

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

March 9, 2026

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. Ernie Havens

Deputy Mayor T.J. Hoke

Mrs. Kathleen Wright

Mayor Mike Schweller

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the February 23, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes.

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL GUEST AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Chief Bizzarro and Chief Carmin presented commendations for life saving efforts.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ann Beaman, 33 Upper Hillside, spoke about electronic vehicles and concerns of safety regarding them.

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Schommer said that he and staff have participated in four Committee meetings of Council. One item that was to be on the meeting agenda tonight was introduction of an ordinance related to slow moving micro mobility devices. We are legally reviewing which section is most appropriate for proper codification.

8. PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. Community Affairs / Administration

A. March 4th meeting Committee Report

Mr. Havens summarized the report and said one item is disbanding OVRB and replacing it with something with a broader scope. More to come in the next few weeks.

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Mayor Schweller said he likes the direction the committee is going.

Deputy Mayor Hoke asked what the difference would be with the advisory and Planning Board.

Mr. Havens said they would have an advocacy role.

B. Resolution No. 2026-R-09 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BELLBROOK-SUGAR MAPLE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE, INC FOR THE 2026 SUGAR MAPLE FESTIVAL

Mr. Ashley recused himself and left the room

Mr. Schommer read the Resolution Title and provided a synopsis.

Brief discussion of how the festival has grown and continues to grow.

Motion made by Mrs. Cyphers. Second by Ms. Wright

Voting Yea: Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Havens, Deputy Mayor Hoke, Mrs. Wright, Mayor Schweller

Mr. Ashley rejoined the meeting.

12. Finance

No Update

13. Public Safety

A. February 27 meeting Committee Report

Mr. Ashley gave an update on the recent meeting. Working on changes to the micro mobility devices to follow in line and clarifying the Ohio Revised Code. Also discussed the City applying for funding to remodel the firehouse.

14. Public Service

A. March 4 meeting Committee Report

Mr. Greenwood read the report in its entirety.

Deputy Mayor Hoke commented on future projects and how they can affect main breaks and said new equipment will help address those issues.

B. Resolution No. 2026-R-10 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SOLICIT, ADVERTISE, AND RECEIVE PROPOSALS FROM QUALIFIED FIRMS TO PROVIDE SERVICES RELATED TO THE STUDY, DESIGN, AND INSTALLATION OF A FILTRATION SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF BELLBROOK WATER PRODUCTION FACILITY

Mr. Schommer read the Resolution Title and provided a synopsis.

Motion made by Mr. Greenwood. Second by Deputy Mayor Hoke.

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

15. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Mr. Ashley – Said he’s happy we have a resident who alive thanks to our Public Safety team.

Mrs. Cyphers – Commented same as Mr. Ashley and said she received confirmation to make Bellbrook a Tree City.

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Mr. Greenwood – Commented on how all of Bellbrook's departments work together and that work helped save a life.

Mr. Havens – Echoed remarks on life saving efforts.

Ms. Wright – Echoed remarks on life saving efforts.

Deputy Mayor Hoke – Thanked citizens of Bellbrook for voting for the Public Safety levy which allows our departments to remain fully staffed. Thanked Ann Beaman.

Mayor Schweller – Echoed same as Council on life saving efforts. Thanked the audience, viewers and cameraman.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

17. ADJOURNMENT

7:52

Michael Schweller, Mayor

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council