

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING December 8, 2025

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, December 8, 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, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WYNBISSINGER. Mrs. Ommert is excused.

The minutes of the regular City Council meeting of November 24, 2025, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Shepherd. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor, Kevin Strecker, stated that he signed a proclamation from the Administration and City Council honoring Mrs. Ommert. She has been an amazing co-worker, a great team player, and an excellent Councilwoman. She has always been there to help with anything needed. He stated that he is looking forward to having her on some of the Boards and Commissions. Some members have decided not to come back and she would be a great addition.

He represented the City of Bellevue at Career Day at the elementary school. The children had a lot of questions, ideas, and suggestions for our community's future. One student is already interested in being Mayor. Speaking with the students let him know that Bellevue will be in good hands in the years to come.

Santa's North Pole Adventure last Saturday was a big hit. He thanked Bellevue Masonic Lodge No. 273 for all their support, Chloe's Pit Stop for the free hot chocolate, and the Bellevue Holiday House for sponsoring the event. He also thanked the Bellevue Police Department, particularly Patrolmen Eric Smith and Seth Strecker, for stopping by and visiting with Santa, the elves, and the wonderful Grinch that was there and also for passing out Bellevue Police Dept. badges to the children. They interacted with everyone and made it fun.

As a reminder, the Santa program sponsored by the Holiday House, is still going on. Make sure to have your children write their wish list and add their name and return address and place the envelope in Santa's mailbox on the south of Central Park. Santa will answer each letter.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that Columbia Gas will be going by the residences in Ward 2 doing work.

They are finalizing details, with more information coming out shortly, for having a fire truck escort service for Santa on Saturday, December 20. They will post the route he will be taking online so the children can come out and wave to Santa.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, circulated his year-to-date report to the end of November. There is one typo under Investment Interest for 2025 where the amount states \$13,155,893.00. The correct amount is \$1,315,589.00.

He applauds the City supervisors for being in attendance tonight and for all the work they do.

He stated he doesn't care for the new chairs as they slide around too much.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, added that he likes the chairs. They are an improvement and we want everyone to be comfortable.

To continue the discussion about the letter we received regarding general liquor license expirations and renewals, all the liquor licenses expire automatically each year. He hasn't heard of any issues, and it is very unlikely, but if anyone objects to a renewal, there is a procedure to go through. He heard from the Safety-Service Director and Chief of Police and they have no concerns about any existing liquor licenses. If anyone is aware of any problem with a business that has a liquor license and wants to have a hearing, now would be the time to voice your concerns. Otherwise, we want the minutes to state that there are no objections to any of the existing licenses. No one had concerns.

Each year when we have internet options for the sale of personal property, we do it through GovDeals. We are required to do a new resolution every year. We have been in communication with our Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, and we do have legislation almost ready to go. He would like to have it added to the next agenda which will be for the Council meeting on January 12, 2026. It can be added by City Council, or two sponsors. Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Wynbissinger volunteered to be the sponsors.

He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ms. Muniz thanked Mrs. Ommert for her service. It has been wonderful sitting next to her. She does like the new chairs.

She wished everyone a Happy Christmas and safe New Year.

Mr. Wynbissinger thanked the City supervisors for all their work and for being in attendance tonight. They had some good feedback.

Mr. Hill also thanked the supervisors. The ones we have now are outstanding. They work well together. In previous years, many of the supervisors didn't want help each other or share equipment. Our supervisors now are great and get along very well. We have the best department heads and he thanked them for all they do for the City.

Mr. Shepherd thanked Mrs. Ommert for her service and he echoed what others have said about our outstanding supervisors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Baker stated that a Budget & Finance Committee meeting was held tonight at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Ordinance Nos. 21-25, 22-25, 23-25, 24-25 and 25-25, which were tabled at the last Council meeting. No action was taken.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Councilwoman, Mrs. Ommert, is excused tonight.

He thanked Mrs. Ommert and Mr. Burkhart for their time and service on Council and for the community. It has been a pleasure serving with them.

He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

He thanked Judge Claus for swearing in City Council members earlier tonight.

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

LEGISLATION:

Resolution No. R-10-25 was given its second 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 third 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to adopt Ordinance No. 20-25. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 5-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Auditor, Mr. Smith, inquired if the second reading of the resolution for park improvements will roll over or do we have to start over in the new year. Mr. Wallingford stated that it just rolls over and we will have the third reading in January at our next meeting.

Mr. Shepherd stated that he read where K-9 Suki helped make another arrest and he is still interested in the City obtaining another K-9.

Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, thanked Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Wynbissinger for volunteering to be sponsors for the GovDeals resolution that will be on the next agenda. He thanked the City superintendents and everyone for attending tonight. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Smith announced that there will be no second Council meeting in December. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 12, 2026.

He 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