

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 26, 2026

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, January 26, 2026, 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. DANIEL, MR. HILL, MR. MORRISON, MS. MUNIZ, and MR. SHEPHERD. Mr. Baker and Mr. Wynbissinger were excused.

The minutes of the regular City Council meeting of January 12, 2026, were presented for approval. Mr. Shepherd noted that in his closing remarks comment, it states "He inquired if we have a dollar amount on the items going out for bid for GovDeals" but it was not for GovDeals. GovDeals will be removed from his comment. A motion was made by Mr. Daniel to approve the minutes as revised. It was seconded by Mr. Morrison. A vote was taken and the minutes are approved as revised.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor, Kevin Strecker, stated that the Bellevue Snowflake Royalty Contest was held on December 15 at the Bellevue Middle School. He thanked everyone who helped with the contest. There were 95 queen contestants from kindergarten to 12th grade. He was a judge and enjoyed it very much. The royalty will represent the community very well.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, gave a shoutout to all the City employees, emergency services, and first responders. This time of year makes their jobs challenging with cold temperatures and snowy weather.

He gave a shoutout to the snowplow crew. They had a great plan going into the weekend storms and they kept up well. They got all the alleys and back streets shoveled today and tonight after midnight they will be doing all the city business parking lots so they will be ready for business tomorrow.

They are enforcing the street parking ban during snowy weather. Most citizens are complying and the few ones who didn't over the weekend were ticketed. They had a good response to the ban. They have been looking at neighboring areas and their ordinances on banning cars in snowy weather and we may visit that and discuss some changes to our ordinances.

Last fall he mentioned that we were hoping to have an announcement soon from the Economic Development Director. We will be bringing a new business to Bellevue called Armicon. Their international headquarters is in Dubois. They will be behind the old Gordon Lumber building. They manufacture parts that go into washers and dryers. The closest place that manufactures these particular parts is in South Carolina. This is a strategic location for them. This will create forty new jobs to start off and they will add jobs later. He gave a shoutout to Economic Director, Mr. Sabo. He has been very diligent. We are hoping to have a couple more announcements in the near future.

President Smith gave kudos to our Street Department for keeping the streets clear after the huge storm we had.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that he has been talking with Mr. Baker and they are requesting that a Budget & Finance Committee meeting be scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, to discuss the 2026 budget and other budget matters.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, gave kudos to the Street Department for the great job they are doing after this winter storm.

REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Shepherd stated that he and the Mayor have been discussing increasing the fee for parking on the streets during snowstorms.

Mr. Daniel stated that a person approached him at Bassetts who inquired if the City has an emergency generator for the City building. Mr. Brugnone stated that at present they only have one in the Police Department. They are discussing adding more. They don't have one large generator for the entire building, but in case of an emergency, the City will be able to function.

Mr. Morrison also gave kudos to the Street Department. He noted that they were hitting the streets early. He also gave kudos to Economic Development Director, Mr. Sabo.

Mr. Hill stated that the Street Department did a phenomenal job tackling the snowy streets. He inquired if there is still the fifteen-year tax abatement (income tax credit) in effect. Mr. Brugnone stated that it is.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Smith stated that a Committee of the Whole work session was held tonight at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Council protocol and committee assignments and proposed Ordinance No. 1-26. It was voted to take the ordinance out of committee and have it placed by motion on tonight's agenda during the regular council meeting. Mr. Hill made a motion to put Ordinance No. 1-26 on tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Daniel. A vote was taken and it passed by a vote of 5-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Councilmen, Mr. Baker and Mr. Wynbissinger, are both excused tonight. He then turned the time over to Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 1-26 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT WITH VACTOR, FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A VACTOR TRUCK MOUNTED SINGLE ENGINE COMBINATION SEWER CLEANER FOR THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT WITHOUT BID UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 735.051, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Resolution No. R-2-26 was given its second reading by title only: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, SUPPORTING THE OHIO COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA250-OH).

Ordinance No. 21-25 was given its second reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE SALARY AND BENEFITS OF THE CITY ENGINEER AND SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, THEREBY REPLACING ANY AND ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS, AND SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND THE PREVIOUS ORDINANCE NO. 4-14,

REGARDING THE PROVISIONS FOR SALARY, SICK LEAVE, VACATION AND UNIFORM ALLOWANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 22-25 was given its second reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE SALARY AND BENEFITS OF THE CITY SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, THEREBY REPLACING ANY AND ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS, AND SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND THE PREVIOUS ORDINANCE NO. 5-14, REGARDING THE PROVISIONS FOR SALARY, SICK LEAVE, VACATION AND UNIFORM ALLOWANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 23-25 was given its second reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE SALARY AND BENEFITS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, THEREBY REPLACING ANY AND ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS, AND SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND THE PREVIOUS ORDINANCE NO. 9-16, REGARDING THE PROVISIONS FOR SALARY, SICK LEAVE, VACATION AND UNIFORM ALLOWANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 24-25 was given its second reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE SALARY AND BENEFITS OF THE FINANCE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, THEREBY REPLACING ANY AND ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS, AND SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND THE PREVIOUS ORDINANCE NO. 14-19, REGARDING THE PROVISIONS FOR SALARY, SICK LEAVE, VACATION AND UNIFORM ALLOWANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 25-25 was given its second reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE SALARY AND BENEFITS OF THE RECREATION DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, THEREBY REPLACING ANY AND ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS, AND SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND THE PREVIOUS ORDINANCE NO. 8-14, REGARDING THE PROVISIONS FOR SALARY, SICK LEAVE, VACATION AND UNIFORM ALLOWANCE, 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 Ms. Muniz. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
City Council Clerk