

## MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 28, 2024

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor Jeff Durrow of Bellevue's Alliance Church. 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 October 15, 2024 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Burkhardt to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Ms. Muniz. The minutes are approved as written.

### REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

**Mayor Strecker** introduced Andrew Higgins of Bellevue's Boy Scout Troop 339 who will soon receive the Boy Scout's highest honor of Eagle Scout. His Eagle Scout Project was to reconstruct the welcome sign for Bellevue's Society of the Arts at the end of the parking lot. He gave him a proclamation from the City of Bellevue Administration and Bellevue's City Council commending him for his outstanding accomplishment.

He stated that Sara Brokaw, President of The Bellevue Hospital, will not be in attendance tonight to speak to Council about future plans for The Bellevue Hospital. She will attend a City Council meeting soon.

He thanked the sponsors and volunteers who helped with the Halloween parade and festivities. The parade gets bigger every year.

Congressman Bob Latta was in Bellevue on Friday to meet with Bellevue officials. Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, and he were in attendance for a question/answer discussion of what is happening within the City and they discussed some issues that we are facing as a small community. We will be working with Congressman Latta on several projects and hopefully see the fruits of it down the road.

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone**, stated that the City is finishing the street resurfacing projects and they are working on manholes.

The City parking lot is almost finished and will be open no later than this Wednesday.

Ohio Edison got a lot of work done on the EV charging station and it should be up and running by the end of the year.

We will start leaf pickup the week of November 11 after Veterans Day.

**Auditor, Mr. Smith**, stated that a Budget & Finance Committee meeting was held tonight to discuss the temporary budget that will be presented to Council next meeting.

**Treasurer, Mr. Freitag**, stated that last Thursday he attended the annual meeting for the Center for Investment for the State of Ohio. We keep the certificate open by attending this annual meeting. The Auditor of State and State Treasurer were in attendance. They talked in depth about the forecast for the economy and what interest rates will apply. Treasurers and fiscal officers from all over the state were there and it was a good conference.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mr. Burkhart** stated that the Halloween parade was awesome. It was bigger this year than in previous years. He handed out candy with the Kiwanis Club. There were about 600 children that came through.

He stated that the Madden Street repaving project looks great.

He inquired about the EV charging station progress. Mr. Brugnone reiterated that it should be finished by the end of this year.

He inquired if Center Street would be expanded. Mr. Brugnone stated that there are property owners who are not in favor.

**Mr. Baker** stated that if anyone has not had the opportunity to see the new equipment at Robert Peters Park, it looks fabulous.

He said the parking lot outside looks great and the ease of paying bills will be appreciated by everyone.

**Mr. Wynbissinger** congratulated Andrew Higgins for achieving Eagle Scout. He thanked him for being active in the community and setting such a great example.

The improvements at Robert Peters Park are fantastic. He thanked everyone involved with getting the new playground equipment up and ready. The place was packed when he was there.

The Halloween parade was great and well attended. He thanked all who helped make it such a success.

**Mr. Hill** stated that the weather has been so nice that they had a soft opening for Robert Peters Park. There will be some readjusting to some of the new equipment and grass seeding to keep the mud down. Everything worked out great. Next spring there will be a grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony. They will be working on cameras to keep a good eye on the park.

Amy will be applying for a grant which if received she will use for paving the track all the way around. She has a lot of ideas and plans; the new play equipment is just the tip of the iceberg. She works very hard and he thanked her for doing an outstanding job.

**Mr. Shepherd** congratulated Andrew Higgins and stated that he and his brothers are extraordinary young men.

Now that the elections are coming to an end, he would like to see signs being recycled instead of being put in the landfill.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Mrs. Ommert** stated that a Budget & Finance Committee meeting was held tonight at 7:00 p.m. to look at the budget for the first quarter of 2025.

**Mr. Baker** stated that a Public Utilities Committee meeting was held tonight following the Budget & Finance Committee meeting. They discussed proposed Ordinance Nos. 21-24 regarding industrial waste discharge local limits, 22-24 regarding the West Main Street water main improvements, and 23-24 regarding the Copp Road/Gardner Road water line extension project. They voted to have all three ordinances added to tonight's agenda by motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Burkhart to add Ordinance No. 21-24, Ordinance No. 22-24, and Ordinance No. 23-24 to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0. All three ordinances are added to tonight's agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** announced that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, because Monday is a holiday. He then turned the time over to Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

**Resolution No. R-7-24 was given its first reading:** A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FILING OF AN APPLICATION AND AGREEING TO COOPERATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PARK IMPROVEMENTS UNDER THE SANDUSKY COUNTY PARK DISTRICT 2024 LOCAL PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-7-24 its second and third readings by title only, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Resolution No. R-7-24, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 21-24 was given its first reading:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 925.31(b)(6) AS TO INDUSTRIAL WASTE DISCHARGE LOCAL LIMITS.

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A motion was made by Mr. Burkhart to adopt Ordinance No. 21-24. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 22-24 was given its first reading:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR THE WEST MAIN STREET (US 20) WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 22-24 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to adopt Ordinance No. 22-24, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Ms. Muniz. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Ordinance No. 23-24 was given its first reading:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR THE COPP ROAD/GARDNER ROAD WATER LINE EXTENSION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Ms. Muniz to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 23-24 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Burkhart. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0.

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A motion was made by Ms. Muniz to adopt Ordinance No. 23-24, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

CLOSING REMARKS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

**President Smith** thanked everyone for attending and requested a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Wynbissinger. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. 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**