

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING February 24, 2025

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, February 24, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor Mike Sweeny of Bellevue's Assembly of God Church. Council members present: MR. HILL, MS. MUNIZ, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WYNBISSINGER. Mr. Baker and Mr. Burkhart were excused.

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 10, 2025, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. The minutes were approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker distributed a water rate increase notice to all Council members. An increase in the water rate will be 5%. The \$5.00 Capital Improvement Charge per month will continue. There will be no sewer rate increase this year.

Mayor Strecker stated that Sneaky Pete will be performing at the Bellevue Eagles Club, sponsored by the Bellevue Eagles and Holiday House, on March 22, 2025. Dinner will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and the entertainment will go from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

On Saturday, April 12, 2025, The Eagles Club, in conjunction with the Bellevue Holiday House, will be hosting Dueling Pianos by T and Rich. Tickets went on sale February 22 and have already been sold out.

The Bellevue Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 19, 2025. Pictures can be taken with the Easter Bunny.

Friday, July 11 will be a movie night at Central Park.

The Summer Concert Series will start on July 14, 2025.

There will be a pep rally on August 7.

The Fall Festival will be on September 25, 2025.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that the Route 20 project will get under way in the next couple of weeks. Be prepared for some detours and congestion.

He will get information to the Law Director regarding the Gardner Street/Copp Road waterline project so an ordinance can be prepared and presented at the next Council meeting for the authority to bid for the project.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that the Auditor of State's Office has started a pension audit (Ohio Police and Fire Retirement System) for the City of Bellevue for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Hill stated that the Safety-Service Director is doing a great job with the projects he has going on.

Mr. Shepherd stated that he saw on social media that Bellevue's K-9 Suki helped to make another arrest recently. He would like to see the Police Department obtain another K-9 to add to the police force.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Christian Booze, 165 Walnut Street, stated that he grew up in Bellevue and returned to live in Bellevue after college as an educator and community member. He stated that Bellevue has a tremendous street department, water department, police department recreation department, and fire department. He inquired if the City is actively promoting tax exemptions for businesses. He is willing to contact businesses and help bring new businesses here. He offered to write any grant to help businesses. He stated that there are a lot of grants available.

He stated that Bellevue has many great events going on. He would encourage an activities committee to be formed to help plan all these events so that all the work doesn't fall on just a few.

He would like to see a flyer mailed to every citizen monthly with information concerning all the activities and events going on in the City.

President Smith thanked him for his comments, ideas, and interest in the community. He further stated that someone will meet with him after the meeting tonight to discuss the tax incentives the City has in place for businesses.

Patti Gray, 252 Gunther Street, sang an original song about the weather, potholes, and her faith in the Street Department to fix them in the spring.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mr. Freitag, Mr. Baker and Mr. Burkhart were all excused tonight.

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

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 3-25 was given its second reading by title only: 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 second reading by title only: 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 Mr. Shepherd. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
City Council Clerk