MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 26, 2026

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, October 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. BAKER, MR. DANIEL, MR. MORRISON, MS. MUNIZ, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WYNBISSINGER. Mr. Hill was excused.

The minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 13, 2026, 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 Strecker stated that last Thursday, October 22, the Fallen Soldiers Memorial held a ceremony honoring veterans recognizing the 250th year of our great country. Six quilts of valor were awarded and the names of our hometown heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War were read. He thanked Council President, Ron Smith, for attending and representing the City. It was a special night honoring hometown heroes. He also thanked Kenn and Donn Rospert, and Jim Alt, for their continued efforts to honor Bellevue's veterans.

Tomorrow there will be a Boo Bash at the Robert Peters athletic field from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and continue at the high school from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Trick-or-treating will be on October 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that clean up on the home on Ashford started today. If they don't finish today, they will be back tomorrow morning. They filled a few dumpsters and used a lot of equipment and many workers were there. He updated his contact at the Sandusky County Land Bank. They got notice today that the house had power two months ago but there is no power there today. He isn't sure if there is anyone living in the house.

The repaving will be starting tomorrow morning. The goal is to have it done by Friday and if it isn't completed, it will be carried into next week.

The waterline project on 302 is moving right along.

Four more sidewalk permits came in which makes twenty-four for the year. They have issued just under 190 citations this year.

The weather has been so nice that many trees have not changed yet. The City usually does leaf pickup in the middle of November and that is on the schedule but if the weather stays warm, that might be delayed. We usually do it for two weeks. It is tentatively set to start on November 16.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that a little over a week ago they got an unexpected visit from the Auditor of State and our Finance Department received an award. Courtney Evans read the award which shows excellence in financial reporting for fiscal year ending 2025. It states: "The citizens you represent are well served." Auditor Smith stated that it is example of the great cooperation between all of the departments and how well they work together.

The temporary budget is ready to be presented to Council, and copies will be distributed for everyone's review at the end of this meeting.

Law Director, Mr. Leal, stated that Ordinance No. 24-26, which is on the agenda tonight, is an annual task we do to update our City Code. It is given the emergency language so that it will go into effect immediately after the Mayor signs it, rather than having to wait 30 days.

We received our annual notice from the Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control, that all liquor licenses will expire on February 1, 2027. The legislative body can register objections to the Division of Liquor Control as long as they do so by January 4, 2027. If Council has a problem with a liquor permit holder in the City and an objection is requested, it must be done by January 4.

Council Clerk, Mrs. Soper, stated that we have received hard copies of the replacement pages to the Code and they are available to anyone who possesses a book and wants to keep it up to date.

REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Shepherd stated that he has noticed that the mausoleum at the cemetery has been cleaned up and he appreciates that.

In looking at tonight's ordinance that is on the agenda, there is so much language to be read that can be looked over without being read out loud. He made a motion for the Law Director to give Ordinance 24-26 its first reading by title only. It was seconded by Mr. Morrison. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Morrison scheduled a Public Utilities Committee meeting for Monday, November 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a water study that has been completed and is ready for Council's review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Smith stated that a Committee of the Whole work session was held tonight prior to the regular meeting to discuss the Barnes pilot program regarding recycling food waste. No decisions were made and they are awaiting further information.

Mr. Daniel stated that a Public Safety Committee meeting was also held tonight to discuss EMS services. We will continue the discussion and get more details and then have another committee meeting to discuss it.

Mr. Baker scheduled a Budget & Finance Committee meeting for Monday, November 9, 2026, at 7:15 p.m., to discuss the 2027 temporary budget. The temporary budget must be passed by the last meeting in December. He hopes we will take it out of committee and add it to the agenda and give it its first reading during the first meeting in November.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patti Gray, 252 Gunther Street, stated that she was speaking for a friend at Gilberts who could not attend the meeting tonight. She is concerned about how the semis turn onto Sandusky Street. She shared a video with Patti. One of the semis crossed all the way over to the other side and covered both sides. Someone is going to get hurt and she is very concerned about it. Patti has the video on her phone if anyone wants to see it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Councilman, Mr. Hill, and Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, are excused tonight.

He turned the time over to Law Director, Mr. Leal, for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 24-26 was given its first reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING REPLACEMENT PAGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Shepherd to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 24-26 its second and third readings by title only and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Daniel. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 6-0.

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A motion was made by Ms. Muniz to adopt Ordinance No. 24-26 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 6-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mr. Shepherd inquired if there were any new signs installed at the park regarding E-bikes. Mr. Brugnone stated that there are no new signs. Mr. Shepherd mentioned perhaps they could paint on the pavement. Mr. Brugnone stated he doesn't want to paint on the concrete, but he will contact Amy Palsa and discuss the possibilities.

Mr. Baker reminded everyone that next Tuesday is election day and encouraged everyone to vote.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, distributed copies of the temporary budget for everyone to review before the Budget & Finance Committee meeting in November.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, wanted to make everyone aware that even though the EMS service is being discussed, the City is fully covered for ambulance service. Also that hydro flushing starts tomorrow.

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. Everyone was in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ronald Smith	**Rhonda R. Soper**
President of Council	**City Council Clerk**