

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

October 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

Motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Hoke

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

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the October 14, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting minutes.

Mayor Schweller asked if anyone had comments or corrections to the minutes of the October 14, 2024, meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were declared to be approved.

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL GUEST

A. Recognition of employees for benchmark years of service to the City.

B. Mayor Schweller conducts Oath of Office for Officer Cameron Roark

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dan Dirkson S. Main Street spoke about the truck route issue. He noted the wear and tear, the noise pollution and the number of trucks has increased. He noted he cannot open the windows of his house due to the dust not to mention the rocks and gravel that fall onto the street. He stated he is looking for representation from City Council to re-route the trucks out of downtown. He added having people walking downtown having less trucks makes it safer.

Pete Fee 27 S. Main Street spoke about the truck route noting he lives downtown. He added it is a 6 day a week problem that starts before the sun comes up. He noted the trucks keep him up and had to move his bedroom to the back of his house. He noted the neighbors of Ferry Road speaking their concerns of what may happen to them is happening to him and his neighbors already on a daily basis 6 days a week. He added he has lived in his home for 20 years and there are more and more

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trucks all the time. He asked that Council represent the residents noting the Township residents can approach their representatives. He added if it is not stopped at least put some restrictions on the amount and the time.

Mr. Ashley asked Mr. Fee what the impact of putting some restrictions on hours and turns how he would perceive that. Mr. Fee replied he believes in collaboration and is open to any kind of relief.

Deborah Schramm 36 S. Main Street. She noted she was not going over all the same issues and wanted to talk about Bellbrook in the past, present and future. She noted Bellbrook was quiet and it is not anymore, noting there were kids playing, cyclists and even horses traveling on the street. She added she and neighbors could talk with neighbors on the front porch when it was old Bellbrook. She noted they want Bellbrook back. Present day neighbors don't know each other, there are no kids playing, no joggers or cyclists. She stated you can't grill in your back yard, you can't sit on your front porch and can't have your windows open due to the dust. She stated in 1 hours' time earlier today there were 56 big trucks, noting the 300 average number has to be low. She also noted the trucks start at 4:30 in the morning. She commented on the future with two options, the truck route ordinance is passed and a get the neighborhood back, or don't pass it and get more and bigger trucks.

Paula DiSalvo 108 S. Main St. states that the downtown area is never going to be able to go back to the small town atmosphere that the area once was and that the businesses are being singled out.

Bernadette DiSalvo 2414 Ferry Road states she has attended several of the council meetings and the Sugarcreek Township meetings and her concern is that the speed limit on Ferry Rd. will be raised. She also agrees baby steps need to be taken to handle all the issues. Has concerns of the damages that can come between Sugarcreek and Bellbrook

Mike Bakin 2790 Ferry Road spoke of the houses near the roadway, traffic and the speed limit along with sight views on Ferry Rd and Wilmington Pk and how things are going to be worse.

Ian Farther 2126 S. Lakeman states he is not against the ordinance but since he lives closer to the Wilmington Pk area that his concerns for the future of the road.

Diedra Bakin 2790 Ferry Road noted her concern about Ferry Road speed and the trucks on the road and it is unsafe.

Brad Linard 1765 Sugar Maple Pl. spoke of the speed board sign on Little Sugarcreek Rd. and the visibility issues and the length of time the batteries last in sign. Also mentioned that people need to read the truck ordinance more thoroughly. He states that it isn't eliminating trucks just possibly reducing truck flow.

David Dault 3720 W. Franklin Street spoke about chickens.

Denny Bennett 2211 Shadowood Cir. Asked council to not allow chickens in Bellbrook.

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Council Members voiced their thoughts on the truck route ordinance. Mayor Schweller asked for motion in next meeting.

7. CITIZENS REGISTERED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

8. PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

9. INTRODUCTIONS OF ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance 2024-O-11 REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 440 “COMMERCIAL AND HEAVY VEHICLES” OF TITLE SIX “VEHICLES AND OPERATION” OF PART FOUR “TRAFFIC CODE” OF THE BELLBROOK MUNICIPAL CODE (Greenwood)

Mayor Schweller noted he wanted to wait until Mr. Hoke is back so all Council can participate in the vote for such an important issue.

10. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Animal Ordinance Review

Mr. Schommer reviewed a document provided by Mr. Ashley and noted its purpose was to begin the discussion of reviewing the City’s Ordinances regarding animals. Council asked for a staff review and report at the next meeting.

B. 2025 Budget Process

Mr. Schommer reviewed the budget schedule and process. He noted there will be limited Capital projects as well as reductions where possible to cover the public safety subsidy needed. He asked Council to submit any specific projects or budget concerns during the worksheet preparation period.

C. Speeding vehicles and targeted mitigation discussion

Mr. Schommer reported staff has been obtaining quotes and reviewing the previously discussed options for speed awareness and reduction.

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None

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14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Safety Committee
None
- B. Service Committee
Mr. Greenwood mentioned hydrant flushing Nov 4th – 8th

Finance/Audit Committee
None
- C. Community Affairs Committee
None

15. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Mr. Greenwood stated that Spellbrook went well, and people visited the Museum.

Mr. Harding congratulated the employees recognized for their years of service and welcomed Officer Roark to the department.

Mr. Havens also mentioned Spellbrook went well and thanked Mr. Hoke for all his work with Spellbrook and others that helped. He congratulated the employees recognized this evening. Thanked all the residents for coming out to share their opinions on issues.

Mayor Schweller also congratulated the employees recognized and thanked Louie the camera man.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

17. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm



Michael Schweller, Mayor



Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council