

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING April 28, 2025

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor Ron Ferguson, of Flat Rock's Ebenezer Community Church. Council members present: MR. BURKHART, MR. HILL, MS. MUNIZ, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WYNBISSINGER. Mr. Baker was excused.

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 14, 2025, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker introduced Jacob Meyers, who received his Eagle Scout award on January 19, 2025. He is a member of Bellevue's Boy Scout Troop 273. For his Eagle Scout Project, he power-washed and sealed the sidewalks surrounding the Masonic Lodge and tables. Jacob is enrolled in the engineering program at EHOVE and is in the pep band at Bellevue High School. Mayor Strecker presented Jacob with a citizen's award from the City Administration and City Council and congratulated him on his amazing achievement.

National Poppy Day is coming in May.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, thanked Mr. Baker for his help with a lift station issue. They had some questions for Ohio Edison and Mr. Baker went out to see what was happening and was very helpful.

He thanked Mr. Burkhart for assisting with a situation he had with a citizen.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that the pension audit for 2023 is completed. Three other audits are pending and he will keep Council informed when they are completed.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Burkhart congratulated Jacob Meyers for achieving his Eagle Scout award.

Mrs. Ommert thanked City Treasurer, Mr. Freitag. She had a citizen come to her with an issue. She asked Mr. Freitag for his help and he contacted the person and got it taken care of.

Ms. Muniz gave kudos to the Bellevue Ministerial Association for their beautiful service on Good Friday.

Mr. Wynbissinger congratulated Jacob Meyers for achieving his Eagle Scout award. It takes a lot of dedication, time and effort to achieve this award.

Mr. Shepherd stated that progress has been made on the property owned by the citizen who spoke in Council about her neighbor with the junk and rodent-filled yard.

He congratulated Jacob Meyers for his achievement.

He wished Ms. Muniz a happy birthday today.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Shepherd stated that a Street & Sidewalks Committee meeting was held tonight at 7:25 p.m., to discuss proposed Ordinance No. 8-25 regarding bids for street repaving. It was voted to bring the ordinance out of Committee and add it to tonight's agenda by motion. A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to add Ordinance No. 8-25 to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0. Ordinance No. 8-25 is added to tonight's agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patti Gray, 152 Gunther Street, stated that she is a Huron County master gardener. For Arbor Day, she distributed tree seeds to students at two local elementary schools and was told that many of the students planted their trees and really enjoyed the seeds. This program went over very well for the first year and hopefully she will be able to continue doing this each Arbor Day.

She helped plant the Bellevue community garden today and hopefully they will have a good crop that will benefit Bellevue's Fish and Loaves food pantry.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mr. Baker is excused tonight. He welcomed members of the high school government class who are in attendance.

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

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 8-25 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR STREET REPAVING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 8-25 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Burkhardt to adopt Ordinance No. 8-25, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Ms. Muniz. A vote was taken and the motion passed by the vote 6-0, and as an emergency.

Ordinance No. 6-25 was given its second reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION 2025 JOINT COOPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BELLEVUE AND SANDUSKY COUNTY AND TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MAYOR OF BELLEVUE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mr. Shepherd inquired if the ordinances and resolutions are on the website so citizens can print them out if they desire them. He was informed that they are on the website.

Auditor, Mr. Smith wished Ms. Muniz a Happy Birthday.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, wished Ms. Muniz a Happy Birthday.

Mayor Strecker thanked Mrs. Gray for all she does for the community. He inquired who he could send a thank-you to for the tree seeds that were distributed to students at the elementary schools. Mrs. Gray stated they were from Soil & Water Conservation.

A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd for Council to enter into an Executive Session to discuss contracts for AFSCME Group 1 (for City employees), and Groups 2 and 3 (for firefighters). It was seconded by Mr. Hill. It was announced that it is closed to the public and press. Afterward, Council will return to the regular meeting without further business, and only to adjourn.

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. Hill. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
City Council Clerk