

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

November 12, 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 October 28, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting minutes.

Mayor Schweller asked if anyone had comments or corrections to the minutes of the October 28, 2024, meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were declared to be approved.

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL GUEST

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

John Baldino 2242 Ferry Road spoke about parking issues on South Main Street.

Killeen DesCombes 7310 Wilmington Pike spoke about frustration with truck road changes increasing traffic on Wilmington Pike.

Dan Ernst spoke about his concerns about the truck route ordinance.

Dan Dirkson 21 S. Main Street spoke about the truck route ordinance.

Tim Taylor 22 N. East Street spoke about the truck route ordinance and noted he encouraged the voting members of Bellbrook to give Council a chance to represent their best interests.

Deborah Schramm spoke about the truck ordinance and noted she appreciated what Mr. Ernst proposed; however the majority of the trucks are not necessarily from Ernst.

David Buccalo 126 Lower Hillside Dr spoke about outside changes imposed upon the community brought by partisan politics of the Democrat and Republican parties. He also noted ethics violations are violations of the law and if an elected official has a conflict, it should be noted.

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Pete Fee 27 S. Main wanted to thank Council for allowing open discussion and statements about the truck ordinance.

7. CITIZENS REGISTERED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

8. PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

9. INTRODUCTIONS OF ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance 2024-O-14 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF BELLBROOK FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 (Cyphers)

Mrs. Cyphers read the Ordinance.

Mr. Schommer noted the Ordinance is the appropriations Ordinance for 2025. He noted the details will be added for the public hearing pending any additional discussion or additions by Council this evening.

Motion to introduce Ordinance 2024-O-14.

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

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

10. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution 2024-R-24 APPROVING INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT AMOUNTS AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO CERTIFY THE AMOUNTS TO THE GREENE COUNTY AUDITOR TO ENTER THE DELINQUENT AMOUNTS ON THE TAX DUPLICATE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES (Havens)

Deputy Mayor Havens read the Resolution.

Mr. Schommer explained the Resolution provides for placement of abatement and delinquent service charges on the tax duplicate of the respective properties for collection of the costs and fees.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-R-24

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

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

- B. Resolution 2024-R-25 AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS WITHIN VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF BELLBROOK (Greenwood)

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Mr. Greenwood read the resolution.

Mr. Schommer explained the transfer is to cover year-end personnel and other expenses. He noted this is not an additional appropriation, but a transfer of already budgeted and appropriated funds to other funds to balance out closer actual expenses.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-R-25

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

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

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Animal Ordinance Review

Miss Grant reviewed her staff report that compares several area animal ordinances providing details of common inclusions and pros/cons.

Council asked for additional information regarding complaints and statistics from neighboring communities.

B. 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)

Mr. Greenwood read the title to the Ordinance.

Mr. Ashley made a motion to amend.

Deputy Havens asked for a point of order stating it cannot be amended without an amendment. Mr. Schommer clarified that a motion can be made to amend the Ordinance in the form of a motion.

Mr. Ashley continued the discussion explaining the basis of his proposed amendment. He noted it would include removing N. Main Street from the proposed Ordinance.

Mayor Schweller asked to clarify the motion will be to only prohibit south bound truck traffic. Mr. Ashley noted he wishes to have a phased in approach to better represent the Wilmington Pike residents and the rest of the community.

Motion to amend Mr. Ashley. No second
Motion died on the floor

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-O-11

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

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

Voting Nay: Mr. Ashley

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2024-R-23 ADOPTING THE CITY OF BELLBROOK FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR 2025-2029

Mr. Schommer explained the Resolution will be introduced with a public hearing at next meeting and this introduction was for information only.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Schommer spoke on finalizing our action plan for our age friendly community designation that the city received a grant in addition to our designation through AARP . He mentioned grants that were given for pedestrian improvements and making more walking ability downtown.

He also spoke of a Cannabis moratorium and the need to address it in upcoming meetings. Mr. Hoke mentioned how vague the wording was in the version of the law that passed and had there been any clarification of where tax money is going. Mr. Schommer said he would get more detail on it.

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Safety Committee

Mr. Hoke mentioned this time of year where deer strikes are up and to take caution while driving.

- B. Service Committee

None

- C. Finance/Audit Committee

None

- D. Community Affairs Committee

Deputy Mayor Havens mentioned volunteers are needed for the Village Review Board, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Historic Society and urged residents to participate in their local government.

15. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Mr. Harding and thanked everyone that spoke and attended the meeting tonight.

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Mr. Hoke also thanked everyone who attended and spoke.

Deputy Mayor Havens spoke to the residents on Wilmington Pk. that they are not being ignored and that they are high priority and Council is analyzing various ways to help the situation.

Mr. Schommer noted Wilmington Pk. and the concerns Council have talked about regarding traffic. He stated the City has reached out to the City's engineers about the City's portion onto Centerville Rd and is reviewing options to evaluate the traffic conditions.

Mayor Schweller thanked the audience and everyone that spoke. He also thanked our Veterans as Monday was Veterans Day. Also 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 8:18 pm



Michael Schweller, Mayor



Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council