

COUNCIL CHAMBER CITY OF BELLEVUE, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL JUNE 10, 2020

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

MEMBERS: Guidugli, Witte, Hogan, Salzman, Kruse and Fisher. Mayor Charlie Cleves presiding.

FOR THE RECORD: Mayor Cleves called for a moment of silence for the passing of Mary Dady. Spouse of Planning and Zoning Chair Jim Dady.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney Dave Fessler read the following:

PURSUANT TO KRS 61.826 AND OAG20-05, THE STATE OF EMERGENCY REGARDING THE THREATS TO PUBLIC HEALTH PRESENTED BY THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC, AND MUNICIPAL ORDER 2020-03-01, THIS MEETING OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE CONDUCTED BY VIDEOCONFERENCE. ALL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS MAY BE ATTENDED BY THE PUBLIC BY VIEWING THE VIDEO CONFERENCE AT THE CITY'S FACEBOOK PAGE ONLINE AT: <https://facebook.com/cityofbellevueky/>

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED BY NOON JUNE 10, TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL BY EMAILING CITY CLERK/TREASURER MARY SCOTT AT: mary.scott@bellevueky.gov

MOTION By Guidugli seconded by Kruse that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council May 13, 2020 are accepted as received. Vote: Yes 6 No 0. Motion carried.

MOTION By Kruse seconded by Guidugli that the following claims be paid:

General Fund	(56)	\$ 65,988.53
General Fund (5/31/2020)	(14)	29,908.32
Municipal Road Aid	(6)	9,876.80
Parks Fund	(3)	8,845.65
Lincoln Road Fund	(1)	1,935.00
Capital Improvement	(6)	2,500.38
Capital Improvement (5/31/20)	(2)	2,956.68
Port Bellevue	(1)	254.50
Port Bellevue (5/31/20)	(1)	125.82
Police Forfeiture Fund	(1)	133.95

Vote Yes No 0. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Salzman expressed appreciation to Bellevue residents Joe Nichols and Kevin Wright (Yard and Company) for their efforts to improve the crosswalk on Grandview by the elementary school.

FOR THE RECORD:

Mayor Cleves reported on the following:

Due to COVID-19, the implementation of the Southbank Riverfront Corridor Study was delayed. The City is now receiving interest from potential developers.

Appreciation for all the work done by our First Responders in Police and Fire especially during COVID-19.

FOR THE RECORD:

Member Kruse reported that the 150th Logo wear is selling. Please contact Member Kruse and she will deliver your items. Logo wear is also being sold on Fairfield during events. Since all major events are still on pause due to COVID-19, the 150th committee is planning to hold some in 2021.

FOR THE RECORD:

City Administrator, Frank Warnock reported that all department heads provided a written report to Council and highlighted the following from the reports. Administrator Warnock expressed appreciation for the departments.

Police Department – Monthly data on incident reports. Department assisted with neighboring departments to assist with crowd control in Newport during unrest in Cincinnati.

Fire Department – Department has started back with inspections. All employees wear PPE, Statewide burn ban is in place.

Code Enforcement – Tom continues to write Notice of Violations during COVID-19. Severe violations are issued Citations.

Community Development – Fairfield Market is now open from closure during COVID-19. The rooftop deck and fire escape are nearing completion.

Nomad, 225 Fairfield is making progress and hope to be open by late summer or early fall.

Art in the Park is expected to happen with less vendors and social distancing in place.

Darkness Brewing is planning an In Vue anniversary street party for end of July. More details to follow.

Public Services continue to assist with daily activities without the help from the County inmates.

FOR THE RECORD:

Administrator Warnock further reported:

Tonight will be the first reading on the Budget for FY 2021. Budget was provided to Mayor and Council for their review and questions.

This year the projected revenue will be \$5,909,094.00 with expenses of \$6,123,303.00, which puts the City into a deficit, and need for use of our fund balance carryover (rainy day fund). Two major restaurants in Bellevue Joe's Crab Shack and Buckhead

Mountain Grill closed in March due to COVID-19 and Joe's subsequently announced it is not re-opening and gave the keys to the City. Buckhead's has reopened but at limited capacity. Both of these restaurants make lease payments to the City of about \$10,000.00 per month each. With anticipated revenue expected to possibly decrease, the City had to make some very hard decisions.

