

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 10, 2025**

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Councilman Joseph Burkhart. 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 January 27, 2025, 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:

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that the City audit is moving forward.

The ordinance regarding the permanent budget was discussed during the Budget & Finance Committee meeting tonight and will be added to the agenda tonight.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, stated that to follow up with the liquor license transfer request we received and discussed at our last meeting, transferring the liquor license from Benchwarmers Restaurant and Delivery LLC to GIGI'S Tacos & Margaritas LLC, we have until Friday to notify the Division of Liquor Control that we do or do not request a hearing. He checked with Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, and Police Chief, Marc Linder, who also receives the same notice along with more complete information regarding names of owners, etc., with personal information which is only given to him. They both stated that they have no issues with this transfer. We can have a motion that we **do not** request a hearing on this. A motion was made by Mr. Hill to NOT request a hearing for the liquor license transfer. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0. The Clerk will inform the Division of Liquor Control that a hearing will NOT be requested.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Burkhart thanked Mr. Brugnone and the City workers for the plowing and salting and patching of the roads very quickly. They are doing a great job.

Mr. Hill stated that the City workers were right on top of the recent water main break and did a great job fixing it. He inquired if the City workers used the vac truck to fix it. Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that they did not use the vac truck because it does not have a heater and it was too cold to use it. When we discuss getting a new vac truck we will look into one with a heater. There have been four water main breaks so far this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Smith stated that a Committee of the Whole work session was held tonight at 7:00 p.m., to discuss proposed Ordinance No. 4-25, regarding renaming "Seneca Industrial

Parkway” street to “Bellevue Way.” A motion was made and seconded to take the ordinance out of committee and put on tonight’s agenda by vote. All were in favor.

Mrs. Ommert stated that a Budget & Finance Committee meeting was held tonight at 7:15 p.m., to discuss proposed Ordinance No. 3-25, regarding permanent appropriations for current expenses during fiscal year ending December 31, 2025. A motion was made and seconded to take the ordinance out of committee and put on tonight’s agenda by vote. All were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mayor Strecker and Treasurer, Mr. Freitag are both excused tonight.

He asked for a motion to add Ordinance Nos. 3-25 and 4-25 to tonight’s agenda. Mr. Hill made a motion to add both ordinances to tonight’s agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0. Ordinance Nos. 3-25 and 4-25 are added to tonight’s agenda.

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

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 3-25 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 4-25 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE RENAMING “SENECA INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY” IN THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO, TO “BELLEVUE WAY.”

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 Ms. Muniz. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
City Council Clerk