

COUNCIL CHAMBER CITY OF BELLEVUE, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL JULY 14, 2021

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

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

MOTION By Kruse seconded by Witte that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council June 9, 2021 and the Special Meeting of Council June 15, 2021 be accepted as received. Motion carried.

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

General Fund	(43)	\$450,660.36
General Fund (6/30/2021)	(18)	22,925.43
Municipal Road Aid	(4)	16,679.25
Municipal Road Aid	(1)	159,153.00
Capital Improvement	(2)	2,655.11
Capital Improvement	(1)	195.00
Port Bellevue	(1)	689.12
Port Bellevue (6/30/21)	(1)	139.62
Rental Inspection Fund	(1)	187.50
Lincoln Road (6/30/2021)	(1)	184,356.94
Parks Fund	(4)	5,631.07
Parks Fund (6/30/2021)	(1)	1,245.00

Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD:

Mayor Cleves reported on the following:

August 6 First Friday will be "Tiki Night".
September 3, 2021 "Dog Days of Summer".
September 11 Art in the Park

2nd Saturday Concert Series began with The Belairs on July 10. Well attended successful event.

August 14 will be Scott Sprague and Friends.

FOR THE RECORD:

Attorney Tim Schneider filling in for City Attorney Dave Fessler this evening.

FOR THE RECORD:

Police Chief Estepp reported on the following:

Busy month for Department, traffic accidents on the rise. Juvenile case is still under investigation.

Department very busy on July 4th, Chief provided Council with the runs associated with Fireworks. Current City Ordinance does not allow for public fireworks. Chief stated the challenges with fireworks and enforcement. Chief noted possible citations post event with the help of video filming. Officers cannot safely confiscate fireworks. Dispatch needs to be made aware of both the City fireworks ordinance and noise ordinance.

Member Fisher stated that any extra efforts Police can make to enforce pedestrian safety would be appreciated.

FOR THE RECORD:

Code Enforcement Officer Tom McDaniel reported that twenty two Notice of Violations were issued and twelve Citations during June. Officer McDaniel thanked both Fire and Police Departments for their assistance with life safety issues.

FOR THE RECORD:

Public Services Foreman Rick Mallery thanked the Mayor and City Council for this year's budget. Department has been busy with storm debris, mud runoff and trees this week. Member Fisher asked if the jail was contacted for inmate help – still not available at this time.

FOR THE RECORD:

Fire Chief Adkins reported on the following:

Written report provided to Council. Chief Adkins noted that runs have increased this month.

Fire Board met – Department pay increases were discussed to allow the department to be competitive in the hiring process. Department is short one person and cannot get applications due to other departments hiring in with a starting salary \$10,000.00 plus more than Bellevue Dayton. Mayors and City Administrators of both Cities have met and a plan is in place to increase wages over the next two fiscal years. Member Guidugli noted that years ago the City of Bellevue would segregate funds from the Insurance Premium Tax to be used for Public Safety.

Administrator Warnock had a resident on S. Sherry question if the hydrants have been tested – That hydrant does have low pressure and the department is aware.

FOR THE RECORD:

Administrator Warnock reported on behalf of Mike Yeager, City Engineer.

Minor issues still to be addressed on Lincoln.

Donnermeyer is now in the design phase. Mr. Yeager is working with the Pedestrian Task Force to incorporate ideas.

FOR THE RECORD:

Jeremy Worley representing the Pedestrian Task Force addressed Council. Priority for the Task Force is traffic calming devices, discussion also for underground utilities if funds allow for Donnermeyer. Member Hogan questioned the ideas from the Task Force for traffic calming and pedestrian safety. Mr. Worley discussed how bump outs are recommended nationally as a way to improve visibility and to stop cars from swerving around and possibly striking pedestrians. Mr. Worley noted the use of bump outs in other communities as well as the solar lighted crossing signals for pedestrians. Member Salzman noted that the City is developing a sidewalk replacement program to cost share with the residents which will help with walkability.

Mr. Worley stated the top three priorities of the Task Force being; Donnermeyer Drive redesign, bus infrastructure and other simple ideas to improve safety. Mayor Cleves stated that the SouthBank Shuttle will be proceeding up Fairfield to Dayton, delay caused by hiring issues as well as the need for more busses.

FOR THE RECORD:

Administrator Warnock reported an award briefing was held on July 13 with FEMA for the Hillside Stabilization Project Phase 2. Funding has been approved and timeline established. Residents have been notified.

FOR THE RECORD: Tina Neyer, 236 Foote addressed Council with concerns over the abundance of fireworks this year. Concerns for Veterans living in the community, animals and noise. Ms. Neyer would like Council to consider reviewing existing Ordinance related to fireworks and would also like to see the City ban the sale of fireworks in the City.

