

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 10, 2025

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, November 10, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Councilwoman, Mrs. Ommert. 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 27, 2025, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Baker to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor, Kevin Strecker, thanked John Miller for the beautiful, patriotic mural on the Art @ 106 building. It is very nice to have our hometown heroes being honored.

In 2026 we will be sponsoring the hometown hero award banners. They will have a new design. There will be applications tomorrow at the Veterans Day ceremony at the Fallen Soldiers Memorial. President Smith mentioned that the ceremony will start tomorrow morning at 11:00 a.m.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that Route 20 construction is at the stage of setting manholes and catch basins and doing a little more striping, but they are almost at the finish line.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that he distributed a year-to-date report as of October 31, 2025. Several meetings ago we passed a resolution for 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." It turned out great as the City of Bellevue is expecting an increase of about \$27,000.00.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, stated that we have been given some updated pay ordinances to consider. In addition to union contracts, we also have pay ordinances for non-union employees. These ordinances cover the City Engineer and Safety-Service Director together in the same ordinance, Superintendents, the Economic Development Director, the Finance Director, and the Recreation Director. Even though the Recreation Board is in charge of the Rec Department, we have to run it through our budget and have an ordinance for it. We received drafts of these ordinances last week and today we received some changes on the exhibits. We will try to have drafts ready to circulate by the end of the week so we can discuss them at our next meeting on November 24. If Council desires, we could tentatively schedule a Budget & Finance Committee meeting for November 24, assuming we can get the ordinances ready. He thanked the Safety-Service Director for working on these ordinances and getting them to us. The numbers for the ordinances will be: 21-25, 22-25, 23-25, 24-25 and 25-25.

What a joy it is driving down the new US Route 20. It is a great improvement.

REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mrs. Ommert stated that she is glad to see the work on Route 20 wrapping up and calming down.

She scheduled a Budget & Finance Committee meeting for Monday, November 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the five new pay ordinances.

Ms. Muniz congratulated the newly elected Council members.

She saw the production of Cinderella at the BSA and it was amazing. She highly recommends it to everyone. There is one more weekend to attend it.

Mr. Baker echoed what everyone is stating about the work on Route 20.

Mr. Hill gave a big shout out to City personnel for their help with an issue at the Rec Center. The entryway on the north side stairwell had collapsed. He was grateful for the City crews who showed up and fixed it.

Mr. Shepherd congratulated the newly elected council members.

He stated that a citizen called him regarding some pranksters trespassing on his property and banging on his back door late at night. He is very concerned for the safety of his family and the community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Matthew Bingham, 416 Brinker Street, stated that he is the citizen Mr. Shepherd was mentioning. The other night they were at home at 11:30 p.m. when they heard banging on their garage door. Three adult size footprints were kicked into his garage door. He went outside and looked around but didn't see anyone. Seconds later a car pulled up and then when he was spotted, it peeled out. He called the non-emergency number for the police to let them know kids were out pranking. He posted the incident on Facebook and received many comments from citizens stating they are experiencing the same issues. His sister-in-law was with him the night it happened to him, and the very next night her home on High Street was targeted. Another gentleman on Euclid stated he has had several incidents happen to him. The police officer who investigated it mentioned that it is an ongoing problem.

He inquired if Bellevue has anything available in the way of a neighborhood watch program. He stated he would be happy to champion that cause. He has talked with many citizens who are also interested. He inquired if there is a program in place, if we have resources, and how to safely conduct a neighborhood watch. President Smith stated that our Safety-Service Director would be happy to stay after the meeting to discuss this.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, is excused tonight. He welcomed the newly elected Council members and stated that he looks forward to serving with them.

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

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 20-25 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, IN THE MATTER OF RESURFACING US 20 IN SANDUSKY COUNTY, FROM SLM 28.02 TO 32.91, WHICH INCLUDES RESURFACING US 20 FROM THE CITY OF BELLEVUE'S WESTERN CORPORATION LIMIT TO US 20, TO THE PAVEMENT JOINT WEST OF GROVE STREET.

Ordinance No. 19-25 was given its second reading by title only: 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 third reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING REPLACEMENT PAGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to adopt Ordinance No. 18-25 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Ms. Muniz. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 6-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mr. Shepherd thanked Mr. Bingham for attending tonight and addressing Council.

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. Baker. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
City Council Clerk