

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

September 12, 2022

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Schweller called the Regular Meeting of the Bellbrook City Council to order at 7:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Schweller led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Mrs. Katherine Cyphers

Mr. Forrest Greenwood

Mr. Brady Harding

Mr. Ernie Havens

Mr. T.J. Hoke

Mrs. Elaine Middlestetter

Mayor Mike Schweller

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT:

Rob Schommer, City Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Schweller asked if anyone had comments or corrections to the minutes of the August 22, 2022 meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were declared to be approved.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Schweller offered condolences to the family of Jim "Pee Wee" Martin who passed on 9/12/2022.

Mr. Greenwood thanked him for his service to our country

Mayor Schweller thanked all the volunteers and organizations for their time in the Bellbrook cleanup.

Greg Sparks spoke on behalf of the Bellbrook Lions Club and Eagle Scout projects with updating signs around Bellbrook. John Gostinett gave a presentation on his Eagle Scout Project involving improvements to the wagon wheel signs at the entrance to the City.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kevin Price from the school board spoke about the cross walks that are currently not marked.

Mayor Schweller stated the City has the downtown street scape program going on which includes cross walks.

Mr. Havens stated a very detailed design is being done regarding the cross walk by the library. It is being revamped for the safety of the residents. Some residents want sidewalks, and some do not.

PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2022-R-31 Authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract for municipal bridge inspection services (Mr. Harding)

Mr. Harding read the Resolution.

Mayor Schweller stated this is a reoccurring item for annual bridge inspection the City has done in the past.

Mr. Schommer explained the State has agreed to one additional year of funding for this program. Municipalities under 50,000.00 in population can have inspections done under the program at no cost utilizing federal money.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-R-31

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

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

Motion Carries

Resolution 2022-R-32 Authorizing the city manager to enter into a master agreement to provide service to an Aggregated group (Mrs. Cyphers)

Mayor Schweller stated this is an aggregation agreement for Natural Gas.

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Mr. Schommer explained the consultant indicated he was originally waiting to get through the winter months until after the gas rates go up to lock in an agreement. However, the overall market on gas has climbed higher than originally anticipated he believes now would be the opportunity to lock in agreement.

Mayor Schweller asks if the rules for the citizens will be the same as electric, to opt in or out. Me. Schommer stated it is the same.

Mayor Schweller asks if Council has any questions regarding Resolution 2022-R-32. None

Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-R-32

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

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

Motion Carries

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Schommer spoke on the (CIC) Community Improvement Corporation. The next step is to formalize a set of Bylaws then file Articles of Incorporation and send to the State for approval. The CIC would then have a meeting, elect officers and council will pass a Resolution to have the CIC as an agent or an arm of development for the city.

Mayor Schweller asks council if they are prepared to speak about this article tonight. The mayor feels it is good to have the mayor and two council members, and allow a non-resident who owns real-estate in Bellbrook as members of the CIC Board.

Mr. Hoke asked if the legal department has reviewed the draft and Mr. Schommer stated the Law Director has.

Mr. Havens asked, of the members that are appointed or elected permanent, was the executive director part of this count. Mr. Schommer stated no, it would be a non-voting member. The executive director would handle day to day business over the CIC. The board would be the voting members and policy setters.

Mr. Havens states the mayor being part of the CIC would be a good idea.

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Mr. Schommer gave an update on the ARPA projects and bids including the outdoor warning sirens, storm water improvements, and downtown street improvements.

Mr. Schommer stated there will be a joint meeting with the School Board, Sugarcreek Twp Trustees, and the Park District Trustees on September 19, 2022. He noted if there were any specific agenda topics other than student and school safety to submit them by Wednesday.

Mr. Havens asks for clarification on school board meeting and questions not on the agenda. Mr. Schommer noted the School Board cannot discuss a topic not listed on their agenda.

Mayor Schweller asks about the Auction results. Mr. Schommer stated it is slow but we are close to closing the auction items on Gov Deals.

Mr. Schommer spoke on the construction being done to the Museum in downtown Bellbrook. Siding will not be place back on the building if the evaluation of the existing logs results in no significant structural issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SAFETY: None

SERVICE:

Mr. Greenwood noted the EPA was coming in and testing the seven wells and the plant for forever chemicals. He added this testing is being done statewide.

FINANCE/GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS:

Mrs. Cyphers noted the Committee met and discussed the Audit and 2nd quarter financial report.

Mayor Schweller asks if everyone has a copy of the second quarter financial report in the packet, and if anyone had any questions on the reports. None

Motion to approve the 2nd Annual Financial Report

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

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

Motion Carries

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Mrs. Middlestetter noted the Committee met to discuss applicants for the planning board. The Committee recommends Sarabeth Martin Haase to fill the vacancy

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Motion to appoint Sarabeth to the Planning Board

Motion made by Mrs. Middlestetter, Seconded by Mr. Harding

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

Abstain: Mr. Havens

Motion Carries

CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Mrs. Cyphers spoke on the Street Scape project and crosswalks near the Library, Bellbrook Park to the Museum, and South Linda across 725. She noted she hopes the crosswalk will be painted on 725.

Mr. Harding thanks John with Eagle Scouts and appreciates the Museum updates.

Mr. Havens gives condolences to Jodi Martin and her family. He appreciated movement on the CIC and thanked Mr. Schommer for putting this together so quickly. He also noted thanks to the Bellbrook Community Center and the clean up in Bellbrook. He added that he commended the School Board for taking action on their recent resolution.

Mr. Hoke thanked the Bellbrook Sugarcreek School Board for passing a resolution for a volunteer active shooter response implementation committee and team. This response system will provide safety for all.

Mrs. Middlestetter offered condolences to Martin family. She also thanked all volunteers in the Bellbrook community.

Mr. Greenwood offered condolences to Jodi Martin. He also thanked the school board for taking action to improve the safety of the schools.

Mayor Schweller gives his condolences to the Martin family.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to go into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

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

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

Motion Carries

Council entered executive session at 8:00pm

Motion to exit Executive Session.

Motion made by Mrs. Middlestetter, Seconded by Mr. Havens.

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

Motion Carries

Council exited executive session at 9:28pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Michael Schweller, Mayor

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council