

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

October 23, 2023

## **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

Mayor Schweller called the Regular Meeting of the Bellbrook City Council to order at 7:00pm

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Schweller led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL:**

### **PRESENT:**

Mrs. Katherine Cyphers  
Mr. Forrest Greenwood  
Mr. Brady Harding  
Mr. Ernie Havens  
Mr. T.J. Hoke  
Mrs. Elaine Middlestetter  
Mayor Mike Schweller

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Rob Schommer, City Manager

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Schweller asked if anyone had comments or corrections to the minutes of the October 9, 2023, meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were declared to be approved.

## **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

None

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Mayor Schweller announced the graduation of the Citizens Academy of Bellbrook. Thanked all for coming in and learning the inner working of the city and provided all whom participated a certificate of completion. Residents who participated: Denny Bennett, Carol Bennett, Nick Bucher, Olivia Doran, Eric Doran, Carmen Ferraro, James Froehlich, Stephen Haller, Allan Huffman, Kathy Huffman, Rebecca Langdon, Jenn Leclaire, Matthew Leclaire, Berdie Maranto, Philip Ograd, Jamie Oliver, and Jordan Rio.

Mr. Schommer thanked the group and Jenn Leclaire for bringing this great idea to the table. Also, mentioned Michaela Grant's time and hard work organizing the Citizens Academy. Mayor Schweller thanked the Citizens Academy of Bellbrook for their participation.

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Ethan Rabie, the director of the Emergency Management Program spoke in detail about the work provided through the agency.

Mayor Schweller asked for a Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Motion made by Mrs. Middlestetter, Seconded by Mr. Hoke.

Voting Yea: Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mr. T.J. Hoke, Mrs. Middlestetter, Mayor Schweller.

Motion Carries

Mayor Schweller asked for a Motion to exit the Executive Session.

Motion made by Mr. Hoke, Seconded by Mrs. Middlestetter.

Voting Yea: Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mr. T.J. Hoke, Mrs. Middlestetter, Mayor Schweller.

Motion Carries

## **PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:**

None

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

None

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 2023-R-27:** Declaring certain city owned property no longer required for municipal purposes as surplus and authorizing disposal of said property (Hoke)

Mayor Schweller mentioned the Police Cruiser being placed on Gov Deals.

Mayor Schweller asked for a Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-R-27.

Motion made by Mr. Hoke, Seconded by Mr. Havens.

Voting Yea: Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mr. T.J. Hoke, Mrs. Middlestetter, Mayor Schweller.

Motion Carries

**Resolution 2023-R-28:** Authorizing transfers between various funds of the City of Bellbrook (Cyphers)

Mr. Schommer explained the transferring of funds for other expenses into personnel expenses.

Mayor Schweller asked if the council had any questions or concerns. None

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Mayor Schweller asked for a Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-R-28.

Motion made by Mrs. Cyphers, Seconded by Mr. Greenwood.

Voting Yea: Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mr. T.J. Hoke, Mrs. Middlestetter, Mayor Schweller.

Motion Carries

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Schweller asked for a Motion to continue the PFAS litigation class settlement.

Motion made by Mr. Greenwood, Seconded by Mr. Havens.

Voting Yea: Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mr. T.J. Hoke, Mrs. Middlestetter, Mayor Schweller.

Motion Carries

Mayor Schweller announced the discussion about concerns of heavy truck traffic using downtown as a through route.

Mr. Schommer provided details on the infrastructure downtown for safer walkability for our pedestrians. Issues being investigated with the heavy truck traffic, noise, and debris being dropped on Main Street. Options being looked at are a no through truck style route on our local roadways and working with carrier who come through the downtown area.

Mr. Havens stated this being brought up the last few years. Mentioned touring two potential investors business-wise. Walked and three or more times we had to stop talking due to loud noise. Heavy trucks, safety, cross walks, debris, and noise issues with music in the park.

Mr. Greenwood mentioned safety, noise, and truck traffic that has intensified with growth around Bellbrook. Suggested these trucks using a route suggested.

