

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
December 12, 2022**

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor Bryan Niebanck of Zion United Church of Christ Fireside. Council members present: MR. BAKER, MR. BRUGNONE, MS. DOWNING, MR. HILL, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD and MR. WALDRUP.

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of November 28, 2022 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Ms. Downing. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

President Smith welcomed Boy Scout Troop 273 to tonight's meeting.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:**

**Mayor Strecker** thanked the Mad River & NKP Railroad Museum for the Santa Train they have had over the last three weekends. He thanked the many volunteers who make this such a fun event. They do a great job every year.

He thanked the Bellevue Society for the Arts and Director Floyd Collins for the magic and Charlie Brown Christmas show that they performed at BSA the last couple of weekends. It was really good.

He invited Council to a holiday open house at the public library this Thursday, December 15, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

This Friday at the Rec Center from 5:30 to approximately 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. they will have the annual Drive-thru Santa. The first 300 children will receive an 18-page coloring book that was illustrated by Bellevue High School art students. They will receive a candy cane and a few other things.

It was brought up on Facebook that some of the citizens would like to have a Santa House again in Bellevue. He thought perhaps next year this could be organized but he was thrilled that so many citizens, businesses, and service organizations came together to make it happen **this** year. He thanked everyone for a job very well done and for donating so many items and getting it ready so quickly. On Saturday, December 17, from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. they will have the Grand Opening of Santa Claus's New House. At 1:00 the Chamber of Commerce will cut the ribbon. Each child will receive a toy, a candy cane, and a coupon for a free hot chocolate and a cookie or a donut from Copper Top. Also, some of the downtown merchants will be having holiday specials. He stated that he was overwhelmed with gratitude for all the citizens who contributed to this.

He thanked Mr. Lantz for doing a fantastic job as Safety-Service Director and expressed how much he will be missed when he retires at the end of the month.

President Smith thanked Mr. Lantz for his service and said it was very much appreciated.

**REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**Mr. Shepherd** thanked Mr. Lantz for serving Bellevue. He was always very helpful and he appreciated working with him.

**Ms. Downing** thanked Mr. Lantz and stated she is sorry to see him retire. She is looking forward to working with the new Safety-Service Director.

**Mr. Waldrup** also thanked Mr. Lantz for his service. Every time he called him with an issue needing his input, Mike took care of it very quickly.

**Mr. Baker** thanked Mr. Lantz for all he has done for the City.

**Mr. Brugnone** thanked Mr. Lantz for all he has done and stated he has big shoes to fill. He stated it has been great serving with all the City Council members and he now looks forward to serving as the new Safety-Service Director. President Smith thanked him for his years of service as a Councilman and looks forward to working with him in his new position.

**Mr. Hill** thanked Mr. Lantz for a job well done. He also thanked Mayor Strecker for the great job he is doing for the City. There are many things going on and Kevin does a great job keeping up with everything. There are a lot of positive vibes in the City.

He stated he is excited about the new Santa House and he appreciates everything that the Administration has done.

He also gave a shout out to the Boy Scout leaders for all their time and efforts. They have done such a great job with the boys. It takes a lot of dedication and time to lead these young men in educating them and doing all the various projects. He hopes the boys will continue on and receive their Eagle Scout award. It goes far on a college application or job resume.

**Mrs. Ommert** thanked Mr. Lantz for all his help through the years. He has done a great job.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**President Smith** stated that a **Committee of the Whole** work session was held tonight at 7:00 p.m. to discuss fire contracts, resurfacing on State Route 4, the EV charging station, and a possible jobs creation tax credit. Ordinances 25-22, 26-22, 27-22, and 28-22 were discussed and it was moved to take all four ordinances out of committee and add them to tonight's City Council agenda by motion and vote during the regular meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** asked for a motion to add Ordinances 25-22, 26-22, 27-22 and 28-22 to tonight's agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. President Smith then turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation.

#### LEGISLATION:

**Ordinance No. 25-22 was given its first reading:** AN OAN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FIRE AND JAWS OF LIFE PROTECTION FOR THE TOWNSHIPS OF LYME, THOMPSON, AND

YORK, AND SETTING THE RATES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF BELLEVUE TO SAID TOWNSHIPS FOR FIRE, JAWS OF LIFE, AND FALSE ALARM RESPONSE, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Waldrup to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 25-22 its second and third readings by title only, and as an emergency. The motion was seconded by Ms. Downing. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

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Motion was made by Mr. Waldrup to adopt Ordinance No. 25-22, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Ms. Downing. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Because of a possible conflict of interest, Mr. Shepherd requested to recuse himself from voting on Ordinance No. 26-22. A motion was made by Mr. Waldrup to allow Mr. Shepherd to recuse himself from voting on the ordinance. It was seconded by Ms. Downing. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

**Ordinance No. 26-22 was given its first reading:** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A JOB CREATION INCOME TAX CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH TOWER AUTOMOTIVE OPERATIONS USA 1, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 26-22 its second and third readings by title only, and as an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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Motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance No. 26-22, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

**Ordinance No. 27-22 was given its first reading:** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ODOT'S ASPHALT CONCRETE PROJECT IN HURON COUNTY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN AUGUST OF 2023, AND AS AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 27-22 its second and third readings by title only, and as an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

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Motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Ordinance No. 27-22, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 28-22 was given its first reading:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT FOR DC FAST CHARGING EQUIPMENT WITHOUT BID UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 735.051, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 28-22 its second and third readings by title only, and as an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 28-22 was given its second and third readings by title only:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT FOR DC FAST CHARGING EQUIPMENT WITHOUT BID UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 735.051, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance No. 28-22, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

**Treasurer, Mr. Freitag**, wished Mr. Lantz good luck in his retirement.

**Auditor, Mr. Smith**, thanked Mr. Lantz and stated he has done a great job.

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Lantz**, thanked everyone for their kind comments. He stated it has been a pleasure serving under Mayor Strecker. He stated he could not have asked for a better person to work with and be able to get things accomplished with. He thanked Council members and the Administration and stated it has been a pleasure and an honor working with them and serving the City for 32 years. He wished Mr. Brugnone the best of luck in his new position. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**President Smith** thanked Mr. Lantz for everything he has done for the City. He thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and requested a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Brugnone. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Ronald Smith**  
**President of Council**

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**Rhonda R. Soper**  
**Clerk of Council**