

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

June 10, 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

Mr. T.J. Hoke

Mayor Mike Schweller

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the May 13, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting minutes

Mayor Schweller asked if anyone had comments or corrections to the minutes of the May 13, 2024, meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were declared to be approved.

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL GUEST

None

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jennifer Leclaire of 3408 Pavilion Lane Bellbrook. Invited everyone to the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Community Support Centers Annual Community Block Party on Friday, June 21, 2024, from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

7. CITIZENS REGISTERED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

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8. PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED 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 TAX LEVY BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2024. (Harding)

Mayor Schweller opened the public hearing.

Mr. Schommer spoke on the needs of the levy noting the public safety fund balances have reduced to zero and a significant subsidy from the General Fund is needed which is not sustainable. He added the city is required to balance a budget; therefore there is a need to increase revenue or make cuts which would reduce services in public safety.

Jennifer Leclaire of 3408 Pavilion Lane Bellbrook spoke about the levy to the council. Stated she is in favor of the levy.

Motion to adopt 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, Mr. Hoke, Mayor Schweller

Motion Carries

9. INTRODUCTIONS OF ORDINANCES

- A. **Ordinance 2024-O-9:** AMENDING ORDINANCE 2023-O-6 BY MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF BELLBROOK FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Cyphers)

Mr. Schommer & the staff spoke on the Sugar Maple Festival Committee funding. Mentioned the city has been awarded a grant for the police and fire departments.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-O-9 at Introduction

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

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

Voting Abstaining: Mr. Ashley

Motion Carries

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10. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution 2024-R-15:** AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS TO COVER THE COSTS OF VARIOUS GOODS AND SERVICES ORDERED FOR CITY OPERATIONS AND TO MAKE PAYMENT ON INVOICES WITH A THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE (Greenwood)

Mr. Schommer spoke on the portion of the invoice for the bridge work for the change orders.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-R-15

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

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

Motion Carries

11. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Review of Charter Articles V – VII

The Council members discussed the changes requested to the Charter Articles.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Schommer provided updates on the ongoing projects to downtown Bellbrook. Mentioned the wait for the dry wells in front of the library. Meeting with Sugarcreek Township regarding studies in the future with police and fire within Bellbrook and Sugarcreek.

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Safety Committee: Mr. Hoke mentioned the Police department and the three New Durango's on patrol. Also, mentioned the upcoming active shooter training.
- B. Service Committee: Mr. Greenwood mentioned the service department and their work with the drain box, saving the city money for installation.
- C. Finance/Audit Committee: None
- D. Community Affairs Committee: Mr. Havens mentioned the Community Support Center and the Annual Community Block Party on Friday, June 21, 2024, from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

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15. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Mr. Ashley: Mentioned the Sugar Maple Committee sending thanks to the Mayor and City Manager.

Mrs. Cyphers: None

Mr. Greenwood: Memorial Day 2024 Boy Scout Troop 75 hosted a Memorial Day Service at the Bellbrook Cemetery. This will be an annual event starting on Memorial Day each year at 11:45am.

Mr. Harding: Mentioned the Museum Board meeting on site with Alix Holmes the Museum Curator.

Mr. Hoke: Congratulated the Bellbrook Boys Lacrosse Team.

Mr. Havens: Mentioned the upcoming Levy.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

17. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm



Michael Schweller, Mayor



Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council