

**COUNCIL CHAMBER CITY OF BELLEVUE, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL NOVEMBER 8, 2023**

Board of Council met in regular session on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Mayor of the Day Braylon Gross called the meeting to order. The following answered roll call:

**MEMBERS:** Kruse, Almoslechner, Guidugli, Hogan and Fisher. Mayor Charlie Cleves presiding.

**MOTION:** By Guidugli seconded by Almoslechner to excuse Council Member Salzman from the meeting. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** By Kruse seconded by Hogan that the Minutes of Regular Council on October 11, 2023, are accepted as received. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** By Kruse seconded by Guidugli that the following claims be paid:

General Fund	(39)	\$	64,196.05
General Fund (10/31/23)	(18)		23,059.59
Capital Improvement Fund	(2)		39.71
Municipal Road Aid	(3)		4,969.67
Parks Fund	(3)		4,302.29
Port Bellevue	(2)		198,068.75
Port Bellevue Fund (10/31/23)	(1)		138.70
Harbor Greene (10/31/2023)	(1)		163,450.00

Motion carried.

**FOR THE RECORD:** Council member Fisher reported he is working with Pierce Turner, Assistant to City Manager for new playscapes and shade at Brun Park.

**FOR THE RECORD:** Mayor Cleves reported on the following:

In Vue provided art program donations to the three local schools in the amount of \$453, each. Greta Kelley – Grandview Elementary, Heather Foster – Bellevue Independent and Amanda Wilson – Holy Trinity were in attendance to accept donations.

In Vue is having the Golden Ticket, Willy Wonka event. 800 of the 1,000 candy boxes have already sold. 6 of 10 golden tickets have been claimed. Event runs until all tickets are claimed. Grand Prize winner gets to create their own candy at Schneiders.

Bellevue Food Drive being November 14, runs through December 11 benefiting Bellevue Independent Schools food pantries and St. Bernard food pantry.

November 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – Bellevue Christmas Walk.

November 25<sup>th</sup> – Fire Truck Santa will be running at 12:00, 1:00, 2:00 and 5:00 p.m., stopping at Sage & Scout to pick up letters to Santa.

November 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Tree Lighting at 6:00 p.m. in the old PNC Bank lot located at 331 Fairfield Ave.

December 1<sup>st</sup>, First Friday – Holiday Night Market. Event begins at 5:00 p.m.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

Police Chief Jon McClain reported on the following:

Touch a Truck was a great success. The department enjoys providing for the event. The new D.A.R.E vehicle was there and received a lot of compliments.

Council member Fisher asked if Chief McClain could provide more context on the proposed department restructure. Chief McClain provided the following:

- Department has been short staffed one officer for over a year.
- New recruit process has been unsuccessful.
- Proposing suspending the full-time detective position. This leaves 10 full time officers, including himself.
- Additional position was budgeted which remains vacant. Spread that cost across the board for current officers.
- There is a lower need for a full-time detective.
- Department has a meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss a call-in rotation structure in the event a detective is needed.

Council member Fisher asked how can Chief McClain say there won't be a need for this position in 5-10 years. Chief McClain indicated he cannot predict the future but prior crime was due to the heroin epidemic. He indicated this is a country wide issued with recruiting, not just in Bellevue.

City Attorney Fessler reported that Chief McClain shined a bright light tonight on Bellevue at a political fundraiser.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

Fire Chief Chris Adkins reported on the following:

Since the passing of Karen Strickley, Fire Department Administrative Assistant, Mary Scott has been helping out, working on a part-time basis.

The department will begin winterizing the fire hydrants in the next few weeks.

Touch a truck was a great success. The shift received a few calls during the event which was exciting for attendees to see the department during a live call.

The department is very excited for the Santa event coming up.

Retention and Recruitment. The department has a great group of guys that enjoy coming to work. Retention is so important. Small things we can do for them have a big impact on the guys. Council member Guidugli stated Chief Adkins creates this environment and needs to give himself credit.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

Code Enforcement Director Tom McDaniel indicated his report is included in the packet. COA and building permits are going well.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

Public Services Foreman Rick Mallery reported on the following:

Leaf pickup has begun. Residents call the city to be added to the pickup list.

The department has been working hard on putting out Christmas decorations throughout the city.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

Assistant to the City Administrator, Pierce Turner reported on the following:

Turner has been working with the Clerk's Office to have online forms and applications on the city's website with the ability to make payments online. This should go live in a week or two.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

City Administrator Frank Warnock reported on the following:

Poplar, Furman, O'Fallon, Grandview resurfacing have all been completed. Berry up to Geiger was complete today, minus the striping.

Berry to Bonnie Leslie, Bonnie Leslie, Wilson, Short Taylor, Poplar to Lafayette, Washington near

Grandview will all be completed next year. City staff looks for grant opportunities with the Mayor's connections to OKI for federal funding to improve our City streets. Council member Fisher wanted to make sure we are still following the City Engineers recommended streets. City Administrator Warnock indicated we are. Council member Guidugli indicated this is taxpayer money and these grants the City can obtain saves the taxpayer money.

There is a sewer lid indentation near the Vets. Determined it's an Altafiber issue. Altafiber is aware and is sending a crew to fix the issue.

Council member Almoslechner asked about the Donnermeyer Drive project and getting the utilities underground. City Administrator Warnock said the project is still in the design phase, \$900,00 project funded by OKI.

**FOR THE RECORD:** Ben Grammer expressed his concern with the chicken rules in Bellevue. He requests an adjustment to the Ordinance to allow chickens within City limits.

**MOTION:** By Kruse seconded by Fisher that Ordinance 2023-10-01 amending City of Bellevue Code of Ordinance § 97.35 titled Sidewalk and Pavement Construction, Reconstruction and Repair. VOTE: Yes 5 No 0. Motion carried. THE ORDINANCE BECAME LAW.

**FOR THE RECORD:** City Attorney Fessler read Ordinance 2023-11-01 an ordinance amending and updating the annual classification and compensation plan of the City of Bellevue.

Council member Fisher wants to make sure the city can fund these changes, not just in this budget year. He would like a proforma analysis. Chief McClain indicated he provided this in his report but can share again.

**MOTION:** By Guidugli seconded by Kruse that Order 2023-11-01 an order accepting the bid to purchase real property located at 334 Bonnie Leslie Avenue, Bellevue ,KY.

**FOR THE RECORD:** Council member Guidugli stated what an accomplishment it is for Bellevue to be named one of the best small cities in Southern Living Magazine.

**MOTION:** By Kruse seconded by Almoslechner to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Motion Carried.

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Mayor, Charlie Cleves

**ATTEST:**

Lindy Jenkins  
City Clerk/Treasurer