

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

September 25, 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
Mrs. Elaine Middlestetter
Mayor Mike Schweller

ABSENT:

Mr. T.J. Hoke

Mayor Schweller asked for a Motion to excuse Mr. T.J. Hoke from the meeting.

Motion Made by Mr. Havens, Seconded by Mrs. Cyphers

Voting Yea: Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, 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 September 11, 2023, meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were declared to be approved.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Girl Scout Troop 33263 presented their Monarch butterfly garden project. The Troop installed a garden in Ron Kehl park including a way station for Monarch and other butterflies.

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Mayor Schweller presented Certificates of Appreciation to the members of the Troop.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mr. David Buccalo spoke about the community resource center, pointing out the community garden in the yard. He expressed concerns about operation of the center.

PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 2023-O-5: Amending Ordinance 2022-O-10 by making supplemental appropriations for expenses of the City of Bellbrook for the period beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023, and declaring an emergency (Cyphers)

Mr. Schommer explained there was a need for additional budgeted funds due to unanticipated repairs and expenses to include the Museum needs a new HVAC system and the police department needs and extension for data storage of the old records system since the transition to New World.

Mayor Schweller noted he appreciates the fact the budget is created as thin as possible, and if unexpected expenses come up, the budget can be supplemented. He noted it is very transparent.

Mayor Schweller asked if there were any other questions from the council. None

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-O-5 at introduction.

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

Voting Yea: Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mrs. Middlestetter,
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RESOLUTIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Schommer mentioned the Shop Local Bellbrook program. He thanked Council for supporting and approving this unique way to support local businesses. He added many of the businesses were excited and thankful of the support from Council and the City.

Mr. Schommer also noted the Franklin Street Bridge project is still showing on schedule and gets regular updates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SAFETY:

Mr. Greenwood mentioned the Bellbrook Police still looking for a Police Officer.

SERVICE:

Mr. Greenwood mentioned the interior street paving that has been completed.

FINANCE/GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS:

None

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Mrs. Middlestetter mentioned still looking for one applicant for the Museum Board.

CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Mrs. Cyphers: Thanked the Girl Scouts for their contributions and presentation.

Mr. Harding: Thanked the Girl Scouts also and mentioned the house on Franklin that was damaged by a downed tree is undergoing repairs.

Mr. Havens: Encouraged everyone to attend the Chamber of Commerce first Business Expo. He noted over 50 businesses will participate. He also, mentioned the "Spellbrook event" in Bellbrook Park.

Mrs. Middlestetter thanked the Girl Scouts.

Mr. Greenwood thanked the Girl Scouts for their project. He also discussed the possibility of banners for all the new events to come to Bellbrook.

Mayor Schweller thanked the Girl Scouts for the thoughtful project on Butterflies and the presentation.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Schweller asked for a Motion to enter Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee.

Motion Made by Mr. Havens, Seconded by Mrs. Cyphers

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

Motion Carries

Council entered Executive Session at 7:31pm

Motion to exit Executive Session.

Motion Made by Mr. Havens, Seconded by Mrs. Cyphers

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

Motion Carries

Council exited Executive Session at 8:55pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm

Michael Schweller, Mayor

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council