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Bellbrook City Council Meeting

April 10, 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

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

ABSENT:

Mrs. Katherine Cyphers

Mayor Schweller asked for a Motion to excuse Mrs. Cyphers from tonight's meeting.

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

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 asked if anyone had comments or corrections to the minutes of the March 13, 2023, meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were declared to be approved.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Schweller and Chief Carmin announced the introduction of Officer Travis Waller and conducted his Oath of Office.

Mr. Hoke introduced the Bellbrook Hog Flyers Drone Team. The team presented and explained their

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roles, their current competitions and competitions won throughout the year.

Mayor Schweller and Council members thanked the Bellbrook Hog Flyers Drone Team for representing Bellbrook.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. David Buccalo: 126 Lower Hillside Dr. Spoke on the water flow pipe issues and suggest locating the water before repaving the road. Mr. Buccalo also described attending a Sugarcreek Township meeting and suggested changes to the speaking roles of citizens in Bellbrook.

Logan Ashley: 4129 West Franklin Street noted he is the Chairman of the Sugar Maple Festival. Mr. Logan gave an overview of the upcoming festival for 2023. He also mentioned the Sweetheart Program being a scholarship program to give back to Bellbrook.

Mr. Donovan Benson: 3707 West Salina Circle explained an effort to build restrooms, new concession building, and parking lot at Sacket Wright Park. Mayor Schweller asked if this has been presented to the Park Board. Mr. Donovan replied, yes. The estimated cost for the project is 2 million dollars.

PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2023-R-7: Authorizing the City Manager to take all steps and actions necessary to participate in new National Opioid Settlements (Havens)

Mr. Haven read the Resolution.

Mr. Havens asked if we had more money coming in from different groups.

Mr. Schommer stated the first step is to gather the percentage of participants through the program similar to the first OneOhio Settlement.

Mr. Harding asked if there is any downside to doing this.

Mr. Schommer replied, no.

Mayor Schweller stated the only potential downside is specially earmarked is we would have to find uses or causes that would tie into that, not general fund money. Mr. Schommer replied, we could use it for education and programing for opioid addiction awareness and prevention to include supplying EMS

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and Public Safety with training and equipment.

Mayor Schweller asked for a Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-R-7.

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

Resolution 2023-R-8: Authoring the City Manager to expend funds to cover costs of various goods and services ordered for city operations and to make payment on invoices with a then and now certificate (Greenwood)

Mr. Greenwood read the Resolution.

Mr. Schommer explained the then and now process and the purpose of this Resolution to pay the invoice for the annual license for the City's streaming and meeting indexing software system.

Mr. Hoke asked how long this license is for. Mr. Schommer replied this is the annual service both for hardware and software.

Mayor Schweller asked for a Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-R-8.

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

Voting Yea: 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 provided updates on bid results for the ODOT managed Franklin Street Bridge Project. Opening bids were higher than estimated originally back in 2019. Funds for the project have already been appropriated. Once the bids are opened and released and final adjustments needed will be made.

Mr. Schommer provided an update on the most recent auction for energy noting the aggregation program will continue to be a value for Bellbrook Residents through 2025. Mayor Schweller asked if we have a count on the number of residences that participate in this program.

Mr. Schommer stated he wasn't sure but will follow up.

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Mr. Schommer mentioned the “meeting of the minds” of the parks, schools, township, and the city is coming around again and wanted to see what Council’s thoughts on dates were.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SAFETY:

Mr. Hoke mentioned the fire department received a donation of carbon-monoxide detectors for residents in need.

SERVICE:

Mr. Greenwood spoke on the Lower Hillside project. He noted the residents are happy with the new system and the project is about finalized.

He also noted the Service department has hopefully made their final transitions from snow to grass for the year.

FINANCE/GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS:

Mr. Schommer stated the financial statement is being created and a date will be scheduled for the auditors to come on site.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

No report.

CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Mr. Harding stated he is looking forward to the Sugar Maple Festival. He also asked what the process is for chickens being allowed in Bellbrook, noting some residents are speaking about it.

Mr. Schommer replied this would go through the Planning Board for code changes as with any other modification to the zoning code.

Mr. Hoke welcomed Officer Waller to the force and thanked everyone who attended tonight’s meeting.

Mrs. Middlestetter welcomed Officer Waller and is also looking forward to the Sugar Maple Festival.

Mr. Greenwood thanked the Bellbrook Drone Team for their presentation. He also asked about the Drone that we are getting for the Fire Department. Mr. Schommer stated the city is awaiting delivery.

Mayor Schweller welcomed Officer Waller. Also, spoke on encouraging our citizens to bring any concerns to himself or council.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Michael Schweller, Mayor

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council