

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 27, 2026

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor Diane Carter of St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Council Members present: MR. BAKER, MR. DANIEL, MR. HILL, MR. MORRISON, MS. MUNIZ, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WYNBISSINGER.

The minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 13, 2026, were presented for approval. Mr. Shepherd mentioned an error in the minutes where it states that he is affiliated with the Huron County Health Department. A motion was made by Mr. Baker to approve the minutes as revised. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. The minutes were approved as revised.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker presented Nick Lilli with a celebration of service award. As a lifelong member of the community, he has always been a positive role model. He lives by a code of loyalty to family and community. He served as an assistant coach for 41 years and also a track coach for many years before retiring. He has had many accomplishments and is a very special person. He doesn't like to brag or boast, but he has been loyal to Bellevue always and is an inspiration to everyone. His award is for his extraordinary leadership and dedicated service to community. He thanked Coach Lilli for everything he has done.

Nick Lilli spoke about his community and work. He stated that in college he wanted to be an accountant but after a couple of years realized it wasn't what he wanted to do. He started working for the railroad thinking it would be temporary. He met and married his wife whose grandmother encouraged him to get a teaching degree at Heidelberg and he wanted to teach and be a coach. He stayed with the railroad and started falling into some coaching. When a position opened up, he went into the Bellevue football program. He always wanted to give the best to every kid no matter how athletic the child was. He thanked his wife for all her support with the late-night dinners, sometimes no dinners, and missed events so he could keep up with his coaching. He stated he was very appreciative of the award.

Mayor Strecker stated that he will be visiting with the county commissioners and the area mayors in the next couple of weeks. If anyone has questions for him to bring up when he meets with them, let him know.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that 400 feet of new sidewalk is being installed on Kinney Street and Louise Avenue.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that the 2025 gap report is near completion. He should have a report by the next Council meeting.

Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, stated that last Wednesday was tax filing day and he hoped everyone was able to pay their taxes. He stated that last year there was a significant increase in net profits.

REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Shepherd stated that he noticed the concrete on the overpass on 269 looks rough. He inquired who is in charge of repairing it. Mr. Brugnone stated that the State is in charge of fixing it and we could

put in a request. He agreed it needs repairing. Mr. Shepherd inquired if the code enforcement has begun for citizens who don't mow their lawns. Mr. Brugnone stated that they are working on it.

Mr. Morrison informed Mr. Freitag that he did send in his RITA payment.

Mr. Baker stated that he has taken an extension.

Mr. Wynbissinger thanked Coach Lilli for all he has done for the community. He has had a great impact on everyone who has come through the school system and played any kind of sports. Coach Lilli has been a really great role model.

Mr. Hill stated that Coach Lilli is a great guy and has been a huge inspiration to so many in the community. He thanked Mayor Strecker for giving Coach Lilli the celebration of service award.

Ms. Muniz thanked the organization Patti Gray works with that sent her daughter home with a tree to plant. She had to replant it three times. Mrs. Gray stated it is the "Master Gardners."

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Hill stated that a Parks & Recreation Committee meeting was held tonight at 7:15 p.m. to discuss the tax levy and proposed Resolutions No. R-5-26 and R-6-26. It was voted to take the resolutions out of committee and add Resolution R-5-26 to the agenda by motion during the regular Council meeting tonight. Resolution R-6-26 will be added to the agenda at the first available Council meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Justin C. Smith, newly appointed Sandusky County Commissioner, introduced himself and stated he is grateful for the opportunity of serving and he looks forward to working with everyone in the county. If anyone has questions, please let him know. He has already met with Mayor Strecker and he has only been in a week.

Kurt Kuhl introduced himself and stated that he is running for Sandusky County Commissioner. He has been going around to various city council meetings to familiarize everyone with who he is. If anyone would like to learn more about him, you can find his information online.

Heather Pollick introduced herself and stated she is the Land Bank Executive Director at the Sandusky County Land Bank. She stated she would stay after if anyone has questions or needs help with anything.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, is excused tonight. He welcomed students from the Bellevue High School government class. He then turned the time over to Council Clerk, Mrs. Soper, for tonight's legislation.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to add Resolution No. R-5-26 to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0.

LEGISLATION:

Resolution No. R-5-26 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.03 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE REQUESTING THE SANDUSKY COUNTY AUDITOR, THE HURON COUNTY AUDITOR AND THE ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, THE CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, IN SANDUSKY COUNTY, HURON COUNTY AND ERIE COUNTY, AND THE

DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A RENEWAL ONE (1) MILL TAX LEVY FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PURPOSES AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 5705.19 OF THE REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Morrison to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-5-26 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Shepherd. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Morrison to adopt Resolution No. R-5-26, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Shepherd. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0.

Ordinance No. 13-26 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 731.02 THROUGH 831.09, INCLUSIVE, OF THE BELLEVUE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, CONCERNING CANVASSING, SOLICITATION, AND PEDDLING.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mr. Shepherd thanked the citizens for keeping their comments brief tonight.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baker. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. Everyone was in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
City Council Clerk