

Bellevue Common Council
Monday August 9, 2021
Bellevue City Hall, 115 E Pine St, Bellevue
Regular Meeting Minutes

6:01 p.m. Call to Order:

Mayor Burns called the Regular Meeting to order. A roll call attendance was conducted, and Council members present were Greg Cappel, Kathryn Goldman, Doug Brown, Chris Johnson, and Shaun Mahoney (arrived 6:14pm), 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; Jason Calhoun, Street Supervisor; Diane Shay, Community Development Director; Dusty Lindt, Public Works- Water Operator; Everton Oliveira, Public Works- Wastewater Operator; Mynde Heil, Marshal; Kristin Gearhart, Library Executive 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 City website on August 4, 2021. 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. None noted.
2. Public Comment for Items of Concern not on the Agenda.
Goldman noted that the Town Hall style meeting with the Marshal's office has been finalized for Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at the Memorial Park stage at 6pm.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Minutes of July 26, 2021
 - b. Claims from July 27, 2021, to August 9, 2021
 - c. Department Head Reports

Brown asked about the lack of reports from departments other than Marshal and Fire and whether there is an established content required. Burns noted that he would review and discuss with department heads and other staff members. Edwards noted that the various reports she sends prior to each Common Council meeting comprise the Administration/Clerk/Treasurer department reports. Goldman motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Brown seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney- not present, Goldman-yes, Brown- yes, Cappel- yes, Johnson- yes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Wastewater Plant Lagoon Bid Presentation and Common Council Discussion. Brandon Keller, Keller Associates. Keller gave a recap of the project noting that the lagoon repairs are necessary per Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ). The project was properly noticed for public works bidding and received one (1) bid from contractor JC Constructors, Inc. Keller recommended that the Council accept the base bid amount of \$776,717.00 for relining Cell A and Cell C and replacing the aeration system in Cell A and hold off on accepting the additive bid of \$346,720.00 to a later time. Keller noted that COVID19 has changed contractor bids and pricing. He also noted that holding off on the additive bid would not likely result in a lower price, but that the City may find that there are other items that might be better served to deploy those funds on in the near term. Brown asked about testing the adjacent fields and Oliveira responded. Johnson questioned whether there has been a failure or if the liner replacement was more that it had exceeded useful life. Keller noted that testing shows that Cell A has issues.

Johnson asked about whether the City has capacity for growth. Keller noted that the last wastewater study was done in 2006 and that the City was recently awarded a grant to help fund an updated study to assess and understand the Bellevue wastewater system capacity. Keller noted that some upgrades have been made over the past years, however the transmission line does not have room to grow. Keller noted that the City needed to find out what the current use and capacity is, that the awarded study grant would allow for those items to be assessed and that it would take six (6) to nine (9) months to complete the project report after the grant study detail documents received final approval. Keller noted that having a completed wastewater study would allow more opportunity for grants.

Cappel asked which was a bigger issue- addressing lagoon Cell B or the transmission line to plant. Keller referenced the 2006 report that listed the importance of the transmission line, which was supposed to be addressed in 2013 or 2014, but growth slowed. Keller noted that the lagoon issues were maintenance related but needed to be addressed per IDEQ.

Keller noted that the transmission line issue will limit the City. Burns noted that the transmission line was a multimillion-dollar issue. Keller concurred, noting that the wastewater system capacity study may allow for other options, but that growth will need a multimillion-dollar investment.

The Council discussed the options of accepting only the base bid or accepting both the base and additive bids. Cappel noted that holding off on Cell B may leave funds for future transmission line use. Johnson noted to sit on Cell B and added that the potential of adding 200 more houses in Strahorn and annexation discussions needed to be addressed. Burns noted that kicking the can down the road was not optimal, but that conserving funds might be a good idea.

