

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

October 27, 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 October 13th, 2025, regular meeting minutes.
Minutes were approved as submitted

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL GUEST

- A. Mayor Schweller recognized City Volunteers
- B. Mayor Schweller recognized employee milestone anniversaries and introduced newly hired and promoted employees
- C. Mayor Schweller presented Mayoral Proclamations for the 45th Anniversary of Miami Valley Military Affairs Association, October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and 4th Grade Pee Wee Football and Cheer Team

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Steve Berryhill recognized Allison Gibbs and Melissa Jones for their work on the 200th Anniversary Event.

7. CITIZENS REGISTERED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

8. PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

9. INTRODUCTIONS OF ORDINANCES

10. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution 2025-R-18 AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES WITHIN VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF BELLBROOK (Cyphers)
Mr. Schommer explained that the transfers between funds are needed to cover expenses through the end of the year. There have been unplanned extended absences in personnel and electric and gas costs have increased.

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

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

B. Resolution 2025-R-19 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL IJIA FUNDS THROUGH THE MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (Greenwood)

Mr. Schommer said this Resolution is needed because MVPRC and ODOT need the actual calculated amount from our original estimate. Also ODOT has add-on requirements for transportation money from federal funds. We want to except ourselves from the 12-foot multi use lane requirement. This Resolution only specifies our intentions.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-R-19

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

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

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review and Discussion for formal community survey for small livestock.

The survey had been drafted and simplified by a consultant. Mr. Harding commented that the Ordinance, as it is, isn't easily understood. The survey simplifies the Ordinance and provides information. Mr. Havens is concerned about the question in section 1 leading someone to think their input does not count or matter. Mr. Schommer explained it is intended to show we are getting input from all areas of the community.

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Schommer gave an update on the 2026 budget schedule.

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Safety Committee – Mr. Ashley passed on Chief Carmin's message about preventing vehicle thefts. Chief Bizarro welcomed the 2 new part-time employees
- B. Service Committee – Mr. Greenwood spoke about the water main break and thanked the Service Department for the quick repair.
- C. Finance/Audit Committee – No report
- D. Community Affairs Committee – No report

15. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Mr. Ashley – Wished happy birthday to Melissa Jones. Thanked attendees at Halloween in the Park.
Mrs. Cyphers – Attended the school board meeting last week and asked if there is a joint meeting scheduled in November. Mr. Schommer said it is November 17 and the Bellbrook administration offices.

Mr. Greenwood – Commented on the spirit of Bellbrook and how residents get involved. Thanked City employees who were recognized earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Harding – Thanked meeting attendees.

Mr. Hoke – Spellbrook was held and thanked attendees. Also thanked those who came to support the funeral procession of Major Diaz.

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Deputy Mayor Havens – Sentiments on everything already said especially employee service to the community.

Mayor Schweller – Thanked volunteers and congratulated employees with milestone anniversaries. Congratulated Brett on promotion. Encouraged everyone to vote. Thanked meeting attendees, viewers and cameraman.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

17. ADJOURNMENT

7:50



Michael Schweller, Mayor



Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council