

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

July 11, 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

Mr. Forrest Greenwood
Mr. Brady Harding
Mr. Ernie Havens
Mr. T.J. Hoke
Mrs. Elaine Middlestetter
Mayor Mike Schweller

ABSENT:

Mrs. Katherine Cyphers

Motion to excuse the absence of Mrs. Cyphers

Motion made by Mr. Havens, Seconded by Mr. Hoke

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

Motion Carries

ALSO PRESENT:

Rob Schommer, City Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Schweller states there are no minutes to approve. Minutes will be provided at next meeting.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Schweller commented the meeting today will be brief with only one item of business, the Resolution regarding the non-bargaining unit employee's compensation. He noted this Resolution is important to be processed and handled without delay.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2022-R-20 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADJUST THE PAY SCALES OF EMPLOYEE POSITIONS NOT COVERED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Mr. Hoke read the Resolution

Mr. Schommer noted it has been the past practice of the council and city administration to follow along and create parity with collective bargaining agreements regarding the salary increases that were negotiated. The Police Officers, Police Sergeants and Firefighters are in collective bargaining agreements. Public works, and administrative personnel are all non bargaining employees. He noted the adjustment has been budgeted as noted in the resolution, and adoption would provide approval needed for the intended increase.

Mr. Hoke asked if due to inflation this year, next year is the 2 1/2 percent raise going to be sufficient. Mr. Schommer stated we will have the advantage of some research and evaluation due to the fact all the collective bargaining agreements will be up for re negotiation in 2023. He noted it is hard to tell currently. When looking at wage rates, the entirety of the benefits is examined.

Mayor Schweller confirms this year is the 3rd year of the three-year contract with the three bargaining units.

Mr. Greenwood asked Mr. Schommer if he will be handling the negotiations. Mr. Schommer stated he intends to and has previous experience in doing so.

A motion to approve Resolution 2022-R-20.

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

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

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OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Schommer provided updates on a variety of subjects including:

- In previous years, measurements of PFAS in the groundwater showed a reading of 6.6 ppm. It is cleared up now; however there is an opportunity to have a class action suit against the chemical company reviewed. The purpose would be to recoup any costs incurred for cleanup or risks absorbed. The Law Director will have additional information.
- One Ohio MOU regarding the opiate settlement. The first round of deposits of awarded funds will occur soon. The funds will be used towards drug prevention and awareness in the community.
- Currently seeking an opportunity thru Ohio Public Works Commission for improvements to Main and Franklin and the crosswalk areas.

Mr. Hoke asked when we expect to see responses from bids.

Mr. Schommer noted bids are published for 3 weeks in three weeks once posted. The tornado siren bid will go out first, followed by the Lower Hillside Project. For the streetscape project, the bid packet has not been put together as we are waiting for the survey and final engineering for the cross walks, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SAFETY:

Mr. Greenwood spoke with Chief Bizzarro about the structure fire at Mill Pond apartments, and asked if a report could be provided at a Council meeting. Mr. Schommer noted he will get it scheduled.

SERVICE:

Mr. Greenwood noted the culvert repairs under Franklin Street by Station 2 are complete. He noted he got to see videos of before and after and the work by the company is exceptional.

Mr. Greenwood also noted the library has cones out around the picnic tables due to some tripping hazards being repaired by the Service Department.

FINANCE/GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS:

Mr. Schommer states the audit is complete, the Hinkle System reporting has been filed. We will be able to get our financial statement soon.

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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Mrs. Middlestetter states they interviewed the one applicant for the PB. The applicant is serving on another board and our charter doesn't allow someone to be in two spots at once. We will reopen this opening for the planning board.

CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Mr. Havens spoke on the six new businesses that have come into the old village within the last 6 months of 2022. He is happy to see Outside the Box, Crafters Lodge, Stump Photography, Reality One, Heavenly Hair, and Sugarcreek Photography Studio find a home in downtown Bellbrook. He also noted a big thanks to Thomas and Grushon Insurance for the makeover of their building.

Mr. Hoke brought up the permitting process to allow alcohol in the parks, he hasn't heard of anything on this in a while. He noted a lot of residents in Bellbrook are supportive of this idea and hopes we can come to a conclusion on this with the proper permits. He also offered congrats to the 5th and 6th grade Bellbrook boy's baseball team who won their respective championships.

Mr. Greenwood noted the parks and a permit for alcohol is something he hopes gets accomplished. He added that the City should reach out to the parks to see if the City should own the park to get this done. Mayor Schweller and council agree on working with the parks to see what we can do. He noted there are lot of things occurring in park and would be nice to own it and have this as an option.

EXEUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Michael Schweller, Mayor

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council