

## MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 24, 2025

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, November 24, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor Justin Jump of First Church of Bellevue. Council Members present: MR. BAKER, MR. HILL, MS. MUNIZ, MRS. OMMERT, and MR. SHEPHERD. Mr. Wynbissinger is excused.

The minutes of the regular City Council meeting of November 10, 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.

### REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

**Mayor, Kevin Strecker**, thanked President Smith and Councilwoman, Mrs. Ommert, and all the City employees and all volunteers and donors who helped with the annual Thanksgiving dinner project at Fish and Loaves. 232 Thanksgiving dinners were delivered.

There will be new Christmas lights at the Central Park Holiday House this year. They will be done in two phases this year and next.

The Holiday House will have Santa again this year. Children will be able to drop off letters for Santa and he will answer each one.

There will be a "Day With Santa" on December 6, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Masonic Center on Castalia Street sponsored by Goodwill. There will be several craft projects for kids and pictures will be taken with Santa. There will be cookie decorating and free hot chocolate. It will be a special day for children.

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone**, stated that 10.64 tons of recycling was done during the month of October. We are averaging over ten tons a month. They will be adding one new bin for the holiday season.

Everything is open and running smooth on Route 20. The City employees and construction workers did a great job. There are a few minor things to finish up. The lines are fading a bit. They have made three attempts to finish them but the temperatures have been varying every day and that has made it impossible to finish. If they are not able to finish the lines, they will be back in the spring to finish them.

A citizen at our last meeting inquired if the City has a neighborhood watch program. He talked with our Police Chief and the City does not have such a program. However, with all the modern technology with private cameras being used by the majority of homeowners, they don't feel that a block watch program needs to be implemented. However, if anyone sees someone or something suspicious, they can certainly call the police.

Mr. Baker inquired about having signs to warn drivers not to drive in the middle lane for too long when they are making a left turn. This happens often and is a driving hazard. Mr. Brugnone stated he can look into it.

**Treasurer, Mr. Freitag**, stated that he attended the annual Treasurer of Ohio's Center for Public Management Investment conference on November 6 in Columbus. There were about 300 treasurers in attendance. He mentioned that when cities do their budgeting for next year, they should take a look at property tax revenues. Not only schools are affected by the levees. They suggest to take a look at how it impacts not only local schools but many other entities such as the Recreation Department. There was a big discussion on how hospitalization is handled in the cities. We are doing very well with that.

**Law Director, Mr. Wallingford**, stated that we received a notice from the Division of Liquor Control that all liquor permits expire each year on February 1. He hasn't heard of any issues, and it is very unlikely, but if anyone is aware of any problem with a business that has a liquor license and wants to have a hearing, the Division of Liquor Control would have to have a request for a hearing by January 2, 2026. It would have to be a serious issue that was brought to Council. As Law Director, he would have to research it and make sure it is a legitimate complaint, and a resolution drawn up to request a hearing. He will send a copy of the letter to Mayor Strecker, Mr. Brugnone, and the Chief of Police to consider. If there are no issues, the liquor licenses will automatically renew on February 2, 2026.

#### REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mrs. Ommert** gave kudos to three members of the Bellevue Fire Department and three members from the City Wastewater Department, who responded quickly to the Fish and Loaves this morning at 7:00 a.m. and very professionally took care of a problem.

**Ms. Muniz** stated that she is happy that Chloe's Pit Stop is going to have a store front now..

**Mr. Hill** inquired when the Christmas parade is scheduled. Mayor Strecker stated that it will be on Thursday, December 4. First National Bank is sponsoring the parade. Mr. Hill inquired about who is responsible for safety at the City's parades. Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that whoever sponsors the parade takes on the liability. They can ask for assistance, but the sponsors need to understand they are responsible.

**Mr. Shepherd** stated that he had a citizen who lives in a mobile home park near McDonalds said that a lot of trucks are using their jake breaks to slow down while coming through town. There are ordinances that prohibit the use of jake breaks in the City, but there are no signs that state that. Also, coming into Bellevue from the east, there is not much warning that the speed is going down from 60 to 35 mph. He inquired if a sign further to the east would help.

He still would like to do a sidewalk program. He would like the ordinances to be reviewed to see if the standards for sidewalks in Bellevue are adequate.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Mrs. Ommert** stated that a Budget & Finance Committee meeting was held tonight at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Resolution No. R-10-25 and Ordinance Nos. 21-25, 22-25, 23-25, 24-25 and 25-25, which are all on the agenda tonight.

She scheduled another Budget & Finance Committee meeting for Monday, December 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to further discuss Ordinance Nos. 21-25, 22-25, 23-25, 24-25, and 25-25.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** stated that Councilman, Mr. Wynbissinger, is excused tonight.

He has scheduled a swearing-in ceremony for Council members and newly elected members for Monday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m. Municipal Court Judge, David J. Claus, will be in attendance to swear in Council members.

He stated that he received a letter of resignation from Bellevue City Council Member at Large, Mr. Burkhart, effective November 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. with his service ending at that time and date. A motion has been prepared to accept his resignation. A motion was moved by Mr. Baker, and seconded by Mr. Hill, that the resignation of Joseph Burkhart as Bellevue Council Member at Large is hereby accepted. A vote was taken and passed by the vote of 5-0.

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

A motion to table Ordinance Nos. 21-25, 22-25, 23-25, 24-25 and 25-25 was made by Mr. Hill. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken and passed by the vote of 5-0.

## LEGISLATION:

**Resolution No. R-10-25 was given its first reading:** A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FILING OF AN APPLICATION AND AGREEING TO COOPERATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PARK IMPROVEMENTS UNDER THE SANDUSKY COUNTY PARK DISTRICT 2025 LOCAL PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Ordinance No. 20-25 was given its second reading by title only:** 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 third 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Ordinance No. 19-25 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 5-0.

CLOSING REMARKS: None.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to go into executive session. It was seconded by Ms. Muniz. A vote was taken and passed by the vote of 5-0. Council members will go into executive session and return after the session with no 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 Ms. Muniz. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. 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**