

COUNCIL CHAMBER CITY OF BELLEVUE, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL NOVEMBER 10, 2021

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

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

FOR THE RECORD: Mayor Cleves received a call from Member Kruse that she would not be attending tonight due to the passing of her brother.

MOTION By Guidugli seconded by Salzman that Council Member Kruse be excused. Motion carried.

MOTION By Witte seconded by Salzman that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council October 13, 2021 be accepted as received. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Correspondence received and filed from Joey Lauer, 329 Ward requesting increased police patrols around the schools and an increased focus on moving violations throughout the city. Mayor Cleves stated safety in the City is a number one priority. The City has installed flashing stop signs specifically in areas by the schools, initiated a Pedestrian Task Force committee, applied for and received a grant for additional sidewalk on S. Foote, and continues to help offset cost of school crossing guard. Residents should contact the Police whenever there is a problem immediately. Member Salzman noted that Joey Lauer has noticed issues over the past three months while walking his kids to school.

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

General Fund	(48)	\$134,529.89
General Fund (10/31/2021)	(7)	22,354.72
Capital Improvement	(5)	4,955.89
Port Bellevue	(1)	186,042.72
Port Bellevue (10/31/2021)	(2)	1,037.29
Rental Inspection Fund	(1)	187.50
Parks Fund	(3)	3,172.03
Parks Fund (10/31/2021)	(1)	400.00
Municipal Road Aid	(1)	828.00

Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD:

Mayor Cleves reported on the following:

The City of Bellevue is hosting a Virtual Food Drive to benefit the food pantries at Bellevue Independent Schools and St Bernard Food Pantry in Dayton. The online campaign is on the City Facebook Page, or drop off checks payable to the Bellevue Education Foundation at City Hall. Any donation will help and all is appreciated.

Christmas Walk will be held November 26 and 27 and begins at 10 am. Please support small businesses.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> *Shop Small* theme for First Friday.

Touch a Truck event held November 6 was a huge success. Special thanks to Lt Jon McClain and Mellissa Morandi for organizing the event.

FOR THE RECORD:

Chief Estep reported on the following:

Written report provided to Council

Department assisted with Fall Fest on October 9.

An Officer will be asked to be at Grandview in the mornings to assist and monitor traffic.

Department continues to focus on pedestrian safety and out of state plate issues.

Member Witte asked how Trick or Treat went – Per Chief Estep no issues. Member Fisher noted that enforcement of traffic violations especially near the schools would help.

FOR THE RECORD:

Fire Chief Adkins reported on the following:

Written report provided to Council.

Great job by Lt McClain and Mellissa Morandi on the Touch a Truck event. Fire Department participated and said it was a great event.

Department currently has one off with COVID and still has not filled a vacancy.

Department has completed 1400 hours of training thru the month of October.

Member Guidugli asked how many have left the department recently – per Chief six have left since 2019. Member Guidugli noted that the Cities each increased their contribution to raise salaries but department needs to keep pay increases occurring to be competitive with other departments as department is still not competitive. Bellevue Dayton is the second busiest department in the County.

FOR THE RECORD:

Lt McClain provided Council with an explanation on the new Neighborhood Liaison Zones and Officers representing those zones. This is a new program for non-emergency community issues. Member Guidugli requested that the zones with officer contact information be posted on the City website. Administrator Warnock stated this is a good community outreach program. City will be hiring two new Officers to fill vacancies.

FOR THE RECORD:

Administrator Warnock reported on behalf of Code Enforcement Officer Tom McDaniel.

Notice of Violations – 11 issued

Citations issued – 7

Code Enforcement Board cases heard – 5

Administrator Warnock explained that Citation is only issued when the NOV has been ignored. Administrator Warnock noted that Tom Mc Daniel is doing a great job.

FOR THE RECORD:

Written report provided to Council from City Engineer Mike Yeager. With his help, the City has secured over 8 million in grants over the past two years. Many projects are in the pipeline.

FOR THE RECORD:

Public Services Foreman, Rick Mallery stating they are busy with leaf pick up and installing the Christmas lights throughout town. Administrator Warnock advised that the department does a great job

with limited staff. New truck has been ordered but not anticipated for 30 weeks.

FOR THE RECORD:

Administrator Warnock further reported:

FEMA project – delay is due to the State giving the final approval to proceed.

Working with Dayton for unit pricing for concrete and asphalt work. The combined effort is anticipated to reduce costs.

