Bellevue Common Council
Monday October 26, 2020
Bellevue City Hall, 115 E Pine St, Bellevue
Regular Meeting Minutes

6:00 p.m. Call to Order:
Mayor Burns called the Regular Meeting to order. A roll call attendance was conducted, and Council members present were Tammy Davis, Greg Cappel, Kathryn Goldman, Doug Brown, Chris Johnson, and Shaun Mahoney all appearing by teleconference. For the record, Mayor Burns and Clerk/Treasurer Edwards were physically present in the official meeting location of the Council Chambers of City Hall. A quorum was present for the entire meeting. Staff present were Rick Allington, City Attorney; Greg Beaver, Fire Chief; Frank Suwanrit, Public Works Director; Mynde Heil, Assistant Marshal; Kristin Gearhart, Library Director; and Marian Edwards, City Clerk/Treasurer.

Notice and Hearing Compliance:
The posting of this regular meeting agenda complied with Idaho Code 74-204. The regular meeting agenda was posted five (5) days prior to the meeting at the Bellevue Post Office, the bulletin board outside of City Hall and on the website on October 21, 2020. Goldman motioned that the notice was in compliance with Idaho Code 74-204. Cappel seconded. All in favor. The motion passed.

1. Call for Conflict as outlined in Idaho Code §59-703 (f) – 704 With Any Agenda Item.
   Burns called for conflict from any Alderman with any agenda items. No conflicts were noted.

2. Public Comment for Items of Concern not on the Agenda.
   Burns read a statement for the record:

   We have had an unspeakable tragedy occur in our little town last Thursday. It has been a long time since we have had to deal with such a painful event. Right now, my main focus is making sure that the family feels supported by us. We collectively as a City need to be strong for the Tackett's. We need to be a shoulder for them, we need to wrap them in our collective arms and hold them tight as they grieve. The Tackett family has long been active in Bellevue, and right now they need our love and support.

   Currently, the family is in the planning stages of a candlelight vigil to remember Ashley Midby Friday night at 6:30pm. I am fully in support of this. We have many members of our community who need to grieve, we are all hurting honestly, and I think that this is the outlet in which we can begin the healing process. I have directed the appropriate department heads to make sure that we have taken the steps we need to take to ensure that the vigil goes smoothly.

   This has been the hardest thing I have ever had to deal with as Mayor. I never want to get that kind of phone call again, mainly because I do not want Bellevue to be the kind

of place where events like that happen. I know that the family has received an incredible outpouring of support, and I can relay that it means the world to them. This is obviously an incredibly difficult time for them, and to have the level of love and support that they have gotten means so much. That is one of the greatest things about our community, we come together when one of us is in need.

We will all need to take the time to grieve the loss of Ashley. She was a vibrant young woman who was entering into the best years of her life. She was running a successful business, she was beloved by her family, her friends, her coworkers, and her patrons, and that will be the hard thing to reconcile, having such a bright life so tragically cut short. As we get a little distance, we will begin to be able to create long term plans to honor Ashley. We can focus on creating safe environments for women and men in troubled relationships, and to ensure that tragedies like what happened last Thursday do not happen again. But in the meantime, we will draw together as a town, and we will grieve the loss of one of our own.

I hope to see everyone who needs to be there at the Coffee Corner on Friday night at 6:30pm. The family asks that we all wear masks and also appropriately social distance so that we can have a safe event considering we're still in pandemic, and I would ask that we all try to park a few blocks away either direction so that we can keep traffic congestion down to allow for as many people as possible to attend.

Davis stated that the Crisis Hotline Building across the street from the vigil will be open Friday night to help support the event. Brown noted that the family has pink ribbons available outside the Coffee Corner and that a GoFundMe page has been established.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Consent Agenda:
   a. Minutes of October 12, 2020
   b. Claims from October 13, 2020 to October 26, 2020
   c. Department Head Report
   d. Financial Reports

Goldman motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented. Davis seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney- yes, Davis- yes, Goldman- yes, Cappel-yes, Brown- yes, Johnson-yes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Pending Litigation and/or Land Acquisition Pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206. Goldman motioned to move into executive session under 74-206 (1) (b). Davis seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney- yes, Davis- yes, Goldman- yes, Cappel-yes,

Brown- yes, Johnson-yes. Motion passed, and the Council entered executive session at 6:11pm. Goldman motioned to leave executive session. Johnson seconded. All in favor and the Council returned to the regular meeting at 6:38pm.

Goldman motioned to name Mynde Heil Interim Marshal. Cappel seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney- yes, Davis- yes, Goldman- yes, Cappel-yes, Brown- not present, Johnson-yes. Motion passed.

5. Council discussion/decision on changing the City Personnel Manual to enforce pre-employment and random drug and alcohol testing, on a quarterly basis, for all full-time employees operating City vehicles or motorized equipment. Burns noted that the Commercial Driver License (CDL) holders and the Peace Officers pursuant to the Policing Policy adopted September 28the already have drug and alcohol testing standards to follow and he wants the City's non-CDL drivers who operate vehicles and equipment to be subject to testing as well. The Council discussed the criteria of only testing full-time employees and asked Beaver about including the volunteer firefighters, who are not full-time employees. Beaver noted that he would not have a problem with his driver operators being tested. Goldman motioned to continue the discussion to November 9, 2020 and directed Allington to prepare a drug and alcohol testing policy for Council review. Brown seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney- yes, Davis- not present, Goldman- yes, Cappel-yes, Brown- yes, Johnson-yes. Motion passed.

6. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution #2194: FY2021 Contract with Frederick Allington for Prosecution of Misdemeanors for $19,980- Line item 52055- Prosecuting Attorney-Administration. Allington responded to questions on the annual contract. Brown motioned to approve resolution #2194 as presented. Johnson seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney-yes, Davis- yes, Goldman- yes, Cappel-yes, Brown- yes, Johnson-yes. Motion passed.

7. Seagraves Grant Update. Chief Beaver announced to the Council that the Fire Department had received the EMS Grant from the Janice Seagraves Family Foundation and the grant documents are being reviewed by Allington. Beaver plans to present the grant documents for approval at the November 9, 2020 meeting. Beaver stated that he plans to start classes in the spring and will need to purchase equipment as well. The entire Council thanked Beaver for his service to the City and for his hard work on the grant application to bring a valuable service to residents.

8. Request for Funds: JC Constructors Inc, Payment Application # 1, Reuse Water System Improvements Totaling $21,713.20, Line item 58210 - Plant Upgrades -Wastewater. Suwanrit gave an update on the status of the project and expects substantial completion by November 8, 2020. Goldman motioned to approve the request for funds as presented. Brown seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney- yes, Davis- yes, Goldman- yes, Cappel-yes, Brown- yes, Johnson-yes. Motion passed.

9. Request for Funds: Semi-Annual Payment on DEQ Loan: $145,798.27, Line Item 58170 Loan-Wastewater and $59,401.73, Line Item 51125-Interest- Wastewater, Totaling $205,200.00:

Loan Balance will be $3,479,892.45 after payment. Goldman motioned to approve the request for funds as presented. Brown seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney- yes, Davis- yes, Goldman- yes, Cappel-yes, Brown- yes, Johnson-yes. Motion passed.

10. Adjournment. Brown motioned to adjourn. Cappel seconded. All in favor. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

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