In the budget, it is proposed:

1. Elimination of Community Development Director Position.
2. Re-organizing using contractual services to provide some of the functions performed by the Community Development Director position.
3. Surplus three vehicles and replacing them with two used police vehicles.
4. Postponement of capital improvement projects.
5. Scaled back Lincoln Road storm sewer construction project.
6. Challenge of fronting funds for a \$2.3 million hillside slippage FEMA project with anticipation of a 87 percent reimbursement from FEMA and the state, and, deferred payments by the residents sharing the costs of the project creating a need to seeking payments by the residents sharing the costs of the project creating a need to seek bond debt.
7. Twelve percent increase in health plan costs.
8. Computer upgrades including a new server.
9. Reconstruction of South Ward.
10. Match obligations for various grants; i.e. Donnermeyer Drive; Pedestrian Bridge and connected streets; curb and sidewalk repair; riverfront commons.

Budget includes revenue for long overdue projects including the funds for a comprehensive plan for the City, and a new or refurbished ambulance for the Fire Department.

Housing refurbishment continues in the City, The value of real estate is going up. A park will be named Witte Park to honor and recognize all the contributions made to Bellevue by Diane Witte. City received a \$6,000.00 grant from Duke Energy and Member Salzman is spearheading a campaign to offset the costs.

Administrator Warnock recognized the efforts of both Police and Fire Departments for their community involvement. Both departments do various outreach programs to assist those in the communities that are in need throughout the year. Please take the time to thank our Police and Fire if you see them.

Parks will be reopening soon.

Next meeting of Council will be a Special Meeting 4pm Callahan Center June 18.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney Dave Fessler read Ordinance 2020-06-01 assessing ad valorem taxes for General Fund and Municipal purposes for the City of Bellevue, Campbell County, Kentucky, for fiscal year July 1,, 2020, through June 30, 2021, for all motor vehicles assessed within the City and setting the tax rate at .385 per \$100.00 valuation.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney Dave Fessler read Ordinance 2020-06-02 updating the annual classification and compensation plan of the City of Bellevue.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney Dave Fessler read Ordinance 2020-06-03 adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, by estimating revenues and appropriating funds for the operation of City government.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney Dave Fessler read Order 2020-06-01 appointing Kathrine Sigler to the City of Bellevue Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term ending March 1, 2023.

MOTION By Fisher seconded by Salzman that Order 2020-06-01 be adopted as read. VOTE: Yes 6 No 0. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Salzman stated appreciation for Ms. Sigler stepping up to serve on Historic Preservation as well as all those who serve on boards.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney Dave Fessler read Order 2020-06-02 accepting the bid of integrated engineering, PLLC to provide the City of Bellevue with a full-time engineering firm to manage engineering services for the City.

MOTION By Kruse seconded by Fisher that Order 2020-06-02 be adopted as read. VOTE: Yes 6 No 0. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney Dave Fessler read Order 2020-06-03 approving a lease termination agreement between the City of Bellevue and Crabshack Acquisition KY, Inc.

MOTION By Guidugli second by Kruse that Order 2020-06-03 be adopted as read. VOTE: Yes 6 No 0. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Administrator Warnock reported that with Joe's Crab Shack Closure the City has changed the locks, insured and changed utilities to City. The revenue loss from this business is estimated at \$160,000.00. Mayor Cleves and Administrator Warnock are meeting with potential restaurants for use of the site.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Witte reported that June is National Pride Month and wished to thank our community for being so welcoming. Member Salzman noted the City passed the Fairness Ordinance.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Salzman asked if the Callahan was available for public use. Administrator Warnock advised the Callahan Center is for civic events and a form from the Clerk's Office needs to be completed for use. Whoever uses the room must keep it clean.

FOR THE RECORD:

Member Fisher encouraged everyone to request an absentee ballot. Deadline to obtain is Monday June 15. Ballots can be obtained online from Secretary of State Office or the County Clerk.

MOTION By Salzman seconded by Hogan to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Motion carried.

Mayor Charlie Cleves

ATTEST:

Mary H. Scott, City Clerk