# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting October 13, 2025

# 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

Deputy Mayor Ernie Havens

Mr. T.J. Hoke

Mayor Mike Schweller

#### 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the September 22, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Minutes were approved as submitted.

# 5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL GUEST

Mayor Schweller read a letter from Senator Kyle Koehler about the Museum anniversary.

# 6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joanne Mushala 2238 Bandit Trail, Beavercreek, spoke about the Library Levy James Becker 3860 Polo Trace spoke about chickens Jenn LeClaire 3408 Pavillion spoke about the Community Support Center having an event at Blueberry Cafe. She also noted early voting has begun.

# 7. CITIZENS REGISTERED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

- 8. PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES
- 9. INTRODUCTIONS OF ORDINANCES
- 10. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS
- 11. OLD BUSINESS
- 12. NEW BUSINESS

# 13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Schommer gave an update on N Main / Little Sugarcreek traffic. Our Service Department installed rumble strips on Little Sugarcreek and will finish N Main as soon as the equipment arrives.

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Survey regarding small livestock is in progress with a consultant who is well versed in assuring it is validated.

Short term rental legislation is in development with legal assistance.

We are going to work with an outside firm to audit our IT practices as a proactive approach to preventing cyber attacks.

We will have 2 more "Get the Facts" meetings prior to the election to give residents a chance to get facts and ask questions. Mr. Schommer also explained how Bellbrook will use its portion the half mill that Greene County is rolling back to cities in 2026 for public safety and encouraged residents to reach out if they have questions or would like to discuss any of the upcoming issues.

Mr. Greenwood asked if there is an update on the school. There is not an update.

Mr. Schommer explained that we are sensitive to those affected by the government shutdown and said to contact us with utility bill hardship if needed.

Mrs. Cyphers asked the cost of the small livestock survey. It has not yet been calculated as it will depend on multiple factors. Council will see the survey at the October 27 meeting. Results should start coming in as soon as it is published. Mr. Schommer recommended keeping the survey open for 2 weeks but not more than 30 days.

Mr. Hoke said we can put up a sign at Spellbrook so residents know about the Get the Facts meetings.

# 14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Safety Committee Mr. Ashley said Chief Bizzaro thanked everyone who came to the Fire Department open house and shared some upcoming activities they are doing with the schools. No updates from Police but shared that Officer Bennington is working with students to be the SRO for a day.
- B. Service Committee Mr. Greenwood asked if the depth of the rumble strips can be adjusted. It can and will be to avoid unnecessary noise for nearby residents. Service Department is ready for snow.
- C. Finance/Audit Committee No update
- D. Community Affairs Committee No update

# 15. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Mr. Ashley – None

Mrs. Cyphers – Said she appreciates the work the Service Department has done on Little Sugarcreek with the rumble strips. She is anxious to see the results of the small livestock survey. She was prepared to make a motion tonight to vote on the Ordinance but will wait until we have survey results.

Mr. Greenwood – Said he is concerned about the direction the government is going in regard to property taxes and spoke in favor of first responders being funded.

Mr. Harding – None

Mr. Hoke - None

Mr. Havens – Told the story of what brough him and his wife to live in Bellbrook and it was because of the level of safety they felt with our police department. Encouraged voters to come out and support Issue 3 to maintain our level of safety.

Mayor Schweller- Encouraged everyone to vote. He attended the Fire Department open house. Thanked those in attendance and online viewers and Louie.

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16. EXECUTIVE SESSION17. ADJOURNMENT

7:40

Michael Schweller, Mayor

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council