

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

May 28, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schweller led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. Logan Ashley
Mrs. Katherine Cyphers
Mr. Forrest Greenwood
Mr. Brady Harding
Mr. Ernie Havens
Mayor Mike Schweller

ABSENT

Mr. T.J. Hoke

A. Motion to excuse Mr. Hoke's absence.

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

Voting Yea: Mr. Ashley, Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mayor Schweller

Motion Carries

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL GUEST

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

David Buccalo: Lower Hillside spoke about the Charter Advisory Committee and removal of "God" from the Preamble of the Charter. He also noted concerns about the new light pollution ordinance and enforcement by the police. He also noted the City should annex rather than increase taxes for police and fire and stated the millage is 10 mills higher than Sugarcreek Township.

Mr. Schommer replied noting Mr. Buccalo was incorrect, that the police are not enforcing the light ordinance. He was also incorrect in the statement about millage in the City, when in fact the City of Bellbrook has .25 mills less than Sugarcreek Township.

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Keith McMorrow: 132 Washington Mill spoke about removing “God” from the preamble of the Charter and is not in favor of it.

Nick Tanner: 903 East Drive noted he is not in favor of removing “God” from the Charter.

Jean Meyer: 2105 Regent Park Drive noted she is not in favor of removing “God” from the Charter

Wendy Dyer: 3813 Callaway Ct. noted she is in favor of removing “God” from the Charter and is also not in favor of replacing it with “Creator”.

Paul Santoro: 3441 Morning Glory West Carrollton noted he is not in favor of removing “God” from the Charter

Kevin Martin: 3455 Pavilion Lane noted he is not in favor of removing “God” from the Charter

John Dorn: 2408 Spahr Rd noted he is not in favor of removing “God” from the Charter

7. CITIZENS REGISTERED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

8. PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- A. **Ordinance No. 2024-O-7:** AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT THE TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 TO THE GREENE COUNTY AUDITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Cyphers)

Mrs. Cyphers read the Ordinance.

Mr. Schommer

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-O-7

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

Voting Yea: Mr. Ashley, Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mayor Schweller

Motion Carries

9. INTRODUCTIONS OF ORDINANCES

- A. **Ordinance 2024-O-8:** AN ORDINANCE TO PROCEED TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19 AND SUBSECTION 5705.19(JJ), AS AMENDED, FOR ALL PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS 5705.19(I) AND (J) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, WHICH LEVY SHALL BE TWO AND TWO TENTHS (2.2) MILLS AND SHALL RUN FOR A CONTINUING PERIOD OF TIME PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19, AND DECLARING THAT THE QUESTION OF THE ADDITIONAL

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TAX LEVY BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2024. (Harding)

Motion to introduce Ordinance 2024-O-8

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

Voting Yea: Mr. Ashley, Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mayor Schweller

Motion Carries

10. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution 2024-R-13:** AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO RELATED AGREEMENTS WITH THE GREENE COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE FOR THE 2024 COLLECTIVE PAVING AND MARKING PROGRAM AND WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS (Greenwood)

Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-R-13

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

Voting Yea: Mr. Ashley, Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mayor Schweller

Motion Carries

- B. **Resolution 2024-R-14:** DECLARING CERTAIN CITY OWNED PROPERTY NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF SAID PROPERTY (Ashley)

Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-R-14

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

Voting Yea: Mr. Ashley, Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mayor Schweller

Motion Carries

11. OLD BUSINESS

- A. City Charter Review Process - Articles I-IV

12. NEW BUSINESS

None

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Schommer spoke on the 2024 Financial Statement and Audit. Provided details on the Bridge Project change orders. Also, the Main and Franklin project.

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Motion to direct the City Manager to apply to the Planning Board for the rezoning of 12 W. Franklin Street to Planned Commercial.

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

Voting Yea: Mr. Ashley, Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mayor Schweller

Motion Carries

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Safety Committee: Mr. Ashley spoke on the New Police Dodge Durango. Mentioned two stolen vehicles in Bellbrook within the last two weeks.
- B. Service Committee: Mr. Greenwood spoke on the grass abatements and dead tree removal done by the service department.
- C. Finance/Audit Committee: None
- D. Community Affairs Committee: Mr. Havens mentioned volunteer opportunities on boards.

15. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Mr. Ashley: None

Mrs. Cyphers: None

Mr. Greenwood: Provided details on the Memorial Day Ceremony in the Bellbrook Cemetery put on by the Bellbrook Boy Scouts (Troop 75).

Mr. Harding: Parking in neighborhood by Sackett Wright Park.

Mr. Havens: Thanked the Bellbrook Garden Club for planting flowers in our downtown pots. The community (schools and Lyons Club) did a groundbreaking ceremony for the EagleLand II.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

17. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm



Michael Schweller, Mayor



Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council