



City Council Minutes

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

1. Call to Order

President Lampke called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

Council Members in Attendance: Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Sam Marcellino, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jess Saad

Ms. Lampke moved to excuse Mr. Silverman

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Danny Hurley, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jess Saad

Motion Passed 6-0.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Special Guests

a. Hometown Heroes Honorees - 1SG Jordan Lynch and CPL Chris Bragg

Ms. Lampke recognized First Sergeant Jordan Lynch and Corporal Chris Bragg and acknowledged their service in the armed forces, sharing a little bit about each of their contributions to the armed services.

First Sergeant Jordan Lynch shared about the privilege of being a musician in the armed forces.

Corporal Chris Bragg thanked everyone for coming and acknowledged the work that Mr. Silverman and Capital University have done to embrace and celebrate veterans.

b. Barb Jenks Triffon Volunteers of the Year - Bexley High School Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams

Ms. Lampke welcomed the Barb Jenks Triffon Volunteer of the Year award and invited Mayor Kessler and Mr. Price to present the award. They spoke about the award and the history of the

volunteer award and Mayor Kessler presented the proclamation to the team. Coach Acton spoke positively about his experience with Splish, Splash, and Dash and Ms. Lampke thanked them for all of their help.

Ms. Lampke returned to the first guest speakers at this time.

c. Mark Parrish - Candidate for Appointment to Architectural Review Board

Mr. Parrish spoke about his background and his experience in the City and his interest in this role. Ms. Saad complimented his resume and thanked him for his time. Mayor Kessler also shared about his experience with Mr. Parrish and thanked him for his service.

5. Public Comments regarding items not on the Agenda (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

6. President's Report

Ms. Lampke shared about the upcoming public records training and also reminded everyone that tonight's agenda is packed. She urged everyone to keep conversations productive.

7. City Attorney Report

None.

8. Auditor Report

Mr. McPeek shared that he is currently completing an invoice review and also shared about the upcoming audit process in 2026.

9. Administrative Update

a. Mayor's Update

Mayor Kessler shared some of the highlights of his report and also shared some legislative updates that he will continue to watch, also sharing that he'll keep Council apprised of any updates he hears.

b. Andy Bashore, Service Department

Mr. Bashore shared that the department's focus has been leaf removal.

c. Mike Price, Recreation Department

Mr. Price had no update to his report.

d. Karrie Martin, Finance Department

e. Megan Meyer, Development Department

10. Consent Agenda (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a. Meeting Minutes from November 11, 2025
- b. **Resolution 08-25** to schedule the Bexley City Council meeting dates and times for the year 2026, introduced by Monique Lampke on October 28, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke invited anyone to ask questions.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Danny Hurley, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jess Saad

Motion Passed 6-0.

11. Third Readings (No Speaker Slip Required)

- a. **Resolution 09-25** adopting the City of Bexley's Cyber Security Policy as required by RC section 9.64, introduced by Danny Hurley on October 28, 2025

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Hurley didn't have anything to add.

Mr. Hurley moved to adopt Resolution 09-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Danny Hurley, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jess Saad

Motion Passed 6-0.

- b. **Resolution 10-25** establishing the scheduling of Independence Day celebrations, including the parade and evening fireworks display, introduced by Monique Lampke on October 28, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the Resolution and Mr. Marcellino asked if we could just establish that it's July 3d, which Ms. Lampke explained was considered but ultimately the goal is to keep this in line with other communities.

Ms. Lampke moved to adopt Resolution 10-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Danny Hurley, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jess Saad

Motion Passed 6-0.

- c. **Ordinance 27-25** to amend Title Ten – Bicycles, Motorcycles, Snowmobiles of Part Four of the Codified Ordinances; to amend Section 474.07, Safe Riding Regulations for Bicycles; to amend Section 474.12 Operation of Minibikes, Scooters, Etc. on Sidewalks, Parks, and School Grounds; to amend Section 474.18, Electric Bicycles; and to create Section 475, Motorized Personal Mobility Devices, in order to further regulate the operation of bicycles, electric bicycles, and motorized personal mobility devices, introduced by Troy Markham on October 28, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Markham provided some background on the e-bike ordinance including walking through each of the new proposed changes to the legislation.

Mr. Marcellino asked why we were lowering the e-bike age for Class 1 bikes, which Mr. Markham answered. Ms. Feibel asked how we were going to make sure the community and kids know about this law, which Mr. Markham answered, speaking about the required training and the emphasis on education. Mayor Kessler also shared about the Communications Plan which is being drafted.

