

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting  
December 22, 2025

## **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

Deputy Mayor Ernie Havens

Mr. T.J. Hoke

Mayor Mike Schweller

## **4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A. Approval of the December 8, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes

## **5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL GUEST**

A. Recognition of Harrison Panstingel being recipient of the 2025 IMPACT Award from the Little Miami Watershed Network.

B. Recognition of Mr. Brady Harding for his service on City Council

## **6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Steve Temple spoke about the presentation by Harrison Panstingel and congratulated him on his efforts. He also noted with all going on in the country he admired the transparency of the City leaders.

## **7. CITIZENS REGISTERED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS**

## **8. PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

A. Ordinance 2025-O-16 REPEALING PART SIX GENERAL OFFENSES CHAPTER 618 "ANIMALS" OF THE BELLBROOK CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 618 "ANIMALS" OF PART SIX GENERAL OFFENSES OF THE BELLBROOK CODE OF ORDINANCES (Cyphers)  
Mayor Schweller opened the public hearing at 7:17pm  
Mrs. Cyphers read the Ordinance.  
Mr. Schommer provided an explanation and synopsis of the Ordinance content. He noted the Zoning Code has previously been amended to allow for Small Livestock and this Animal Ordinance amendment addressed specific animal regulations and definitions.

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Mayor Schweller asked if there were any clarifications on the Ordinance. Hearing none.  
Mayor Schweller asked if there was anyone present to speak for or opposed to the ordinance. Hearing none.

Mayor Schweller asked for Council comments.

Mr. Hoke commented that we have done our due diligence.

Deputy Mayor Havens said the decisions of Council have a long-term impact on the community.

Mr. Greenwood commented on how much things have changed over the years and he respects freedom.

Mrs. Cyphers said the Ordinance supports our Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Harding thanked Rebecca and Eileen for their presentations during the process.

Mayor Schweller commented on the citizen feedback.

Mr. Hoke added that no policy is perfect.

Mayor Schweller noted hearing no other comments, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:33pm

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

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

Voting Nay: Deputy Mayor Havens, Mayor Schweller

## 9. INTRODUCTIONS OF ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance 20256-O-17 TO APPROVE A REZONING FROM AGRICULTURAL (A-1) TO OFFICE BUILDING DISTRICTS (O-1) FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3900 FRANKLIN STREET FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL L35000100080000300 ON THE GREENE COUNTY AUDITOR'S MAP AND ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING BOARD (ZONING CASE PB 25-04) (Havens)  
Deputy Mayor Havens read the Ordinance.

Mr. Schommer provided a synopsis and noted the Ordinance is for introduction and scheduling of Public Hearing.

Motion to introduce Ordinance 2025-O-17

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Havens, Seconded by Mrs. Cyphers.

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

## 10. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution 2025-R-27 AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING POLICY 708, CYBERSECURITY INTO THE CITY OF BELLBROOK POLICY MANUAL (Ashley)

Mr. Ashley read the Resolution.

Mr. Schommer explained the resolution adopts a recently required policy regarding cybersecurity in accordance with new Ohio Law and Auditor of State requirements.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-R-27

Motion made by Mr. Ashley, Seconded by Mr. Hoke.

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

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- B. Resolution 2025-R-28 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH KLEEM, INC FOR THE DESIGN AND PRODUCTION OF NEW CITY STREET AND WAYFINDING SIGNS (Greenwood)  
Mr. Greenwood read the resolution.  
Mr. Schommer explained the resolution.  
Mayor Schweller commented on which color scheme he likes.  
Mr. Hoke said they will be more visible.  
Motion to adopt resolution 2025-R-28  
Motion made by Mr. Greenwood, Seconded by Mr. Hoke.  
Voting Yea: Mr. Ashley, Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Deputy Mayor Havens, Mr. Hoke, Mayor Schweller

## 11. OLD BUSINESS

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion to approve the 2026 Calendar of Meetings

## 13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Christmas event was delayed due to weather and approximately 50 people attended.  
Staff is working on year-end close out.  
First Council meeting in January will have a reception for the new and re-elected Council members.  
Still working to hire a full time firefighter paramedic.

## 14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Safety Committee – Mr. Ashley said the police department had training on December 17. Police radios have been installed and were acquired from the fire department. Fire department is having a blood drive on December 27.  
B. Service Committee – Mr. Greenwood said the City is doing a good job.  
C. Finance/Audit Committee – Nothing  
D. Community Affairs Committee – Nothing

## 15. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Mr. Ashley – Thanked Brady and wished him luck.  
Mrs. Cyphers – Thanked Brady and wished him luck.  
Mr. Greenwood – Thanked Brady and Harrison. Thanked Mr. Schommer for how the City looked for Christmas.  
Mr. Harding – Thanked everyone.  
Mr. Hoke – Thanked and congratulated Harrison. Thanked Brady.  
Deputy Mayor Havens – Thanked Brady and Harrison. Thanked Rob for the signs  
Mayor Schweller – Thanked Brady, Harrison, those in attendance and the cameraman.

## 16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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## **17. ADJOURNMENT**

8:05