

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING October 14, 2025

Bellevue City Council met on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Councilman, Mr. Wynbissinger. Council members present: MR. BAKER, MS. MUNIZ, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WYNBISSINGER. Mr. Hill was excused.

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 22, 2025, were presented for approval. The Clerk noted that in Mrs. Gray's comments regarding the Bone Boys fundraiser dinner, the minutes indicate that chicken OR pulled pork will be on the menu. It should read chicken AND pulled pork. A motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to approve the minutes as revised. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. The minutes are approved as revised.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker announced that on Saturday, October 18, 2025, there will be a live 80's concert sponsored by Bellevue Holiday House Events at the Eagles from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. They will be serving spaghetti.

He has a copy of the North Central EMS quarterly report for the first, second, and third quarters. If anyone is interested in reviewing them, let him know and he will email a copy to them.

He noted that a person living across from him made a call to Bellevue's Volunteer Fire Department. He was amazed how fast they came. They are extraordinary employees who do a great job.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that Mayor Strecker and he have been involved in attending additional meetings for the EMS contract. There will be several more meetings before anything is decided as a lot of decisions have to be made.

The City is doing great with recycling. Last month they had 10.63 tons and we have averaged over 10 tons a month this year. If we get close to 12 tons, we might look at adding an additional bin. Right now they are doing well.

The Rt. 20 project is a little ahead of schedule. It has been a big project with new water lines, paving, and reconstruction.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that he appreciates everyone considering the temporary budget.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, added that regarding the temporary budget, we will have an ordinance ready which will need to be passed by the end of the year. We will work with Patrick on the final exhibit.

We have the first reading of Ordinance No. 18-25 tonight which is the ordinance to revise the codified ordinances by adopting replacement pages. This is something we do every year with Walter H. Drane Co. (also known as American Legal). We pass ordinances throughout the year which go into Bellevue's codified ordinances. Also, when state amends

criminal law, we adopt them into our ordinances. That benefits the City. He displayed an old codified ordinance book which changes each year with replacement pages. The codified ordinances are also on the internet which most people use now. If anyone has the old book and needs replacement pages, he has one set with him tonight and there are more available. We will be doing a first reading only tonight of Ordinance No. 18-25 because we do not have $\frac{3}{4}$ council members to suspend the rules.

He watched a program on recycling on PBS. He was amazed how they mix so many things together and with artificial intelligence, they are able to recycle everything. Rumpke was featured who is the company Bellevue uses for its recycling.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mrs. Ommert mentioned the City's scarecrow contest. She has looked at many other cities and noticed that no other city is as involved as Bellevue with fun activities for families. She is very proud to live here.

Mr. Baker stated that he was asked why we can't have Council and other City meetings on Zoom or other programs on the internet for people who cannot attend in person.

Mr. Wynbissinger gave a shout out to all the busy City workers, Rt. 20 Project workers, and new businesses opening up in the City. There are a lot of good things going on here and he is thankful to live in such a great community.

Mr. Shepherd stated that a resident reached out to him stating that back in January 2024 his sidewalk and driveway were damaged by a water line break and he was told it would be fixed. It has been almost two years and he is wondering when it will get fixed. Mr. Brugnone stated that all these inquiries should be directed to the administration at the City Office building.

He noted that Ordinance No. 18-25 has 33 new amendments. He doesn't think it is necessary for Mr. Wallingford read them all. He would like to make a motion to give Ordinance No. 18-25 its first reading by title only. Mr. Wallingford reminded him that it would mean suspending the rules and tonight there are not enough Council members to suspend the rules. He doesn't mind reading the ordinance in its entirety.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Ommert stated that a Budget & Finance Committee meeting was held tonight at 7:15 p.m. to discuss the temporary budget for 2026. The meeting went well. We voted to add an ordinance to the next agenda to make temporary appropriations for the year ending in December 2026.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patti Gray, 252 Gunther Street, stated the citizens of this town are her heroes. Tomorrow Bone Boys BBQ will be doing a fundraiser for the Backpack Program. It is a drive-through, pick-up dinner. 144 tickets were sold. More people wanted tickets after they had to

cut off ticket sales. She is so grateful for the support of the community and to be living in this great town.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mr. Hill is excused tonight.

He noted that the Huron County Mental Health representative will be in attendance at the next meeting, on October 27, not tonight's meeting as was noted in the agenda. He previously sent an email to let everyone know.

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

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 18-25 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING REPLACEMENT PAGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mr. Shepherd inquired if there be a problem if someone wanted to come in and record Council meetings. Mr. Wallingford stated that it would be fine as long as it is not disruptive. It was suggested to contact Mr. Brugnone if anyone is interested in doing that.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that Huffman Street has not been forgotten and will be worked on soon.

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