Tree Commission met this week. They are working to be proactive when choosing the correct tree plantings. They are also working with Public Services for tree removals. Residents can go online to request trees for planting and for removal. Those residents who will help pay for the cost will be moved to the front of the list. A resident asked if the tree at 1029 Taylor was slated for removal – yes it is on the priority list.

Place Making Contest between Council deadline is December 4. Council will pair up into groups. Locations will include the Marianne Theatre, St. Johns and the PNC Bank location.

Annual fluffing of the greens will be held on Saturday November 13. This BNA event will be held at the Callahan Center and volunteers are needed.

FOR THE RECORD:

Tammy Nolan, 520 Lafayette addressed Council with the following concerns:

Residents received notification from Duke Energy for the Franchise fee increase. Ms. Nolan stated the notice should have come from the City.

Franchise Fee increase along with a 4% property tax increase during a pandemic is financially hard on residents and Council should seek a resolution to stop increasing costs.

Working with the Police Chief by providing vehicles with out of state plates. This should be enforced.

Stop sign at Grandview and Lafayette. Police should monitor this as kids walk this route daily.

Requesting that Public Services monitor the area of Grandview and Lafayette for nails left in the street.

FOR THE RECORD: Shirley Gregory, 319 Berry addressed Council with the following:

Requested an explanation on the Franchise Fee increase – This has been in place since 1991 the rate went from 3% to 3.5%.

Police should monitor the stop sign at Division and Berry. Motorists are not stopping.

FOR THE RECORD: Bill Woody, 101 Ross addressed Council with the following:

Appreciation for all the work that Council does.

Understand the rising costs to the City but would like Council to understand that residents on fixed incomes struggle financially. Increases are hard and social security COLA increases are not enough.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney, Dave Fessler read Order 2021-11-01 declaring various items as surplus property.

MOTION By Salzman seconded by Guidugli that Order 2021-11-01 be adopted as read. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney, Dave Fessler read Order 2021-11-02 granting a renewable five (5) year competitive Franchise for the operation of a Cable Television System with the confines of the City of Bellevue to Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC (CBET).

FOR THE RECORD: Member Fisher asked if this is an increase for the residents. This fee is levied by the State not the City.

MOTION By Salzman seconded by Guidugli that Order 2021-11-02 be adopted as read. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney, Dave Fessler read Orders 2021-11-03 appointing Steve Guidugli to a one year term on the Fire Board, 2021-11-04 appointing Pat Hogan to a one year term on the Fire Board and 2021-11-05 appointing Janet Shipp to a one year term on the Fire Board.

MOTION By Salzman seconded by Witte that Orders 2021-11-03, 04 and 05 be adopted as read. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney, Dave Fessler read Order 2021-11-06 accepting the bid on a 2022 Ford F-350 truck in the amount of \$35,485.00.

MOTION By Salzman seconded by Guidugli that Order 2021-11-06 be adopted as read. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney, Dave Fessler read Order 2021-11-07 declaring Officer Marc Chapman service revolver as surplus property.

MOTION By Guidugli seconded by Salzman that Order 2021-11-07 be adopted as read. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney, Dave Fessler read Order 2021-11-08 approving a construction performance Bond for the Reserves of Bellevue development site.

MOITON By Guidugli seconded by Salzman that Order 2021-11-08 be adopted as read. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney, Dave Fessler read Order 2021-11-09 appointing Mayor Cleves to the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments Board of Directors for 2022.

MOTION By Guidugli seconded by Salzman that Order 2021-11-09 be adopted as read. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Guidugli noted that Mayor Cleves attends all the OKI meetings and through attendance and participation, the City has been able to secure over 5 million in grants for the City. These grants are 80 /20 funding with 20% of the cost to the City.

FOR THE RECOD: Mayor Cleves reported on the following:

Property taxes due November 30.

City Offices will be closed November 11 in observance of Veterans Day, November 25 and 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

City requesting donations of youth size socks and underwear for the students of Grandview. This program is in conjunction with the Campbell County Library “Drop your Drawers” event.

Christmas Walk November 26 and 27.

December 3 *Shop Small* First Friday event.

MOTION By Guidugli seconded by Salzman to adjourn at 8:02 pm. Motion carried.

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Mayor, Charlie Cleves

ATTEST:

Mary H. Scott, City Clerk