

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING September 22, 2025

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor Ron Ferguson of Ebenezer Community Church, Flat Rock. Council members present: MR. BAKER, MR. HILL, MS. MUNIZ, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WYNBISSINGER. Mr. Burkhart was excused.

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 8, 2025, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Ommert 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 thanked President Smith, Ms. Muniz, and Mr. Shepherd for organizing the candlelight vigil at Central Park on Sunday. It turned out great.

This Saturday, September 27, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. there will be a Fall Into Fun Festival at Central Park. This will be great family fun. There will be pumpkin bowling, train rides, pumpkin decorating, fall coloring books and crayons, and many other activities as well as merchant vendors and food trucks.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that the majority of the parking lot lights are up and working a few more will be in soon.

Weather permitting, the construction work on Rt. 20 will progress soon to begin paving in the northbound lane. The lanes should be open on both sides and they will start tearing up the center.

Resurfacing streets was suspended for the year because of the Rt. 20 project, however Huffman Street will be done this year.

He talked with Ron regarding some City Council members who may be attending meetings about Bellevue's EMS contract. There have been some concerns that when a Council member attends one of these meetings, he is representing the City. At this time, there are a lot of moving parts and talks going on. Mayor Strecker and he are attending all the required meetings to represent the City and as of now, nothing is changing. Be aware that if you attend these meetings, you attend only as a citizen and you are not representing the City.

President Smith introduced Tim Bergman, a representative of GLCAP (Great Lakes Community Action Partnership) who distributed some information as well as a copy of the October 2025 Sandusky County Senior Services newsletter. He discussed GLCAP's Senior Services Programs including exercise classes, a wellness program, transportation help, Senior Helping Hands, social and recreational activities, and Meals on Wheels which has a dedicated Bellevue route. Mr. Hill stated that they do a great job with Meals on Wheels.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, added to what Mr. Brugnone discussed regarding Council members attending other City meetings. Council only acts as a unit or body by four or

more votes. No individual can speak representing City Council in a public meeting. You attend as a concerned citizen and as a member of City Council, but you do not represent City Council or act as a body, only as an individual.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ms. Muniz stated that her family attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new playground at Robert Peters Park. It was very well done. They had ice cream, which was a big hit. A lot of work went into the ceremony and you can see Amy's passion and enthusiasm.

President Smith welcomed Mr. Baker back. Mr. Baker stated that he is very happy to be back.

Mr. Wynbissinger stated that the back of the building looks really nice after having been painted.

Mr. Hill added to what Nadene had to say about the playground at Robert Peters Park. Amy goes above and beyond with her enthusiasm and dedication to the City. One of her employees stated on a Facebook post that having Amy as a boss has been a pleasure. She runs her programs well and helps her employees. Amy really does a great job and we are blessed to have her in the Rec Department. She has many exciting plans for the future.

Mr. Shepherd stated he has attended some EMS meetings and he apologizes for any confusion that he was representing the City. He was only on a fact-finding mission.

He thanked Mayor Strecker, President Smith, and Nadean, for helping with the vigil on Sunday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Smith stated that a Committee of the Whole work session was held tonight at 7:20 p.m. to discuss proposed Resolution No. R-9-25 which is on the agenda tonight, and proposed Ordinance No. 17-25. It was voted to take Ordinance No. 17-25 out of Committee and put on tonight's agenda by vote.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patti Gray, 252 Gunther Street, as chief volunteer of the Backpack program, stated that they will be starting the program on Friday. They don't have a number of children needing help yet, but she wants to be proactive and raise some money for the program. Bone Boys BBQ will be doing a drive through fund raiser for the program on October 15. Pre-sale tickets only. You will receive chicken and pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, green beans, and a corn bread muffin for \$15. You don't have to get out of your car as they will be set up behind Bone Boys in the parking lot and you can drive by and pick up your meal. They accept cash or checks but they cannot accept credit cards.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mr. Burkhart is excused tonight.

Please keep in mind that our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14, instead of Monday, October 13, due to Columbus Day being on Monday.

He called for a motion to add Ordinance No. 17-25 to tonight's agenda. Mr. Shepherd made the motion. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed by vote 6-0. Ordinance No. 1-25 is added to tonight's agenda.

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

LEGISLATION:

Resolution No. R-9-25 was given its first reading: APPROVAL OF THE SANDUSKY COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION'S ALTERNATIVE METHOD FOR APPOINTMENT OF UNDIVIDED LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO BE CALLED "LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALTERNATIVE METHOD", AMENDING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. R-6-25.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-9-25 its second and third readings by title only. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 6-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Resolution No. R-9-25. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Ordinance No. 17-25 was given its first reading: A FINAL ORDINANCE RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS TO KILBOURNE STREET (S.R. 18) FROM S.L.M. 0.00 TO S.L.M. 2.93, INCLUDING ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, PAVEMENT REPAIR, PAVEMENT PLANNING, DRAINAGE UPGRADES, VALVE BOX ADJUSTED TO GRADE, AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS, LYING WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLEVUE.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to adopt Ordinance No. 17-25. It was seconded by Ms. Muniz. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Resolution No. R-8-25 was given its third reading by title only: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND

AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Resolution No. R-8-25. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mr. Baker stated that Mr. Miller and his grandson are painting a beautiful veteran-themed mural on the Art @ 106 building.

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

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