5. Consideration and Passage of Resolution #2216, Authorizing Contract for Wastewater Plant Lagoon Project. Ned Burns, Mayor. Johnson motioned to accept the base bid of \$776,717.00 and approve resolution #2216 as presented. Goldman seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney- yes, Goldman-yes, Brown- yes, Cappel- yes, Johnson- yes. Motion passed.
6. PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to Idaho Code 63-802 For Consideration of Collecting \$21,300 in Foregone Property Taxes for Fiscal Year 2022. Marian Edwards, Clerk/Treasurer. Edwards covered notice. Goldman motioned that the notice was in compliance. Brown seconded. All in favor. The motion passed. Edwards noted that the foregone amount of \$21,300 was approved during the fiscal year 2021 budget process as part of the terms to receive the Governor's Public Safety Grant Initiative amount of \$161,168.00 which allowed for tax savings for all Bellevue property owners. Edwards noted that the Council had conveyed last year that recouping the foregone in the following year was their intention and that a properly noticed public hearing and passage of a resolution was necessary per state law. Edwards noted that the planned recouped foregone amount is earmarked for a planning study for Pine Street in the FY2022 Streets capital budget. Burns opened public comment. There were no public comments. There were no written comments received. Burns closed public comment. The Council briefly discussed the matter.
7. Consideration and Passage of Resolution #2217, Declaring the Intent to Collect \$21,300 in Foregone Property Taxes for Fiscal Year 2022 and Declaring the Purpose for Which the Foregone Taxes are Being Budgeted: Marian Edwards, Clerk/Treasurer. Brown motioned to approve resolution #2217 as presented. Goldman seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney-yes, Goldman-yes, Brown- yes, Cappel- yes, Johnson- yes. Motion passed.
8. PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, for Consideration of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021 and Ending September 30, 2022. Marian Edwards, Clerk/Treasurer. Edwards covered notice. Goldman motioned that the notice was in compliance. Brown seconded. All in favor. The motion passed. Edwards gave a brief recap of the proposed budget. Burns opened public comment. Tom Bergin made a public comment. There were no written comments received. Burns closed public comment. Brown asked questions on the hiring process for open positions and Edwards and Burns responded. Johnson noted that no budget is perfect and asked for continued public support. Cappel noted that the Water and Wastewater budgets were outliers, but though that the increases in the General Fund were appropriate and that getting the City moving in the right direction was important. Goldman noted that she would like to see more public input on the budget prior to adoption.
9. Consideration and Passage of Ordinance #2021-10, Entitled the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2022, Beginning October 1, 2021, and Ending September 30, 2022, Appropriating the Sum of Five Million, Three Hundred Nineteen Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety-Three Dollars (\$5,319,393) to Defray the Expenses and Liabilities of the City of Bellevue, Idaho, for Said Fiscal Year 2022. Marian Edwards, Clerk/Treasurer. Johnson motioned to dispense the three (3) times reading rule and have the title read once prior to

adoption. Brown seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney- yes, Goldman-no, Brown- yes, Cappel- yes, Johnson- yes. Motion passed.

Edwards read the title of the Proposed Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, IDAHO, ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FIVE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY THREE DOLLARS (\$5,319,393) TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, IDAHO, FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR 2022; SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SAID APPROPRIATION IS MADE; AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, IDAHO; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Brown motioned to adopt the Ordinance and budget as presented. Goldman seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney- yes, Goldman-yes, Brown- yes, Cappel- yes, Johnson- yes. Motion passed.

Burns noted that the City needed to continue to be thrifty, spend tax dollars wisely and have results to show citizens.

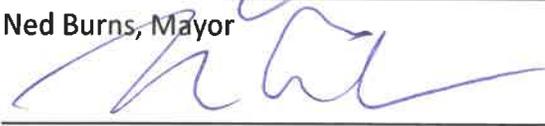
10. Discussion to Require Electric Car Charging Stations in All New Residential Construction. Greg Cappel, Alderman. Cappel noted that he saw an article about Boise passing updated building code requirements to include the capacity for charging stations in garages of residential new construction. Cappel noted that Bellevue adopted Resolution 2202 in February 2021 to institute clean energy goals and thought that this type of add to our building code would help demonstrate commitment to the resolution goals. Edwards noted that the article referenced by Cappel had been added to the agenda and packet information on the City website. Cappel noted that the different automakers have differing plugs and that the new building code would be best to have the requirement of a dedicated 240-volt outlet in a newly constructed residential garage versus requiring a particular plug. Goldman noted that this would be concrete step to help reduce carbon footprint. Johnson noted that this was a solid proposal and not requiring a specific plug would allow versatility for those who did not own an electric car. Brown noted that he was concerned about increasing costs for new construction as we recently increased building permit fees. Johnson motioned to direct the Community Development staff to prepare language for the Planning and Zoning Commission to assess and adding the requirement that new residential garage construction have a 240-volt port installed that is not dedicated for any other uses. Goldman seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney-yes, Goldman-yes, Brown- yes, Cappel- yes, Johnson- yes. Motion passed.
11. Update on Bellevue Labor Day Celebration: Ned Burns, Mayor. Burns gave an update on the status of the volunteer committee. The Council discussed having the St Luke's vaccination bus

at the event and discussed having a cash raffle, funded via private donations, for those who get vaccinated at the bus on the day of the event. The Council asked for a COVID19 discussion item on the next regular meeting agenda.

12. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Pending Litigation and/or Land Acquisition Pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206. There was no executive session.
13. Adjournment. Goldman motioned to adjourn. Johnson seconded. All in favor. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Ned Burns, Mayor



Marian Edwards, City Clerk/Treasurer