

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

April 25, 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

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 April 25, 2022 meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were declared to be approved.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 2022-O-5 REPEALING AND AMENDING SECTION 220.01 OF THE BELLBROOK CODE OF ORDINANCES (Cyphers)

Mayor Schweller opened the public hearing.

Mrs. Cyphers read the Ordinance.

Mr. Schommer explained the amendments to the Code were related to the Rules of Council. He noted the sections that were amended reflected the discussion from Council about updating the rules. There were sections regarding voting to include the option for compiling electronic votes and amending the

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rules amended to remove conflicting language. The other section amended the order of business for the agenda of council meetings.

Mr. Havens noted the change in the order of business makes it easier for the public to engage council.

Mayor Schweller asked if anyone present wished to speak for or against the Ordinance. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2022-O-5

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Schommer updated council on the audio visual system which will be updated in the following week. He also congratulated all involved and thanked City Staff for a successful Sugar Maple Festival. He noted considering the record crowds that there were no incidents, evidence of a well managed and organized events.

He also noted a current effort working with Mr. Stewart of the Park district regarding allowing alcoholic beverages for special permit-based events in Bellbrook Park. He noted that he has approached the District based on Council wishing such a program was allowed.

Mr. Hoke asked what the permit process would be, and Mr. Schommer noted the process is already established through State Law and would follow the system for any other permit locally. He noted that the community members he has spoken to, all were enjoy having such a program in place.

Mr. Greenwood asked if it were possible to take back over the park if necessary. Mr. Schommer noted he would have to review the original agreement establishing the park district.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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SAFETY:

Mr. Greenwood noted a meeting on Friday with the School Safety Committee about sidewalks, crosswalks, bussing, etc. He and Mrs. Cyphers will be attending to participate.

He also noted the Sugar Maple Festival went well on public safety side, and job well done to all.

FINANCE/AUDIT:

Mrs. Cyphers noted there is a meeting of the committee on Thursday at 5pm

SERVICE:

Mr. Greenwood noted the Service Department worked their tails off for the festival, working tirelessly keeping up with trash and signs that were needed throughout the weekend. The festival ran smooth with collaboration between all the departments.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Mrs. Middlestetter noted the committee interviewed two applicants for VRB and will have a recommendation for appointment ready for next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

COMMENTS:

Mrs. Cyphers offered a thank you to the festival, boards and staff for a great event.

Mr. Harding echoed the comments. He also noted the Greene County Sheriff's app is live and available. He added the community garage sale is coming up. He also asked about having a council booth at festivals to provide interaction with the community.

Mr. Havens echoed the comments about the festival, noting it was the best one he has attended. He added he has never seen that many people at the parade and festival in past years. He also mentioned the Community Support Center is putting on a career fair May 8.

Mr. Hoke agreed the festival was a packed house and noted how many people were from outside the community and hopes to maintain that kind of draw from the region to visit the community. He also asked about the technology update for permitting and complimented the new look and features of the technology and website. Mr. Schommer noted there was a component that was not working correctly,

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so the manual forms were linked back to the website. It will be back online next week.

Mrs. Middlestetter also noted the website is easier to follow and congratulated all departments for a successful festival. She noted the entire city went above board to present a great event.

Mr. Greenwood noted the community support center has been working with employers and people of the community for job placement including resume writing. He noted it helps people looking for jobs and the employers looking for people to connect. He added that during the festival, there were a lot of people from the area out of town and reflected well on Bellbrook.

Mayor Schweller thanked the festival committee and city staff for a job well done on the festival. He noted there was a couple concerns about parking on private property and stated we will work with businesses next year to get signage posted far in advance to the festival.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Denny Bennett of 2211 Shadow Wood stated he is concerned about the number of people mowing their lawns and blowing grass into the street. He noted there was an ordinance against that and hoped the City informs everyone and enforces it. He added the grass can clog the storm drains and create a hazard for motorcyclists.

He also asked if there was ever a consideration of moving the salt shed from downtown to open the space up for more use downtown. Mayor Schweller noted there has been studies and discussions about re purposing city property for better use downtown.

Louie Schatzberg commented about the festival, noting he handles the transportation shuttle from the parking lot to the festival site. He has worked the festival for 20 years and expressed numerous great interactions with festival goers.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Michael Schweller, Mayor

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council