

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 13, 2025

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor and Council President, Mr. Smith. 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 December 9, 2024, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Burkhart 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 stated that it was great to have everyone back and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that Bellevue's recycling reached a new record of 23.3 tons. He added an extra bin through the holidays and he is going to keep it there for a while. For about a week there was a gentleman shopping in the bins but Mayor Strecker and he stopped him.

The EV charging stations are functioning and just about ready to go. They should be ready within the next week.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, informed Council that a liquor license transfer request has been sent to the City from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control. The Bellevue Beverage LLC, dba Bellevue Beverage Center, is requesting to transfer its liquor license to Royal Beverage Point LLC, dba Bellevue Beverage Center. If anyone has any issues or concerns with the transfer, we can request a hearing. It needs to be a very serious situation to request a hearing. No issues have been brought to his attention from the Safety-Service Director. This is a drive-through carry-out. If everything sounds fine with the transfer, we can have a motion and vote to NOT request a hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to approve the liquor license transfer and NOT request a hearing. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken and the motion passed by the vote 7-0.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Baker stated that he was not in the City during the snow events of the last few weeks, but he had several citizens comment that the City handled it very well and they wanted to give kudos to the City workers.

Mr. Wynbissinger inquired if Columbia Gas will be returning to fix the places they cut on Ellis Avenue and if there is anything we can do about the trains blocking the crossing on Kilbourne when we have students going to and from school, particularly when we have single

digit temperatures, and students are trying to get around a stopped train. Mr. Brugnone stated he will look into it.

Mr. Hill inquired when the work will be started on Route 20. Mr. Brugnone stated it was originally scheduled for the middle of January. When it does start, they have 100 days to complete the work.

He stated regarding Resolution R-2-25, that if Amy receives the grant, she will be using the money for recycled picnic tables for the park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Smith stated that a Committee of the Whole work session was held tonight at 7:15 p.m. to discuss proposed Resolutions R-1-25 and R-2-25 and Ordinance No. 1-25. It was voted to take the resolutions and ordinance out of committee and put on tonight's agenda by vote. Mr. Wynbissinger made a motion to add Resolutions No. R-1-25 and R-2-25 and Ordinance No. 1-25 to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0. The resolutions and ordinance are added to tonight's agenda.

Mr. Baker requested that a Committee of the Whole work session be scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2025 at 7:15 p.m. to discuss proposed Ordinance No. 2-25, regarding granting a one-year waiver in the sewer rate increase for calendar year 2025. Council regulates sewer rates and every year the rate automatically goes up 3% unless we vote to waive the rate increase for that year. Copies of the ordinance will be sent to everyone and if agreed upon, a motion can be made during the committee meeting to take Ordinance No. 2-25 out of committee and add it to the agenda for January 27.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that he originally scheduled an executive session for 7:00 tonight prior to the regular City Council meeting, to discuss the pending police contract. He then realized that all executive sessions are required to be held during a regular Council meeting and he rescheduled the meeting to be held at the end of the regular City Council meeting prior to adjournment. They will return to the regular meeting only to adjourn. He stated that he appreciated everyone's flexibility in making the change.

He announced that all Council committees would remain the same for this year.

He opened the floor for nominations for President Pro Tempore for 2025. Mr. Hill nominated Mr. Baker. No other nominations were made. A vote was taken and everyone was in favor of Mr. Baker serving as President Pro Tempore for this year. Mr. Baker accepted the position.

He then turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution No. R-1-25 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT WITH GOVDEALS FOR THE SALE OF UNNEEDED PERSONAL PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. SECTION 721.15, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-1-25 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. Shepherd to adopt Resolution No. R-1-25 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0., and as an emergency.

Resolution No. R-2-25 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FILING OF AN APPLICATION AND AGREEING TO COOPERATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE OTTAWA, SANDUSKY, SENECA COUNTY JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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A motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Resolution No. R-2-25 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. 1-25 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, IN THE MATTER OF IMPROVEMENTS TO S.R. 4, FROM S.L.M. 0.00 TO S.L.M. 6.66 THE HURON/SENECA COUNTY LINE TO U.S.R. 20 BY RESURFACING WITH ASPHALT CONCRETE INCLUDING PREPARING SUBGRADE FOR SHOULDER PAVING, PAVEMENT PLANNING, PAVEMENT REPAIR EROSION CONTROL AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS, LYING WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO.

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A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to adopt Ordinance No. 1-25. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, thanked Council for passing the legislation tonight.

Mayor Strecker thanked outgoing Huron County Commissioners, Terry Boose and Bruce Wilde, for their years of service. He attended many of their meetings and enjoyed working with them. He recently gave them each a proclamation from the Administration and City Council in gratitude for their service. Huron County has two new commissioners beginning in January, 2025.

He recently spoke with former Councilwoman, Mrs. Missler, who mentioned that she misses attending City Council meetings. He let her know how much she is missed and appreciated for her great service to the City.

President Smith thanked everyone for attending and requested a motion to go into executive session to discuss the pending police contract. He stated that the session is closed to the public and press. A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to go into executive session to discuss the pending police contract and to return only for adjournment of the regular City Council meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0. Council then went into executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

After the executive session, **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,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
City Council Clerk