

COUNCIL CHAMBER CITY OF BELLEVUE, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL MARCH 13, 2024

Board of Council met in regular session on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Charlie Cleves called the meeting to order. The following answered roll call:

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

MOTION: By Guidugli seconded by Kruse that the Minutes of Regular Council on February 14, 2024, are accepted as received. Motion carried.

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

General Fund	(42)	\$	84,959.47
General Fund (2/29/24)	(6)		2,338.83
Capital Improvement Fund	(1)		973.25
Capital Improvement Fund (2/29/24)	(2)		20,428.00
Municipal Road Aid	(2)		727.05
Municipal Road Aid (2/29/24)	(3)		163,185.59
Port Bellevue Fund (2/29/24)	(1)		172.24

Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Councilmember Fisher expressed concerns of students not being properly housed after attending the school board meeting.

FOR THE RECORD: Mayor Cleves reported on the following:

Bellevue Birthday Party, March 15th from 5 – 8 p.m. at the Callahan Center. Free for families with a lot of activities.

St. Patrick's Day festivities will be on March 16th and 17th. Bellevue bars and restaurants will be open early.

April 8th, Eclipse & Sips at 1 p.m. – Molly Wellmann will be providing mocktails along with live music, light refreshment and children's activities.

FOR THE RECORD: City Administrator Frank Warnock stated the restaurant tax was his idea; he visited many communities throughout Kentucky that have imposed this tax and great development has come out of it. Warnock sees a lot of good but does see and understand the public's perspective. The restaurant tax was very briefly discussed at the visioning session last month. However, this is as far as the discussion has occurred. Councilmember

Kruse thanked Administrator Warnock for bringing up a creative, out of the box idea. Councilmember Fisher stated the city can only tax on so much. The state doesn't give us a lot of options for taxing. Councilmember Guidugli reminded the public that a majority of the budget is spent on salaries and to benefit the people this board represents. Councilmember Salzman stated he is disappointment about putting the tourism tax to bed; he asks the residents to ask themselves, 'if you are not for this, what are you for?' City Administrator Warnock states the largest sources of revenue from insurance, payroll and property tax. If you have a question, feel free to call or email him. Councilmember Guidugli stated there was no draft written for this tax; it was in the conceptual phase.

FOR THE RECORD:

Police Chief Jon McClain reported on the following:

Winter Carnival, serving popcorn was a great turnout.

Applying for grants for body cameras and tasers.

The recent legislation that was proposed regarding county jail funding did not make it out of committee.

Councilmember Kruse stated she liked the new stats Chief McClain is putting out on the PD social media page.

FOR THE RECORD:

Fire Chief Chris Adkins reporting on the following:

Attended Dayton's visioning session.

Training in the new building; will be holding 40 hours of training in April.

FOR THE RECORD:

Code Enforcement Director Tom McDaniel stated his report is provided in the packet. New changes with zoning; several COA/building permits issued.

FOR THE RECORD:

Engineer's report is provided in the packet.

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Public Services Foreman Rick Mallery stated his report is provided in the packet. Filled several pot holes throughout the month.

FOR THE RECORD:

City Administrator Frank Warnock reported on the following:

City Administrator Warnock would like to ask our Senator Shelley Funke Frommeyer to see what she could possibly do to obtain funding for our riverfront development. Warnock proposed drafting a letter on behalf of the city explaining the project and asking for funding and have the mayor and council sign it. All council members agreed to this request.

FOR THE RECORD: Tim Wilhelm stated there are over 50 artists signed up for Art in the Park; applications still being accepted. He addressed his concerns with the construction being done at the 300 block of Ward, historic preservation and the Marianne Theater.

FOR THE RECORD: Debbie Sharpe thanked Councilmember Salzman for recognizing the BNA. During BNA's planting tonight, some were discussing the restaurant tax and it was favorable; asked if it was being dropped. Mayor Charlie Cleves confirmed it is not being pursued.

FOR THE RECORD: Kelly Schneider stated this year is Schneider's 85th Anniversary. She would like to plan a big party, possible close Foote Ave, band, pizza, beer, etc. Special event permit would be required. Open to ideas and collaboration from the city.

MOTION: By Kruse seconded by Salzman that Ordinance § 2024-02-01 an Ordinance pertaining to the establishment of a development area for economic development purposes within the city to be known as the Bellevue Improvement District Development Area. VOTE: Yes 6 No 0. Motion carried. THE ORDINANCE BECAME LAW.

MOTION: By Fisher seconded by Guidugli that Ordinance § 2024-02-02 an Ordinance extending the time when distilled spirits, wine and malt beverages may be sold at retail in the City of Bellevue on any Saint Patrick's Day that occurs on a Sunday. VOTE: Yes 6 No 0. Motion carried. THE ORDINANCE BECAME LAW.

MOTION: By Kruse seconded by Fisher that Order 2024-03-01 an order finding and declaring City of Bellevue equipment as surplus property and authorizing its disposition.

MOTION: By Guidugli seconded by Fisher that Order 2021-03-02 an order approving funding for the design of Covert Run improvements and authorizing Mayor Charlie Cleves to execute documents pertaining to the Covert Run design proposal project.

FOR THE RECORD: Councilmember Salzman stated this is the 4-year anniversary of Covid; thanked the administration all the work that is done for the city.

MOTION: By Guidugli seconded by Kruse to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Motion Carried.

Mayor, Charlie Cleves

ATTEST:

Lindy Jenkins
City Clerk/Treasurer