

COUNCIL CHAMBER CITY OF BELLEVUE, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL MAY 13, 2026

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

MEMBERS: Harp, Bothman, Guidugli, Ondeck, Almoslechner and Kruse. Mayor Charlie Cleves presiding.

MOTION: By Guidugli seconded by Bothman that the Minutes of Regular Council on April 8, 2026 are accepted as received. Motion carried.

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

General Fund	(71)	\$	130,593.97
General Fund (4/30/26)	(8)		69,030.93
Capital Improvement	(2)		9,672.55
Port Bellevue	(1)		5,668.75
Port Bellevue (4/30/26)	(1)		132.29
City Events	(12)		4,173.66
Municipal Road Aid	(5)		21,351.42
Parks	(7)		6,111.03

Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Councilmember Ondeck discussed the traffic study for the Harbor Greene Development and the potential need for a project manager to oversee the project.

FOR THE RECORD: Councilmember Bothman provided a BNA update. Councilmember Harp mentioned the city cleanup set for May 23rd at 10 a.m.

FOR THE RECORD: Jennifer Wiehe and Angie Wyatt from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services provided a presentation on the need for foster families in the Northern Kentucky area. Looking to spread awareness through social media, city events, etc.

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

Wonderful DARE Graduation was held. Thanked Officer Brown for a great program.

Discussed the possibility of selling the Marianne Theater. This is the first plan that Mayor Cleves feels has a high chance of success.

Mayor Cleves is proposing to collaborate with the Greater Cincinnati Wiffleball League to play wiffleball at newly purchased property expansion at the beach park.

FOR THE RECORD:

Police Chief Jon McClain was absent. Lt. Alanna Bass stated their report is in the packet and reported on the following:

Presented the patches for the 250th Anniversary.

New Tahoe is complete – Officer Clark is going to drive this.

Chief McClain spent most of last week working on the Newport Fire investigation.

All but 2 flock cameras are up – already solved one crime at One Stop Liquor.

Chief met with State Conference.

Up for reaccreditation this year.

Met with Robin for popsicles with police and cookout.

Off Brown encountered a man at UDF and seized over \$8,000 in cash and a large amount of drugs.

City Administrator congratulated Lt. Bass on being accepted in the FBI Academy. Lt. Bass leaves in July.

FOR THE RECORD:

Fire Chief Brent Schafer stated his report is provided in the packet and reported on the following:

177 runs, 55 fire, 127 EMS runs. The department is up to 780 hours of training this year

Reminder statewide burn ban – no open burns, firepit regulations on our website

Duke Energy came in and did a class.

Bellevue mock prom – went well.

Showcase earlier in the month – thanks for attending.

Ladder truck came back this week – will be here for parade. We had to take everything off so we are evaluating if we want anything moves or replaced. Take advantage of it being stripped down.

Met with fire Marshall – walked through schools in Bellevue and Dayton. Got solutions.

Fire board – got a new vehicle for the Fire Chief.

Fatal fire in Newport –Students at Lincoln schools. Hits close to home. Thoughts and prayers. Not enough training for the guys that went to the call – keep them in your prayers.

FOR THE RECORD: Code Enforcement Director Tom McDaniel stated his report is in the packet.

FOR THE RECORD: Bev McPhail, Public Services Laborer stated their report is provided in the packet.

FOR THE RECORD: City Administrator Frank Warnock reviewed the streets that we have resurfaced and will be resurfacing in the upcoming fiscal year. A brick mason worked on City Hall this week. We will be getting a quote to paint City Hall.

FOR THE RECORD: Daniel Elmlinger provided a BNA update.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney Dave Fessler read Ordinance 2026-05-01 an ordinance levying and assessing ad valorem taxes for the general fund and municipal purposes for the City of Bellevue, for fiscal year July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, of all motor vehicles assessed within the City and setting the tax rate at .385 per \$100.00 valuation. First reading.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney Dave Fessler read Ordinance 2026-05-02 an ordinance amending Ordinance 2016-09-01 pertaining to the establishment of a development area for economic development purposes within the city to be known as the Bellevue Improvement District Development Area. First reading.

FOR THE RECORD: City attorney Dave Fessler read Ordinance 2026-05-03 an ordinance of the City of Bellevue vacating certain public rights-of-way, including (I) certain public right of way adjacent to Harbor Greene Drive and Berry Ave; (II) certain public right-of-way extending from Lafayette Ave and adjacent to Eden Ave; and (III) certain unmade public right-of-way, in each case, pursuant to KRS 82.405. First reading.

MOTION: By Almoslechner seconded by Ondeck that Order 2026-05-01 an order appointing Kathryn Pritchard to the Bellevue Code Enforcement Board pass. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Kruse seconded by Harp that Order 2026-05-02 an order reappointing Jill Fessler to the Historic Preservation Commission pass. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Guidugli seconded by Kruse that Order 2026-05-03 an order appointing Tim Wilhelm to the Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission pass. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Kruse seconded by Harp that Order 2026-05-04 an order appointing Harry “Nick” Brown to the Historic Preservation Commission pass. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Ondeck seconded by Kruse to **approve the concept of** Order 2026-05-05 an order approving an agreement between the City of Bellevue and the Greater Cincinnati Wiffleball League. Councilmembers Harp and Bothman voted no. Vote came 4-2. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Harp seconded by Bothman that Order 2026-05-06 an order entering into an interlocal agreement with the Northern Kentucky Public Sector Joint Health Insurance Pool pass. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Ondeck second by Almoslechner that Order 2026-05-07 an order authorizing the mayor to execute and deliver a MOU pertaining to the donation of property in connection with the Riverfront Development project pass. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Guidugli seconded by Harp that Order 2026-05-08 an order accepting a grant from the Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission to provide funding for the Police Department’s DARE Program pass. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Almoslechner seconded by Ondeck that Resolution 2026-05-01 a resolution acknowledging and celebrating “National Public Works Week” in the City of Bellevue pass. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Guidugli seconded by Almoslechner to go into executive session for the possible sale of City owned property. Entered executive session at 7:51 p.m.

MOTION: By Guidugli seconded by Almoslechner to enter back into regular session at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION: By Almoslechner seconded by Kruse to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor, Charlie Cleves

ATTEST:

Lindy Jenkins
City Clerk/Treasurer