Mr. Hurley asked about whether a Class 1 vehicle will require training. Mr. Markham shared that not at this time but he's open to discussing. Mr. Hurley asked a question about a specific street, which was answered.

Ms. Saad spoke about her support of the ordinance and her opinion that the Class 1 shouldn't require training. Mayor Kessler, Mr. Marcellino, and Ms. Lampke all shared the opinion that they would be inclined to support this.

Mr. Markham moved to amend Ordinance 27-25.

Ms. Saad seconded.

Mr. Marcellino asked a question and Council discussed and make some adjustments to language.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Danny Hurley, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jess Saad
Motion Passed 6-0.

Mr. Markham moved to adopt Amended Ordinance 27-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

Mr. Spencer Cahoon of 800 South Cassingham shared some thoughts on the ordinance and his recommendations for the ordinance and enforcement.

Mr. Don Lewis of 663 Euclaire shared his concerns with the age limit which he feels is too low.

Ms. Patricia Kovacks of 275 Haversham Drive in Gahanna, Ohio is here to speak in an effort to keep law consistent throughout the state and shared some thoughts about age limits and other specifics in the ordinance.

Mr. Thomas McConnell of 2722 Bexley Park Road spoke about biking in Bexley and some of his thoughts on the language in the ordinance.

Mr. Markham spoke about his comfort with proceeding but shared he does feel we're likely to revisit this as we see it in practice. Mayor Kessler then shared some comments to address some of the items that were brought up during public comment. Mr. Hurley asked for the application of the City's distracted driving law. Ms. Saad provided some additional thoughts and Ms. Lampke shared her support for this ordinance.

Mr. McPeek then called the vote:

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Danny Hurley, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jess Saad

Motion Passed 6-0.

- d. **Ordinance 28-25** to provide a use variance for 519 South Drexel Avenue, in order to allow for the use of the property as a Multifamily Dwelling not to exceed three (3) units, introduced by Sam Marcellino on October 28, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Marcellino had nothing to add, but did remind Council that a public hearing on this ordinance is scheduled for the next Council meeting on December 9.

Mr. Marcellino moved to table Ordinance 28-25.

Mr. Markham seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Danny Hurley, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jess Saad

Motion Passed 6-0.

- e. **Ordinance 25-25** authorizing appropriations for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2026; to authorize general Fund Transfers and subsequent appropriations in the same amount in the Infrastructure Development Fund and Capital Fund in 2025; to appropriate unappropriated funds in the Street Maintenance Fund for Debt Service in 2025; and to authorize confirm the appointment of Marc Fishel as City Attorney, introduced by Jess Saad on October 28, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some brief background before turning this over to Mayor Kessler to lead through presentations. Mayor Kessler shared some of the highlights of the changes to the budget since the last time.

Mr. Price then walked Council through the key points on his budget. Mr. Marcellino asked about keeping the pool open longer, which Mr. Price shared is challenging from a staff standpoint, along with some other challenges. Ms. Saad asked an additional question about the pool. Mr. McPeek shared some philosophical thoughts on his budget and forecast, which Mr. Price responded to. Ms. Lampke asked a question about the pool management which Mr. Price answered. Mr. Price then answered a question from Ms. Saad on pool passes before starting his presentation on his capital budget request items. No further questions were presented on the capital budget portion and Ms. Lampke invited Mr. Bashore to share his budget.

Mr. Bashore led Council through his budget. Mr. Hurley asked about the EV meters and the revenue being generated and how that balances out, which Mayor Kessler and Ms. Meyer answered. Mr. Bashore then walked Council through his requests in the Capital Budget. Mr. Marcellino asked a question about the dish donkey and about lawnmowers which Mayor Kessler and Mr. Bashore answered. Ms. Lampke asked a question about the dump truck, which Mr. Bashore answered. Ms. Saad asked about the stump grinder, which Mr. Bashore answered.

Mr. McPeek asked about the sewer study fund, which Mayor Kessler explained has not been budgeted and has been postponed for further review with Council.

Ms. Constance Lewis of 663 Euclaire offered comments about the slate roofs, about cameras, and the social worker position. Mayor Kessler shared some answers for some of the comments provided.

Ms. Saad moved to table Ordinance 25-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Danny Hurley, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jess Saad

Motion Passed 6-0.

