

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

October 9, 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. Brady Harding
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 September 25, 2023, meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were declared to be approved.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Schweller announced a Mayoral Proclamation for 2023 Fire Prevention Week, October 8, 2023, through October 14, 2023, in Bellbrook.

Mayor Schweller announced a Mayoral Proclamation for Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day, October 13, 2023, in Bellbrook.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Beth Ruben of 202 Tully St. Yellow Springs, Ohio. Beth represented The Greene County Citizens for Children Services and shared information on Issue 20 that is on the ballot for November 2023.

Delana Zapata of 3792 Green Meadow Ranch Court, Bellbrook Ohio. spoke on Greene County Board of

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Developmental Disabilities having Issue 19 on the November ballot.

Mr. T.J. Hoke of 3833 Chablis Court, Bellbrook Ohio spoke on the first annual Spellbrook Event in Bellbrook Park.

PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2023-R-26: Awarding a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for construction of various improvements to Franklin and Main Streets (Greenwood)

Mayor Schweller mentioned this is the latest project in the Streetscape Plan and asked Mr. Schommer to speak about the highlights of the bid.

Mr. Schommer noted the project includes installation of controlled crosswalks on Franklin Street and Main at Walnut. It also includes resurfacing all Main Street within the corporate limits and the remainder of downtown Franklin. He noted there were two bids received and the recommendation was to award to Outdoor Enterprise as they were the lowest bid and the best for this work. A supplement of funds will be needed, looking at the ARPA fund, state, and local highway funds.

Mayor Schweller asked what the estimated start date is on the project on Main and Franklin Street.

Mr. Schommer replied, the project is due to start March 2024 and be completed by June 2024.

Mayor Schweller asked if there were any comments or questions for the city manager.

Mrs. Middlestetter asked about traffic disruption.

Mr. Schommer replied there is no anticipation of lane or roadway closures.

Mr. Harding asked what material had the eighty-four-week lead time.

Mr. Schommer replied the decorative pavers listed in the original bid sheet.

Mrs. Middlestetter asked if this will address any of the water issues on Walnut Street.

Mr. Schommer replied, that is a separate project. Work has begun on the water issue.

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Mr. Hoke asked if we would look at the crosswalks at Franklin and Main.

Mr. Schommer replied there is not enough room to improve the slope of the crosswalk approaches; however repaving and marking will be included on the crosswalks.

Mrs. Cyphers asked about the start date March 2024. Concerned with the Sugar Maple Festival that starts in April.

Mr. Schommer replied part of the bid is going by their construction schedule. Roadways will not be torn up until paving can start.

Mayor Schweller asked if there was any more discussion.

Mayor Schweller asked for a Motion regarding 2023-R-26.

Motion Made by Mr. Greenwood, Seconded by Mrs. Middlestetter.

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 mentioned the fire department open house as part of fire prevention week on October 10, 2023, from 6:00pm until 8:00pm.

Mr. Schommer provided updates on the Franklin Street Bridge Project, noting weekly meetings are verifying timeline and construction progress.

Mr. Schommer mentioned the current work on formulating our budget in the next session. Suggested scheduling a Finance Committee Meeting so we can bring this before council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SAFETY:

None

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SERVICE:

Mr. Greenwood mentioned the fire hydrant flushing is complete.

FINANCE/GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS:

None

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Mrs. Middlestetter stated still in need of applicant for the Museum Board. She also noted the Museum will be hosting mini Ghost Tours during the Spellbrook event.

CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Mrs. Cyphers: None

Mr. Harding: None

Mr. Havens stated he is looking forward to the first Spellbrook.

Mr. Hoke asked about the flood updates on Walnut Street.

Mr. Schommer replied the storm drains have been video recorded and this is being reviewed. He provided full details of the work done thus far a final plan will come forward with what the project will entail.

Mrs. Middlestetter mentioned Beth Ruben, the guest speaker today and congratulated her on being selected for the 2023 Greene County Women's Hall of Fame.

Mr. Greenwood mentioned looking forward to Spellbrook.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Middlestetter asked for a Motion to enter Executive Session from the Community Affairs Committee to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public official. Motion Made by Mrs. Middlestetter, Seconded by Mr. T.J. Hoke.

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

Motion Carries

Council entered executive session at 7:37 pm

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Mayor Schweller asked for a Motion to Adjourn Executive Session.

Motion Made by Mr. T.J. Hoke, Seconded by Mrs. Middlestetter.

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

Motion Carries

Council exited executive session at 8:14pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Michael Schweller, Mayor

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council