Mr. Hoke voiced his support for the truck rerouting. Mentioned to coordinate with all parties to let them know of our reasoning behind this reroute suggestion. First, for the sake of our investment downtown, businesses, and safety for residents walking.

Mayor Schweller asked the council if anyone felt we didn't need to act on this.

Mr. Hoke suggested coordinating with the township.

Mr. Havens suggested passing a Resolution to prohibit it and giving the parties a thirty-day warning.

Mr. Schommer replied to the process would involve creating and writing an Ordinance.

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Mr. Hoke mentioned adding Greene County as coordination on that also.

Mayor Schweller suggested moving towards an Ordinance at the next meeting.

Mr. Schommer stated we can come back with the Ordinance. The discussion and votes would come off that.

Mr. Greenwood asked if we could get a report from staff on the benefits.

Mr. Schommer replied that the clean-up alone, repairs, and maintains of the infrastructure.

Mrs. Cyphers mentioned more children walking to school and this being a safety issue.

Mayor Schweller asked if there were any other questions or comments. None

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT:**

Mr. Schommer mentioned our new program this year, The Bellbrook Light Flight anticipated for Christmas in the Park on December 9, 2023. Register to enter contest to light your home or business up for the Bellbrook Light Flight by November 5, 2023. On December 9, 2023, the winner will be drawn, announced, and will receive a custom brick to be placed in the Bellbrook Historical Museum's Yellow Brick Road.

Mr. Schommer provided updates on the approved agreement through Enterprise Fleet Management for vehicles.

Upcoming schedule for the budget. Resolution for the CIP, introduction to the budget ordinance, public hearing, and consideration for the appropriation ordinance for the budget next year.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **SAFETY:**

Mr. Hoke encouraged residents to lock cars and keep items out of sight due to vehicle thefts in the area.

Police: three vehicles, job offer accepted for a new police officer, and a patrol rifle ordered and approved for our new swat team member, Officer Johnson.

Fire: Mentioned the success for a great community event, the Fire Prevention Open House. The winners for the coloring contest that attend Stephen Bell Elementary and Bellcreek Intermediate got breakfast at the station and a ride in the fire truck to school.

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## SERVICE:

Mr. Greenwood mentioned the fire hydrant replacements.

## FINANCE/GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS:

None

## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Mrs. Middlestetter mentioned that the Community Affairs Committee met and would like to make a Motion to remove Sara Beth Haase from the Planning Committee.

Motion made by Mrs. Middlestetter, Seconded by Mr. Havens.

Voting Yea: Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mr. T.J. Hoke, Mrs. Middlestetter, Mayor Schweller.

Motion Carries

## CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Mrs. Cyphers: None

Mr. Harding: Thanked all the participants in the Citizens Academy of Bellbrook, Mr. Hoke for coordinating the Spellbrook that was a success. Congrats to Bellbrook Football Team for being the SWBL Champs for the fourth year in a row.

Mr. Havens: Thanked all participants of the Citizens Academy of Bellbrook for staying through the Executive Session. Encouraged the Citizens Academy of Bellbrook to encourage others to sign up in the future.

Mr. Hoke: Thanked the Citizens Academy of Bellbrook for staying through the meeting. Mentioned the details on the first Spellbrook that was a success.

Mrs. Middlestetter: Mentioned on November 4, the craft show at Bellbrook High School hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Greenwood: Thanked the residents who participated in the Citizens Academy of Bellbrook. Mentioned all staff working for the all the residents of Bellbrook. Looking forward to all the extras being put on by Bellbrook. (Spellbrook & Christmas in the Park)

## EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

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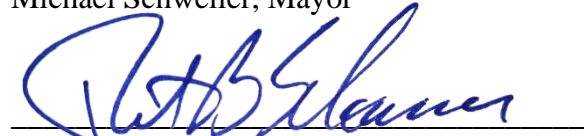
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## ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 9:17\_pm



Michael Schweller, Mayor



Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council