FOR THE RECORD: Robin Burgess, 485 Ward addressed Council with concerns for fireworks. Ms. Burgess stated this year the fireworks were so loud that her house shook. Ms. Burgess would like Council to look into legislation for this and making sure dispatch is aware of Bellevue laws.

FOR THE RECORD: Justin Otto introduced himself to Council as the new Campbell County Economic Development Director.

FOR THE RECORD: Attorney Tim Schneider read Ordinance 2021-07-01 amending Ordinance 2012-09-02 Codified in section 94 et seq. of the Bellevue Code of Ordinances related to noise control for a first time.

FOR THE RECORD: Attorney Tim Schneider read Ordinance 2021-07-02 establishing guidelines for Special Events within the City of Bellevue for a first time.

FOR THE RECORD: Attorney Tim Schneider read Ordinance 2021-07-03 amending the annual budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 by estimating revenues and appropriating funds for the operation of City Government for a first time.

FOR THE RECORD: Administrator Warnock provided explanation for the budget amendment to allow for \$140,000 in appropriation to the Fire Department to increase pay for the department. The City ended the fiscal year 21 with an additional \$178,000 in revenue. Bellevue and Dayton Administrators met with the Fire Department Captains to develop a plan to retain and attract personnel to the department. Each member will receive a bump in pay of \$4,500.00 and will receive an additional \$4,500.00 for services rendered. The goal is to do this again in fiscal year 23. Public Safety is primary concern for residents and the department appreciates this effort. Member Guidugli questioned if less people are going into the Fire Service. Chief Adkins stated with the changes

to the pension system being not as attractive the rate of pay becomes more important. Member Fisher noted appreciation for the department and all they do.

FOR THE RECORD: Attorney Tim Schneider read Order 2021-07-01 appointing Eric Bosler as a member of the City of Bellevue Tree Commission.

MOTION By Guidugli seconded by Hogan that Order 2021-07-01 be adopted as read. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Attorney Tim Schneider read Order 2021-07-02 approving a first amendment to access a Utility Easement Agreement between the City of Bellevue and DR Inn- DR Commons, LLC to allow for the easement on over and across the parking lot owned by the City located in Port Bellevue.

MOTION By Fisher to Table Order 2021-07-02 for further review.

FOR THE RECORD: Administrator Warnock explained that the easement that has been in place has expired and a national chain restaurant is considering locating in the spot where Burger King formerly occupied. City Attorney Dave Fessler negotiated the terms and conditions for the easement. The City does have a trigger to terminate the easement but must provide a two hundred and seventy day notice.

Motion seconded by Witte. Vote Yes 2 No 3 FOR THE RECORD THE DISSENTING VOTES WERE CAST BY MEMBERS KRUSE, HOGAN AND SALZMAN. MEMBER GUIDUGLI PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING. MOTION DIES.

MOTION By Hogan seconded by Salzman that Order 2021-07-02 be adopted as read. VOTE: Yes 4 No 1. FOR THE RECORD THE DISSENTING VOTE WAS CAST BY MEMBER WITTE. MEMBER GUIDUGLI PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Kruse stated she would like to see a summary provided to Council in the future on such Orders.

FOR THE RECORD: Attorney Tim Schneider read Order 2021-07-03 authoring the execution of an interlocal cooperation agreement between the City and the Warren County Port Authority relating to the implementation of cooperative activities for a program of joint financing of public infrastructure projects through the sale of

revenue bonds issued by the City and purchased by the Warren County, Ohio, Port Authority to facilitate the issuance of bonds by the Warren County Port Authority through its Ohio communities accelerator fund (“Program”).

FOR THE RECORD: Attorney Jim Parson representing the Reserves of Bellevue provided a brief explanation for this debt service, which is private debt and no way a city obligation. Administrator Warnock advised that the City retained Donnie Warner to review the interlocal agreement.

MOTION By Fisher seconded by Kruse that Order 2021-07-03 be adopted as read. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Attorney Tim Schneider read Order 2021-07-04 authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract between the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the City of Bellevue, Kentucky, related to the City of Bellevue hillside stabilization project – Phase 2.

MOTION By Guidugli seconded by Kruse that Order 2021-07-04 be adopted as read. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: A Midsummers Night Dream production will be held July 16 & 17 beginning at 7 pm at the Thomas J. Wiethorn Memorial Beach Park.

First Friday *Tiki Night* – August 6.

2nd Saturday Concert Series – Scott Sprague and Friends, August 14.

Senior Appreciation Luncheon will be held August 17 at the Bellevue Vets. The Event is from 11:30 - 4:00.

First Friday *Dog Days of Summer* September

FOR THE RECORD: Member Kruse advised that the Art in the Park committee is seeking volunteers. Those interested can go to the Art in the Park website.

MOTION By Salzman seconded by Guidugli to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Motion carried.

Mayor, Charlie Cleves

ATTEST:

Mary H. Scott, City Clerk