

September 6, 2016
Regular Session

The Bellevue City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Christopher J. Roling presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. The roll was called as follows:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Allen Ernst, Gary Feuerbach, Jayson Heiar and Tim Roth. Also present were City Administrator Loras Herrig, City Clerk Abbey Skrivseth, Police Officer Josh Kilburg, Dave Heiar, Laura McCool and Clairia Sieverding.

ABSENT: Darla Lawson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Roling reviewed the Agenda and declared it approved with the addition of:

- 8. F. Reading of a Proclamation for Constitution Week
- 8. G. Bellevue Pie House re-grand opening Friday, September 9, 2016 at 10:30 A.M.
- 8. H. Cole Park Stadium Seating Update

CONSENT AGENDA

Feuerbach moved with a second by Roth to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approve August 22, 2016 Regular Session, August 29, 2016 Special Session
- B. Approve August Financial Reports

HEART AND SOUL

Dave Heiar, Laura McCool and Clairia Sieverding came before the board on behalf of Heart and Soul. The new program received a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque. The steering committee is looking for an official name and to hire a part-time coordinator whom would report under the Community Foundation. Heart and Soul has a four phase process and hopes to achieve various matters including but not limited to youth engagement, job creation and quality of life improvements.

TRAIL PROJECTS

The City is waiting for the official archeological report results but no adverse effects appear to exist at the proposed Felderman Park trail extension. Other details are still being worked out and grants are still pending for this trail extension. Jackson County did receive a grant that would extend the existing trail north of the City into Spruce Creek.

IOWA FIBER ALLIANCE PROJECT

The Iowa Fiber Alliance Project will not proceed as the largest investor, Cedar Falls Municipal Utilities, decided not to participate. However, the group of municipalities will stay in contact and continue to meet.

TELECOM UPDATE

The City's video provider switchover will now occur before the extended October 1, 2016 deadline. The City is also looking into how the change will affect users that have Digital Video Recorders (DVR) as the change could result in all recordings being lost. City Administrator Loras Herrig reminded everyone that customers do not own their recordings and, at any time, a provider could actually wipe out all of their channels recordings. If the outcome does affect DVR users, then customers will be notified. Herrig also pointed out that this new provider will require each channel to be manually switched over into the new video stream. This will result in a short blackout period for cable users.

BYWAY PUBLIC ART PROJECT

The Byway Public Art project is still in process and one of 15 projects in the State of Iowa will be located in Bellevue. Casey's General Stores is hosting a promotional fundraiser during the month of September where customers are able to donate \$1.00.

PARK UPDATES

Herrig gave the Council a detailed list of all the expenses and donations for improvements at Cole Park, Ensign Park and Felderman Park. Bellevue Community School District and Marquette Catholic were notified of their amount for their committed Cole Park share. Councilmember Allan Ernst wanted verification where the City's original \$40,000.00 commitment came from, questioned how the remaining cost overruns were covered and if these overruns need an official motion for approval. Herrig responded that all the City's costs were covered from reserves and next week he is having meetings with additional donors to recoup what the City overspent for the improvements. Herrig then said the next phase for the parks is looking at new playground equipment.

BELLEVUE STATE PARK SNOW REMOVAL

The Iowa Department of Transportation asked if the City would be interested in plowing the state park road this winter for roughly \$2,500.00-\$3,000.00 per year. After discussing the possibly expenses and liability concerns, the Council agreed not to proceed with the DOT's offer.

SMOKE FREE PARKS

Herrig spoke on behalf of Area Substance Abuse Council Representative Julia Furne and stated her request for the Council to consider making all City parks smoke free. The Council agreed not to proceed with Furne's request.

RECYCLABLE COLLECTION

In the next 12-18 months, the City will see a change in how recycling is handled. DAC, Inc will be getting out of the recycling business as their subsidy from the county has been eliminated. Herrig said the County is looking into the various options but he wants to make sure the City has input in the decision.

SUSAN LUCKE

Susan Lucke was commended for her effort and work with the Bellevue War Project.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Chris Roling read a Proclamation in honor of Constitution week.

COLE PARK STADIUM SEATING

Councilmember Tim Roth spoke on behalf of the Bellevue Braves. The Cole Park stadium seating project fundraiser is \$100.00 short of the initial \$20,000.00 goal. Roth then had a twofold request from the Braves to seek the Council's blessing to install a screen to block the sun (for players on the field as a safety concern) and for a building that would be located right behind the new stadium seating. The new building would not only provide better structural support for the new screen but also add storage and become the new scorer and announcer booth. The Council agreed to the new screen and building requests under the condition that the City would not be financially contributing to the project.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

The following amounts were received or expended in the month of August:

| FUNDS | RECEIPTS | DISBURSED |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| GENERAL: | | |
| Basic General Fund | 52912.66 | 148924.88 |
| SUB FUNDS | | |
| P.I.L.O.T. | 2500.00 | |
| Library Gift | 46.00 | 1647.90 |
| L.O.T. Prop Tax Red Museum | 7807.26 | 30.66 |
| Franchise Prop. Tax | 640.94 | |
| Franchise Stm. Water | 640.95 | |
| SPECIAL REVENUE | | |
| Streets Cap Project | | 4458.90 |
| Park Imp. Project | 14858.00 | 32791.07 |
| L.O.T. St. Imp. Project | 9717.13 | 5890.41 |
| Fire Dept. Cap. Fund | 6500.00 | 54962.46 |
| Debt Service | 8538.16 | |
| Road Use Tax | 29963.44 | 17735.60 |
| PROPRIETARY FUNDS | | |
| Ambulance | 13788.00 | 4680.89 |
| Ambulance Capital Fund | 4000.00 | |
| Telecommunication | 120548.75 | 134854.52 |
| Sanitation | 36274.73 | 24436.06 |
| Water | 26910.43 | 40903.64 |
| Electric | 246945.65 | 285621.77 |
| Electric Cap. Fund | 10000.00 | |
| Customer Deposit | 2232.64 | 3284.00 |
| Sewer | 40057.80 | 20286.14 |
| Storm Water Fund | 6183.87 | 4874.83 |

TOTALS

641066.41

785383.73

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Council, Ernst moved with a second by Heiar to adjourn at 8:06 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk

Mayor