 Shop Bellevue theme – Saints, Souls and Sangria.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Helton questioned who will supply the signage for the flood gate project – State of KY. Member Olliges questioned if Bellevue would be participating in Economic Development Day – not this year. Member Rich stated the roses/ grasses at Bellevue Beach Park look great.

FOR THE RECORD: Police Chief Turner provided a written report to Council – Member Guidugli noted that 3 officers from Bellevue will participate in the FBI taskforce. Chief Turner advised that through this program all overtime will be reimbursed to the City up to \$51,000.00. Member Olliges stated he participates in Campbell County Leadership which recently addressed the Heroin issue in Campbell County. Member Rich questioned if many repeat offenders are involved in burglary cases – Chief Turner advised that there can be repeat offenders and reminded the viewing audience to help the police by reporting – “If you see something say something”.

FOR THE RECORD: Fire Chief Auteri reported on the following:

Cincinnati Fire provided the department a class in “Line of Duty Death” this class was held on September 13.

Fire Department hosted an after action fireworks review meeting at Daymar College on September 9 – several agencies were involved. Ideas were generated for next year’s fireworks.

New Firefighter/medic Cle Weitzel will start September 30 – Cle comes with 5 years of experience.

5 medics plus the on duty crew will be in attendance at Mayesfest on October 12.

New Medic unit will arrive next week – Council questioned if both medic units would be running – Chief Auteri advised that the department would need additional personnel to run both units at the same time.

FOR THE RECORD: Zoning Administrator John Yung provided a written report to Council for the “Little Free Library Program”.

MOTION: By Olliges seconded by Almoslechner to approve the Little Free Program guidelines as presented to Council by Zoning Administrator John Yung. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Poynter requested a brief explanation of the program for the viewing audience. Mr. Yung explained the certification program with standards for the Little Free Library.

FOR THE RECORD: Zoning Administrator John Yung further reported that the Tree Commission will meet on October 10 to review the proposed plantings for the 200 + 300 Blocks of Eden. Member Rich questioned who takes care of the tree wells and was advised that this is a joint effort with Public Services and residents.

FOR THE RECORD: Lisa Barnett, 126 Division addressed Council:

Concern that a 42 year tradition of having a Nativity Scene at Nagel Park has been changed with no notice to the community. Ms. Barnett stated she has created a Facebook page for public awareness of the issue. Ms. Barnett requested Council to be involved in keeping the tradition at Nagel Park. Ms. Barnett was advised that the Nativity Scene is the property of the Bellevue Neighborhood Association not the City of Bellevue and it is for them to decide where the Nativity Scene goes. BNA voted at a meeting to give the Nativity Scene to St. John United Church of Christ, 520 Fairfield Avenue with the intent that they continue the tradition of displaying to the public at their location. Issues with the Nativity Scene should be addressed with the Bellevue Neighborhood Association at their next meeting on October 22.

FOR THE RECORD: Dave Slater, Mesh Court stated he felt that the City should have a say in the matter as the City has stored the scene for years and employees have set the scene up.

FOR THE RECORD: Eric Brown, 237 Lafayette stated he is happy that tax dollars will no longer be used to store and set up the scene. Mr. Brown questioned if Council understood that the 4% property tax increase was included in the 2013-2014 budget document – yes Council was advised that there was an anticipated 4% increase in the property tax line item.

FOR THE RECORD: Ryan Salzman, 218 Van Voast addressed Council to express appreciation for the Little Free Library Program. Mr. Salzman stated he is looking forward to continued conversations on crosswalk and pedestrian safety issues.

FOR THE RECORD: Tim Vogt, Clark Street read a poem to Council "Turning to one another" by Meg Wheatley.

FOR THE RECORD: Ed Ulsas, 357 Van Voast addressed Council to encourage everyone to welcome the Nativity Scene to its new location.

