

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

September 9, 2024

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

Mr. Ernie Havens

Mr. T.J. Hoke

Mayor Mike Schweller

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the August 26,2024 Regular City Council Meeting minutes

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL GUEST

None

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Glenn Janis @ 1293 Kables Mill Dr. with the Bellbrook Presbyterian Church informed the council and residents of the church's activities during the week as well as the Sunday services. He talked about the replacement of the frame work of the church bell and refurbishing of the bell . He mentioned the church having a "bell-abration" at the church along with the participation of several Bellbrook businesses

Mr. Greenwood mentioned hearing the church bell again and the asset the church is to the community.

Jen Leclair @ 3408 Pavilion Ln spoke of "Bellbrook's Funny Fest" which is a free, family friendly comedy event that takes place at Bellbrook Park on Saturday, September 14th @ 4:00pm to approximately 6:00pm. She stated that a generous grant was given by the Lions Club to support community activities such as this and partnering with Bricky's Comedy Club. She stated there will be approximately 18 comedians in the line up.

7. CITIZENS REGISTERED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

8. PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None

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9. INTRODUCTIONS OF ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 2024-O-13 REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 1042 “WATER” OF TITLE FOUR “UTILITIES” OF PART TEN “STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE” OF THE BELLBROOK MUNICIPAL CODE (Ashley)

Mr. Ashley read the Ordinance.

Mr. Schommer briefly explained the request for the change increases the dollar amount requiring payment of a refund for overpayment on closed accounts. The current rate is \$1 and the cost to issue outweighs the cost of the refund. The Ordinance will be scheduled for a public hearing at the next Regular meeting.

Motion to Introduce Ordinance 2024-O-13

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

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

10. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

11. OLD BUSINESS

None

12. NEW BUSINESS

None

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Schommer gave a brief update that the crosswalks are complete, the rapid flashing beacons are up and functioning properly. The City is looking into the additional price quotes for the Main and Franklin intersection using the patterned crosswalks as well as rapid flashing beacons for the crosswalk in front of Dot's that ODOT did not spec in their project.

Mr. Schommer introduced Michaela Grant as the new Community Development Administrator and the asset she is to the city.

Mr. Greenwood congratulated Ms. Grant and her good work. He mentioned that resident Steve Kersher pointed out that coming East on Franklin St the difficulty of seeing the traffic light due to the “Magnetic Springs” sign being too high. Mr. Schommer stated it will be looked into.

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14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Safety Committee

Mr. Hoke gave an update on the Police's cordially firearms training is coming up. He mentioned the starting date of the newest patrol officer Cameron Roak. He stated the "Stop Stick" practical training is scheduled for later this month. He stated that during the extreme dry conditions the Fire Chief urges that residents have plenty of water sources nearby during recreational fires. He mentioned that the fire department is still in search of a full-time fire fighter / paramedic. Also, the production of the new ambulance and expected delivery at the end of December. Lastly, he mentioned there was an Ohio EMS grant awarded that will cover training and equipment supplies that the Fire Dept. is eligible for reimbursement.

B. Service Committee

Mr. Greenwood commented about stop sticks and a good thing to have. He thanked the Sugar Maple Committee for their donation towards the purchase of the stop sticks. He mentioned the new employee that will be starting in the Public Works Department.

C. Finance/Audit Committee

None

D. Community Affairs Committee

None

15. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Mr. Greenwood stated the Presbyterian Church is hosting the Historical Society 2024-2025 lecture series with Rena Fryman speaking about the Holocaust on Monday, September 16th @ 7:00pm

Mr. Harding spoke of the Rapid Flashing Beacons and it being a learning curve and using common sense before stepping out into the roadway.

Mr. Hoke wanted to remind residents that "Spellbrook" is in the works for October 26th from 6:00pm – 11:00pm, which is the 2nd Annual Halloween Adult party hosted at Bellbrock Park.

Mr. Havens also congratulated Ms Grant and the positivity she brings to her jobs. He mentioned watching series on high-speed chases and the use of stop sticks. Also, reminded people of all the activities such as "Bell-abration" at the Presbyterian Church, Funny Fest and Spellbrook.

Mayor Schweller mentioned how nice downtown looks and the making of the downtown a more walkable area. He also thanked everyone in attendance for the meeting and thanked all in the viewing audience and thanked Louie the cameraman.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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17. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28pm

Michael Schweller, Mayor

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council