

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

November 10, 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 27, 2025, Meeting Minutes
Minutes were approved as submitted.

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL GUEST

Mayor Schweller thanked the citizens of Bellbrook for voting to pass the levy. He said it is an honor to continue to serve as mayor. Congratulated Mrs. Cyphers and Mr. Greenwood and welcomed newly elected councilwoman Kathleen Wright.

Mr. Greenwood thanked voters and thanked Mr. Schommer for his work on the levy.

Mrs. Cyphers thanked voters for the levy and her re-election.

Deputy Mayor Havens said we wouldn't ask for additional tax if it wasn't necessary. He thanked Mr. Schommer for putting out all of the information related to the levy.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Brent Haas and daughter Aubrey spoke about the small livestock ordinance.

Jenn LeClaire spoke about 2025-R-21 regarding the reinterment of remains to Pioneer Cemetery.

Jodi Martin Puterbaugh spoke about the same.

David Buccalo 126 Lower Hillside spoke about the same

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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-20 ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FUND NO. 400 TITLED "PUBLIC SAFETY FUND" (Cyphers)

Mrs. Cyphers read the Resolution.

Mr. Schommer explained the creation of the new fund. It is not a general fund, and funds cannot be transferred out of it to be used outside of public safety.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-R-20

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

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

- B. Resolution 2025-R-21 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DOYLE HUGHES DEVELOPMENT FOR THE REINTERMENT OF CERTAIN REMAINS (Greenwood)

Mr. Greenwood read the resolution and the attachment.

Mr. Schommer added clarification. The City was approached by a relative of the deceased individuals. Doyle Hughes Development will follow all protocols and rules for reinterment after probate court approves.

David Buccalo, 126 Lower Hillside, said there should be give and take passing legislation. He asked if he heard that the City would act before probate court approves. Mr. Schommer clarified that the location has to be indicated in the filing for reinterment and in order to have Pioneer Cemetery listed as the location, we need to approve the location.

Mr. Hoke asked if there is not a place in Pioneer Cemetery would the developer look for a new location.

Mr. Harding asked if we could make a conditional approval pending the decision of probate court.

Mr. Havens said we aren't approving moving of graves, we are offering a place in our City for the remains to be placed.

Mr. Schommer said that our approval is simply giving permission to place the remains in Pioneer Cemetery.

Mr. Greenwood said there will be time to further investigate while the probate court case is pending. He spoke about why the relatives chose Pioneer.

Mr. Hoke added that a vote on this issue does not show support for land outside our city, only how to properly handle remains when moved.

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-R-21

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

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11. OLD BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Community Development Administrator Cathi Spaugy discussed the recent award of Age Friendly Community Grant.
- B. Mr. Schommer said the next meeting agenda will include the 2026 budget and public hearing for CIP. December 8 meeting will have public hearing for budget.
He said the existing MOU between Sugarcreek Township, City of Bellbrook and Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District has been terminated by the Park District. There was no dialog or discussion, we received a letter from their legal representatives. Our legal counsel is looking into the matter. Deputy Mayor Havens talked about how the MOU came to be.
Mr. Schommer clarified that the MOU is not with the court. The MOU is between Sugarcreek Township, City of Bellbrook and the Parks District regarding their process to make a recommendation for appointment.
Mr. Hoke said he thought the MOU was to address more investment in sports facilities and that has not happened.

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Safety Committee – Mr. Ashley said Chiefs Bizzarro and Carmin thank the community for their support of the public safety levy.
- B. Service Committee – Mr. Greenwood said the Service Department planned to salt bridges before the snow.
- C. Finance/Audit Committee – Nothing
- D. Community Affairs Committee - Nothing

15. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Mr. Ashley said happy birthday to the US Marine Corp. He also said “happy Veterans Day.” He congratulated all winners at the election.

Mrs. Cyphers went to the safety meeting at the school board and gave Brady accolades for helping with parking arrangements.

Mr. Greenwood mentioned the Marine Corp birthday and recognized that tomorrow is Veterans Day. Thanked voters for re-election and passing the levy. Congratulated other election winners.

Mr. Harding thanked everyone who came to the meeting.

Mr. Hoke said happy birthday to the Marine Corp and thanked veterans.

Deputy Mayor Havens thanked the Haas family for coming and asked them to reach out to him to discuss their rabbit needs. He is disappointed in the Parks District. Thanked Voters

Mayor Schweller thanked veterans and attendees and viewing audience and Louie.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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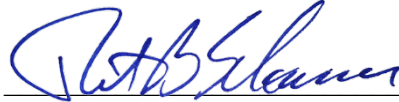
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17. ADJOURNMENT

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Michael Schweller, Mayor

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Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council