FOR THE RECORD: Barb Rehtin, Retreat Street addressed Council to express her concern to keep the Nativity Scene tradition at Nagel Park. Member Almoslechner on behalf of the Bellevue Neighborhood Association explained the BNA bylaws and concerns that this religious activity may be in conflict with the BNA by-laws. Member Almoslechner stated that the Nativity Scene will be given to St. John and will not be back on City property in the future.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Poynter stated that the City gets into a quandary by allowing this for 42 years. With employees setting up the scene and storing this may have given residents the impression that the Nativity Scene was a City function. Member Poynter stated this should be a good lesson to leaders.

Member Poynter stated that he does not agree with traditionally taking the 4% allowable for a tax increase.

FOR THE RECORD: Joe Lauer, 329 Ward stated that the City of Evansville just got sued over a similar issue and lost the suit.

FOR THE RECORD: Greg Duty, 221 Ward encouraged transparency and asked that Council listen to the residents concerns. The residents are what makes the community. Mr. Duty noted that the City of Bellevue logo references a church in the background.

MOTION: By Olliges seconded by Almoslechner that Ordinance 2013-09-01 levying an ad valorem tax rate for the fiscal period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 on all property located in the City of Bellevue, Kentucky. Levying an ad valorem tax rate and establishing the rates therefore and adopting the Campbell County Property Valuation Administrators assessment on said property and providing for a tax lien against all taxable property in the City of Bellevue to secure the payment for said taxes be read for a second time in entirety. FOR THE RECORD: MEMBER POYNTER CAST A NO VOTE FOR READING OF THE ORDINANCE. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Olliges seconded by Guidugli that Ordinance 2013-09-01 pass the second reading. VOTE: Yes 5 No 1 FOR THE RECORD THE DISSENTING VOTE WAS CAST BY MEMBER POYNTER. THE ORDINANCE BECAME LAW. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Guidugli noted the projected expense of over \$900,000. for Lincoln Road project as well as new medic unit.

MOTION: By Rich seconded by Guidugli that Ordinance 2013-10-01 relating to sections of the City's Code of Ordinances pertaining to alcoholic beverages and directing that this ordinance be published by summary be read for a first time. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Olliges seconded by Guidugli that Ordinance 2013-10-01 pass the first reading. VOTE: Yes 6 No 0. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Attorney Robinson noted that this Ordinance must be in place by December 11 under State Statutes.

MOTION: By Helton seconded by Almoslechner that Order 2013-10-01 authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Strawser Construction for the micro-surfacing of Lincoln Road at a cost not to exceed \$43, 739.40 be read. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Guidugli seconded by Olliges that Order 2013-10-01 be adopted as read. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Guidugli seconded by Helton that Order 2013-10-02 approving the financing of a 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe vehicle and authorizing the Mayor to execute a loan agreement between the City and Citizens Bank of Northern Ky in the amount of \$26,884.00 be read. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Almoslechner seconded by Helton that Order 2013-10-02 be adopted as read. VOTE: Yes 5 No 1. Motion carried. FOR THE RECORD THE DISSENTING VOTE WAS CAST BY MEMBER OLLIGES.

FOR THE RECORD: Mayor Riehl reported on the following:

Mayes Fest will be held October 12 – first annual Bluegrass and American Roots music fest at Bellevue Beach Park organized by Ben Haggerty.

November 16 will be the 2nd annual “Running Tiger” beginning at 7 am -- money raised will support the Bellevue Track and Cross Country teams.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Guidugli explained that the Bellevue Neighborhood Association was created when the Bellevue Civic Association ceased to exist. The BNA was created with good intent to carry on the efforts of the Bellevue Civic Association.

MOTION: By Olliges seconded by Almoslechner to go into Executive Session at 8:25 pm pursuant to KRS 61.810(b) – discussion of proposed /pending litigation. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Council returned to Regular Session at 8:44 pm no action taken.

MOTION: By Guidugli seconded by Olliges to adjourn at 8:47 pm. Motion carried.

Mayor Edward M. Riehl

ATTEST:

Mary H. Scott, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing meeting was held in compliance with the requirements of the appropriate provision of H.B. 100 effective 6-21-74 also referred to as KRS Ch 61 on this 9th day of October 2013.

Mary H. Scott, City Clerk