

# MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 27, 2025

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, October 27, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor and Council President, Ronald Smith. Council Members present: MR. BAKER, MR. HILL, MS. MUNIZ, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WYNBISSINGER.

The minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 14, 2025, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Ms. Muniz to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. The minutes are approved as written.

**President Smith** introduced **Ashley Morrow**, Community Engagement and Resource Manager for the Huron County Board of Mental Health & Addiction Services. She distributed a flyer and addressed Council. The Board provides addiction services as well as prevention and recovery services. They have a 0.50 mill renewal levy on the ballot this November. There will not be a tax increase. This levy will continue to fund mental health and addiction programs for residents of Huron County and the surrounding counties.

## REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone**, stated that hydrant flushing has begun.

The Street Department is working on Huffman Street today and it should be wrapped up in the next couple of days.

They pulled out a post that was in the way at the entrance to Central Park.

There was a citizen from Brinker Street at a recent Council meeting that had a situation he was concerned about, and it has been taken care of.

The Rt 20 Project is going well. It is ahead of schedule. Next week we should see some final asphaltting being done.

**Auditor, Mr. Smith** stated that he distributed a revised Page 2 for the exhibit to the budget ordinance that is on the agenda tonight.

**Law Director, Mr. Wallingford**, stated that he will be giving a first reading of the ordinance Auditor Smith talked about and we will have a second reading by title only of the ordinance regarding the codified ordinance replacement pages. Then we will shift focus to our first Council meeting in November when we will have more preliminary legislation regarding additional road construction. He has prepared Ordinance No. 20-25 and he suggests that Council make a motion and a second to add the new ordinance to the next agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to add Ordinance No. 20-25 to the next agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 6-0. Ordinance No. 20-25 will be added to our next agenda.

## REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mr. Baker** thanked Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, for taking care of a situation he had in the First Ward.

**Mr. Hill** stated that lights have been added to Robert Peters Park that go all the way back to the red building. More projects are going on there and everything is looking great. They will be adding more lights to the dog park to make it safer at night.

Most people don't realize the complexity of the Rt 20 project. From start to finish, they have done a great job. It has been very complicated and intense and although you may have heard negative comments, the work has been very professionally done and it will greatly benefit the community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** stated that Mayor Strecker is excused tonight. He wants the record to show that Councilman Burkhart has missed two Council meetings without valid excuses. Expulsion measures may start when a council member has been absent without a valid excuse and such absence continues for two months. Regarding Councilman Burkhart, his two-month period will be over November 24.

He welcomed students attending tonight from the high school government class.

LEGISLATION:

**Ordinance No. 19-25 was given its first reading;** AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Ordinance No. 18-25 was given its second reading by title only;** AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING REPLACEMENT PAGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CLOSING REMARKS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

**President Smith** thanked everyone for attending and requested a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Wymbissinger. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Ronald Smith**

**President of Council**

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**Rhonda R. Soper**

**City Council Clerk**