- f. **Ordinance 26-25** to establish compensation rates for non-bargaining unit employees of the City of Bexley, effective as of January 1, 2026, introduced by Jess Saad on October 28, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided a brief explanation of the purpose of this ordinance.

Ms. Saad moved to table Ordinance 26-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Danny Hurley, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jess Saad
Motion Passed 6-0.

11. Second Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- g. Ordinance 29-25** to appropriate \$82,000 from the Water Fund into the Water Administration Account to pay the 2025 third quarter water invoice from the City of Columbus, introduced by Jess Saad on November 11, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided some background on this ordinance, reminding Council we will be requesting a suspension and adoption.

Ms. Saad moved to suspend the three-reading rule for Ordinance 29-25.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Sam Marcellino, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jess Saad
Motion Passed 6-0.

Ms. Saad moved to adopt Ordinance 29-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Danny Hurley, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jess Saad
Motion Passed 6-0.

- h. Ordinance 30-25** to appropriate \$130,000 from the General Fund to the Grants and Donations Account in order to provide supplemental appropriations for grants that have been awarded, introduced by Jess Saad on November 11, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read Ordinance 30-25 and Ms. Saad explained the rationale behind this ordinance and reminded Council of the request to suspend and adopt.

Ms. Saad moved to suspend the three reading rule for Ordinance 30-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Danny Hurley, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jess Saad
Motion Passed 6-0.

Ms. Saad moved to approve Ordinance 30-25.

Mr. Marcellino seconded.

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Danny Hurley, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jess Saad
Motion Passed 6-0.

12. First Readings (Speaker Slip Required)

- a. **Ordinance 31-25** to authorize the Mayor and Auditor to enter into a contract between the City of Bexley and Franklin County Public Health, introduced by Danny Hurley on November 18, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Hurley provided a brief explanation of the purpose of this Ordinance.

- b. **Ordinance 32-25** to repeal the current version of section 648.11 of the Bexley codified ordinances, Disturbing the Peace, and to replace it with a new version in order to modernize and clarify provisions of this Section; expand protections for the peaceful enjoyment of residential neighborhoods; and to provide for expanded work hours for Low Impact Contractors, introduced by Alex Silverman on November 18, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Lampke provided some background for this ordinance before inviting Mayor Kessler to share some additional information. Mayor Kessler then spoke about the noise ordinance, walking Council through some of the key points in the attached memo.

Mr. Hurley asked a question about the definition, which Mayor Kessler answered. Mr. Marcellino mentioned that the hours are fairly variable in the ordinance, and shared he'd like more straightforward hours. Mr. Marcellino also shared concerns about potential financial impact, which Mayor Kessler addressed. Ms. Feibel also shared some of her thoughts on this ordinance.

Ms. Constance Lewis of 663 Eu Claire asked about the Capital University light audits and made comments about the associated noise.

- c. **Ordinance 33-25** to establish the water and sewer rates charged by the City of Bexley, introduced by Jess Saad on November 18, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Ms. Saad provided a brief background on this ordinance. Mayor Kessler shared some additional information on this increase and also shared about an upcoming meeting about this with other communities.

- d. **Ordinance 34-25** to amend 1223.06(a), in order to allow an additional alternate member for the Architectural Review Board, and to confirm the Mayor's appointments of members to the Community Improvement Corporation Board and the Architectural Review Board, introduced by Danny Hurley on November 18, 2025.

Mr. Fishel read the ordinance and Mr. Hurley provided some background on this ordinance.

13. Tabled Ordinances

None.

13. Public Comments (Speaker Slip Required)

None.

14. Safety Committee – Troy Markham, Chair

No report.

15. Service and Environmental Committee – Alex Silverman, Chair

Not present.

16. Finance Committee – Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad provided some information about an upcoming BEF event and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and provided a reminder on budgets.

17. Strategic and Health Committee – Danny Hurley, Chair

No report.

18. Recreation and Parks Committee – Lori Ann Feibel, Chair

Ms. Feibel shared her gratitude for working with Council members. She also acknowledged the late Mr. Harvey for his service in honor of Veteran's Day.

19. Zoning and Development Committee – Sam Marcellino, Chair

Mr. Marcellino retracted an earlier negative comment about the noise ordinance and expressed his appreciation to the Mayor for his work.

20. Adjourn

Ms. Lample moved

Ms. Saad seconded

All in Favor: Sam Marcellino, Lori Ann Feibel, Danny Hurley, Monique Lampke, Troy Markham, Jess Saad

Motion Passed 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.