

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 8, 2024**

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Council Clerk, Mrs. Soper. 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 June 24, 2024, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Baker to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

**Mayor Strecker** introduced Rose Mira who recently received the prestigious National Girl Scout Gold Award. The Gold Award represents the Girl Scout's time, leadership, creativity and contributions to making the world a better place. Each recipient meets the needs of the community by demonstrating extraordinary leadership in the completion of a take-action project. Rose has been active in the Girl Scouts since kindergarten. She has been concerned about a language barrier in our own schools and wanted to make a positive change for the hearing impaired. She has developed a website with videos, images and quizzes and she has been able to go into classrooms and witness the students using her curriculum. She is hoping her program will show the importance of teaching our youth sign language. Mayor Strecker then presented her with a Certificate of Recognition for receiving and Girl Scout Gold Award and bringing pride to her family and our community.

He distributed a flyer regarding Northwest Ohio Economic Impacts. Sandusky County had \$299.3 million dollars in total sales, 2035 new jobs, \$55.5 million in income and \$29 million in tax revenues. Sandusky County is number one in Northwest Ohio for tourism sales growth.

He thanked the sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who attended the 2024 BellevUNITY Festival and fireworks on July 5. They had a great turnout and it was a huge success. He thanked the Ohio State Highway Patrol for a photo op. If anyone is interested, they took some great pictures.

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone**, stated that today in the mail citizens received a flyer from First Energy. The first option is to stay with First Energy and if that is what you want, you don't need to respond. The second option is that you can opt out of First Energy by going online.

Fire Chief Wilhelm applied for a Norfolk Southern safety grant and he received \$8,000.00 for a new jaws of life apparatus.

**Auditor, Mr. Smith**, stated that he is beginning the process of working on a temporary budget with department heads.

**Law Director, Mr. Wallingford**, stated that he attended the BellevUNITY Festival and fireworks and they were awesome.

#### REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mr. Burkhart** stated that the City did a great job with the BellevUNITY Festival and fireworks.

**Mrs. Ommert** stated that it was nice to see so many people at the Festival and fireworks display. She has heard great comments from citizens. She thanked the Mayor and Safety-Service Director for making our community great.

**Ms. Muniz** stated that her family had a great time at the Festival and the Holiday House. The City takes such good care of the children.

**Mr. Baker** also mentioned how great the Festival was. He heard several citizens mention they look forward to next year's festivities.

He stated that as a Council, when we talk about taking a house down, we don't mess around. He commented on how quickly the house was demolished after Council passed the ordinance to proceed.

**Mr. Wynbissinger** congratulated Rose Mira for her Girl Scout Gold Award and Citizen's Award, and for her service to our community.

**Mr. Hill** stated that the Festival was very well run. He thanked everyone who helped. He heard comments about the activities for the kids and how they get to do for free.

He inquired about the weeds on Main Street. Mr. Brugnone stated that City crews are spraying them.

COOMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** stated that a Bellevue Area Tourism and Visitor's Bureau representative will be in attendance on Monday, July 22, to give Council updated information and answer any questions.

Resolution No. 5-24 changing the terms of service from two years to four years was filed by the Sandusky County Board of Elections on June 26.

LEGISLATION: None.

CLOSING REMARKS:

**Mayor Strecker** thanked Council for all their help with the Festival. We want to do as much as we can for the children in our community for free. Our motto is “Everything is for the Children.”

**President Smith** thanked everyone who put together and worked on the Festival. It is very much appreciated.

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,

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

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**Rhonda R. Soper**  
**City Council Clerk**