

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

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL JANUARY 10, 2024**

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

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

**FOR THE RECORD:** Mayor Cleves asked for a moment of silence for Lt. Jimmy Rees who passed away December 24, 2023. Lt. Reese retired from the City of Bellevue Police Department.

**MOTION:** By Kruse seconded by Almoslechner that the Minutes of Regular Council on December 13, 2023, are accepted as received. Motion carried.

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

General Fund	(55)	\$	471,599.34
General Fund (12/31/23)	(6)		2,523.50
Capital Improvement Fund	(4)		12,897.81
Municipal Road Aid	(1)		580.00
Parks Fund	(3)		2,663.00
Port Bellevue Fund	(1)		1,058.22
Harbor Greene	(1)		174,552.51

Motion carried.

**MOTION:** By Guidugli seconded by Almoslechner to approve the delinquent tax report. Motion carried.

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

Winter Carnival is February 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

St. Patrick’s Day festivities will be on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

The city is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt in the Beach Park on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

First Friday in April will be spaced theme.

The city is hosting an Eclipse & Sips event on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on the top deck of MRBL.

**FOR THE RECORD:** Mayor Cleves provided a State of the City. Full message is attached for reference.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

Police Chief Jon McClain reported on the following:  
Touch a Truck was a great success.

Chief McClain and Sgt. Lyon were involved in the traffic detail for Governor Beshear.

Sgt. Bass sat on an interview panel for promotions for the City of Independence Police Department.

Officers were involved in a incident today that involved three juveniles from Ohio. Said juveniles stole a car, attempted to get a Bellevue student out of school, broke into her home and end up on a high-speed chase that went into Newport. Several local authorities help and one juvenile has been detained and will have court tomorrow. Our Officers did a great job responding and handling the incident.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

Fire Chief Chris Adkins reported on the following:

Successful Christmas program.

Channel 5 did a highlight story on the Bellevue family that thanked the first responders who saved their mother's life.

One member just completed paramedic school and another member will be starting this month.

The department continues to be fully staffed.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

Code Enforcement Director Tom McDaniel reported on the following:

Code Board meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

A few cities have reached out on how Bellevue handled code enforcement. McDaniel will work with City Administrator Warnock to provide answers to the questions.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

Engineer's report is provided in the packet.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

Public Services Foreman Rick Mallery reported on the following:

The leaf truck has been put away for the year. However, we will continue to pick up leaves. Residents should bag the leaves and call the City Clerk's office.

**FOR THE RECORD:** City Administrator Frank Warnock reported on the following:

Working on rewriting the glossary for zoning issues. Also, will address zoning issues being brought before the Code Enforcement Board.

**FOR THE RECORD:** Terry Hatton just finished his 10<sup>th</sup> term as President of the Bellevue Vets. He thanked the city for our partnership. Hatton will be running for a house seat in District 67<sup>th</sup>. He will be hosting a kickoff party at the Vets on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**FOR THE RECORD:** City Attorney Fessler read Ordinance § 2024-01-01 an Ordinance regulating backyard chickens in the City of Bellevue, Kentucky.

**MOTION:** By Guidugli seconded by Kruse that Order 2024-01-01 authorizing Mayor Charlie Cleves to enter into a joinder agreement with Kentucky Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Authority (KDC).

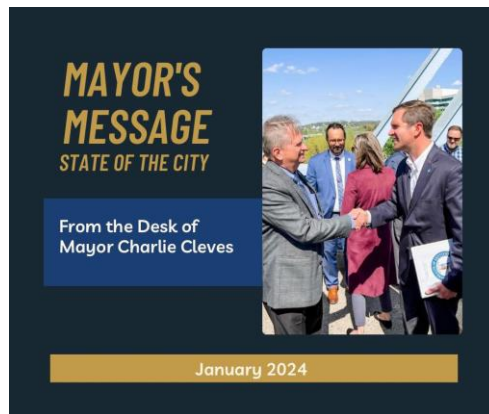
**MOTION:** By Fisher seconded by Hogan to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Motion Carried.

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Mayor, Charlie Cleves

**ATTEST:**

Lindy Jenkins  
City Clerk/Treasurer



The past year has been the best year since I was elected Mayor in 2019. Southern Living Magazine named Bellevue the most charming small town in Kentucky. World Atlas named the 11 best places for retirees in Kentucky ranking Bellevue number 5.

How does everyone now know we exist? Our Taylor Swift renaming of Taylor Avenue set a new record for hits to our website. We had 330,000-plus hits and we had eight television stations send their cameras to Bellevue. Our Barbie box also brought a lot of visitors to Bellevue, and media attention. Both of these events were the product of Marketing & Communications Director Melissa Morandi.

Other board members, mostly Mayors, come up to me at OKI and Kentucky League of City meetings and talk to me about the highly successful events we are running in our city.

We're trying the best we can to bring visitors to Bellevue to help our business owners. We continue to have a unique blend of shops and restaurants and we want them to be successful.

The FEMA Hillside Stabilization Project on North and South Sherry and Bonnie Leslie is now complete. Twenty-three homes saved. We just sold the lot the city purchased for access to get the equipment behind the homes.

Several streets were repaved this past year including the worst one in Bellevue which was Berry between Covert Run and Bonnie Leslie. Fairfield, Poplar, Fuhrman and O'Fallon were also resurfaced.

Lindy Jenkins is now our City Clerk. She brings a world of experience and we are glad she's on our team now.

We have received several awards for making our city smoke free. Our Board of Council and staff have been working hard amending subdivision regulations, parking rules, allowing golf carts, citizen participation guidelines, sidewalk policy and more. Standards have changed in the past 50 years and we are now catching up.

The events held by our business group Shop Bellevue - In Vue have been amazing. Beside the two that I have already mentioned there were two others that resulted in the most sales to our businesses. They were Fall Fest, and the tree lighting and Santa on the fire truck held the Saturday after Thanksgiving. In all there were over 20 events held by In Vue this past year.

There is now a school resource (police) officer at the high school. We bought a new police cruiser.

The Bellevue Neighborhood Association continues to make our whole city look good.

We host visioning sessions in February of each year so that the Board of Council members, staff and I can communicate with each other and set goals. It is gratifying to see the past goals that were set in previous visioning sessions become reality.

The strength of our city is our team. Frank Warnock was named Volunteer of the Year by the N. Ky. Bar Association. He is chair of the Bar Association's Local Government Committee. He was elected 2024 president of the Northern Kentucky City County Managers Association. Melissa was selected for Leadership Northern Kentucky. City Attorney Dave Fessler served as president Bellevue Education Foundation. Police Chief Jon McClain was elected secretary of the N. Ky. Police Chiefs Association. Jon serves on the board for the N. Ky. Police and Sheriffs Training Center. Jon was appointed by Gov. Beshear to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council, and serves on the curriculum committee. Sgt. Bass was selected to attend the federal Leadership Academy. Fire Chief Chris Adkins served as president the Campbell County Fire Chiefs Association. I was named to serve on the Kentucky League of Cities insurance board.

I want to thank our staff and our elected leaders for moving the city forward this past year.