

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

December 23, 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

## 5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL GUEST

Mayor Schweller thanked all who participated in the 2024 Bellbrook Light Fight in the Light Up Bellbrook Parade. Thanked Melissa Jones for organizing the event, Service, Police and Fire Departments for their assistance and also the Service Department for the Living Room Float. There was a good turnout.

## 6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

David Buccalo 126 Lower Hillside Dr spoke on the executive session on the agenda.

## 7. CITIZENS REGISTERED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

## 8. PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None

## 9. INTRODUCTIONS OF ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance 2024-O-15 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

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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 MAY 6, 2025. (Harding)

Mr. Harding read the Ordinance.

Mr. Schommer noted the Ordinance creates the process to place a levy on the ballot in May 2025. He asked the Ordinance be introduced and scheduled for a public hearing.

Motion to introduce Ordinance 2024-O-15

Motion made by Mr. Harding, 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-27 DETERMINING IT NECESSARY TO PROCEED WITH SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19 AND SUBSECTION 5705.19(JJ), AS AMENDED, 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 REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH (Ashley)

Mr. Ashley read the Resolution.

Mr. Schommer explained this resolution requests certification from the County Auditor for the requested 2.2 mill tax levy value. The certification is necessary for passage of the Ordinance to place the levy on the ballot.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-R-27.

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

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

- B. Resolution 2024-R-28 AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES WITHIN VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF BELLBROOK

Mrs. Cyphers read the Resolution

Motion to adopt Resolution

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

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

## 11. OLD BUSINESS

None

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## 12. NEW BUSINESS

None

## 13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Staff is working to close out the year. Nothing else to report.

## 14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Safety Committee – Mr. Hoke said the fire department received a \$26,000 MARCS radio grant that will help update mobile radios.  
Full time position was filled by Christopher Blanken who will start January 6.  
There is a blood drive at the fire department on January 28.  
Police – body camera grant was submitted. Had their last week of weapons training. Had Emergency Management Center training with the fire department and Greene Co on 12/12 simulating a HAZMAT scenario in Bellbrook. FOP Shoes for the Homeless was held 12/2. Kids from Stephen Bell Elementary and Bell Creek Intermediate went to The Legacy Center with officers to pick out shoes. Used portable radios were purchased from Xenia and they're working well.
- B. Service Committee – Mr. Greenwood thanked the Service Department for their upkeep and maintenance of the City buildings.
- C. Finance/Audit Committee – Nothing to report
- D. Community Affairs Committee – Mr. Havens said there are still openings on various boards and asked to spread the word.  
Vicki Budd made a significant donation to the Police and Fire Departments.

## 15. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Ashley – Hopes everyone has a nice holiday

Cyphers – None

Greenwood – Said Christmas in the Park was nice and suggested to have the route changed next year.

Harding – Wished Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Hoke – Asked to remember our

Havens – Thanks for all City participation in Christmas in the Park. Thanked Bellbrook Santa.

Mayor Schweller – Wished happy holidays, thanked viewers and Louie.

## 16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Motion to enter executive session for a conference with an attorney for the City concerning disputes involving the City that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

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

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

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Council entered Executive Session at 19:41

Motion to exit executive session.

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

Council exited Executive Session at 8:35

## 17. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm



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Michael Schweller, Mayor



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Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council