

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

June 26, 2023

## **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. Ernie Havens  
Mr. T.J. Hoke  
Mrs. Elaine Middlestetter  
Mayor Mike Schweller

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Rob Schommer, City Manager

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Schweller asked if anyone had comments or corrections to the minutes of the June 12, 2023, meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were declared to be approved.

### **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Schweller introduced and performed the Oath of Office for newly appointed Firefighter/Paramedic Stephen Lawrence.

Chief Bizzarro introduced Stephen Lawrence, noting he moved from part-time fire fighter and will now fill the full-time fire fighter/paramedic position. Chief Bizzarro noted Firefighter Lawrence's previous training and experience will bring benefit to the ranks of the Fire Department.

Mayor Schweller noted he attended the Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Field Day and showed appreciation to have the Club part of the community. Mayor Schweller also attended the ribbon cutting for the Reality One Group, and welcomed the office to the City of Bellbrook.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

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## **PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:**

None

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

None

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 2023-R-16:** Authorizing the City Manager to award and execute a four financial period contract extension with Julian & Grube, Inc. for financial reporting and auditing services, and waiving the competitive bidding requirements (Cyphers)

Mrs. Cyphers read the Resolution.

Mr. Schommer explained the Resolution and noted that based on the results of the clean audit and the success with Gillian & Grube, the Ohio Auditor of State provided an opportunity to extend the contract with Julian & Grube without bidding for the next four periods. Mr. Schommer noted Julian & Grube has provided excellent services and asked for the Resolution to be considered for adoption.

Mayor Schweller asked if there were any comments or discussion among the council.

Mayor Schweller asked for a Motion to approve Resolution 2023-R-16.

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

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

Motion Carries.

Mayor Schweller mentioned it will be good for the city to re-engage with Jillian & Grube.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Schommer provided updates and asked the council to make one motion to form the Charter Advisory Committee. Any considerations or nominations that the council was ready to bring forward.

Mayor Schweller asked about applicants.

Mr. Schommer replied there were 3 applicants interested. One interested party, however no application.

Mayor Schweller mentioned at the next meeting we would have one blanket nomination and asked council to try to have seven nominees for the Charter Review Committee.

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## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Schweller mentioned a letter of support to US Transportation Secretary for MVRPC safe street grant application.

Mr. Schommer spoke on the Safe Streets For All grant opportunity and submitting a letter of support for MVRPC to obtain the funds for future projects. Suggested one letter representing council.

Mayor Schweller read the letter prepared for the council.

Mayor Schweller asked if there were any comments or discussions among the council.

Mayor Schweller stated the letter will be signed and sent.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT:**

Mr. Schommer spoke on finalizing our uniform guidance policies in Consultation with Julian & Grube.

Mr. Schommer spoke on the newly hired Museum Curator, Alix Holmes. She will be introduced at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Schommer spoke about the last Board meeting with MVRMA and noted some increases to property loss insurance.

Mr. Schommer mentioned the Bellbrook Tomorrow survey currently out for respondents and encouraged residents to take a few moments to provide input.

Mr. Schommer spoke about the lawsuit regarding Pfas and the nationwide class settlement, noting details of the settlement are not yet known.

Mayor Schweller asked if the council had any questions for the city manager. None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **SAFETY:**

None

### **SERVICE:**

Mr. Greenwood mentioned all the services provided by the City of Bellbrook's Service Department. Also, if citizens use an irrigation system, contact the city about an irrigation water meter to help with higher cost.

### **FINANCE/GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS:**

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None

## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Mrs. Middlestetter stated she was excited about the New Museum Curator. Mentioned the vacancy on the board.

## CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Mrs. Cyphers: None

Mr. Brady: Congratulated Mr. Lawrence

Mr. Havens: Congratulated Mr. Lawrence and thanked him for his service so far. He also encouraged residents to join in the fun downtown on Fridays in the park.

Mr. Hoke: Congratulated Mr. Lawrence

Mrs. Middlestetter: Congratulated Mr. Lawrence

Mr. Greenwood: Congratulated Mr. Lawrence and offered thanks to the citizens for keeping properties clean.

Mayor Schweller wished our citizens a safe and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Schweller asked for a Motion to enter Executive Session for preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of employment.

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

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

Motion Carries.

Council entered executive session at 7:30pm

Motion to exit executive session.

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

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

Motion Carries.

Council exited executive session and returned to regular session at 8:46pm.

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## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 8:47pm

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Michael Schweller, Mayor

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Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council