

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 2024

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Councilman, Mr. Burkhart. Council members present: MR. BAKER, MR. BURKHART, MR. HILL, MS. MUNIZ, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WYNBISSINGER.

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 22, 2024, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Baker to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Burkhart. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that he has been looking around the City, taking pictures, and noting which properties have high grass and their owners need to be reminded to take care of them. Also, please let citizens know not to mow into the street. Spraying season is about here and they will be spraying soon. They have been cleaning up around the reservoirs.

He closed the recycle bins today because they were full and Rumpke will be out tomorrow to empty them. He is keeping an eye on them and if we need to, we can add a bin or two.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that he would like to have a Budget & Finance Committee meeting scheduled before the next meeting to discuss a few changes that need to be made to the 2024 permanent budget.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, stated that the next City Council meeting will be Tuesday, May 28, instead of Monday which is Memorial Day.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mrs. Ommert gave kudos to all who were involved in the food drive on Saturday. There were 34 boxes of food donated to Fish and Loaves and she thanked the citizens who worked diligently to make this such a great success.

Ms. Muniz stated gave kudos to the cast of "Matilda" at the Bellevue Society for the Arts. They did a great job. They will have shows next weekend also and she encouraged everyone to go see it.

Mr. Baker brought to his attention that there is another camper by the hardware store that someone is living in. Mr. Brugnone stated that there has always been a camper there. He is looking into it.

At the last meeting the property owned by the City at the former Ellis School was briefly discussed. Mr. Brugnone stated it belongs to the Recreation Department. The school

has the first right of refusal. If they don't want the property, it can be sold. Mr. Baker stated it would decrease the work load of the Rec Department if it were sold. There is a shortage of houses in Bellevue and this could be a good way to provide more housing.

Mr. Hill Inquired about the grass at Mr. Stegman's Bed & Breakfast. It was just recently mowed. Is it still a business? Mr. Brugnone stated it is no longer a business.

He also inquired if the street sweeper has been out? Mr. Brugnone stated it has been out sweeping the streets. Mr. Hill asked if it could go down Monroe Street to pick up pinecones and debris.

COOMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Smith stated that a Council of the Whole work session was held prior to this meeting tonight to discuss Council changing terms of service for Councilpersons from two years to four years. The majority is in favor of changing them to four years so we will move forward with that.

Mrs. Ommert scheduled a Budget & Finance Committee meeting for Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 7:15 p.m. to discuss changes to the 2024 budget.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patti Gray, 252 Gunther Street, stated she went to a Mud Hens game for Mother's Day and on the way home she noticed the flags in Bellevue lit up. She thanked everyone involved. She saw the veteran pictures next to the flags felt very proud of the patriotism shown by the City.

Teri Fields, 220 North Sandusky Street, stated that the recycle bins are full all the time. People are throwing their trash in them and they stink. If more bins are put in, there would be no place for the cars to turn around. It would be great if they could be relocated to another area. They really smell bad, they don't get washed or replaced, and it gets very noisy.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith reiterated that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 28, because Monday, May 27, is Memorial Day.

He then turned the time over to Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution No. R-4-24 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION DETERMINING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-4-24 its second and third readings by title only. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to adopt Resolution No. R-4-24 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Ms. Muniz. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mr. Baker inquired if the streets have been chosen that will be repaired this season and is there a list of which streets? Mr. Brugnone stated the streets have been chosen but he isn't distributing a list yet.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Smith thanked everyone for attending and requested a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baker. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
City Council Clerk