

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

April 27, 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

Mr. Forrest Greenwood

Mr. Ernie Havens

Deputy Mayor T.J. Hoke

Mrs. Kathleen Wright

Mayor Mike Schweller

ABSENT

Mrs. Katherine Cyphers

Motion to excuse Mrs. Cyphers' absence.

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

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the April 13, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes.

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL GUEST AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Schweller swore in Bellbrook's newest Police Officer, Nathan McKeever.

Mayor Schweller thanked the Sugar Maple Festival Committee for such a well planned and successful event over the weekend. Special thanks to Police, Fire, and Service Departments.

Thanked Logan Ashley for his work.

Deputy Mayor Hoke also thanked Mr. Ashley.

Same for Mr. Havens and Mr. Greenwood, and Mrs. Wright.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jenn LeClaire, 3408 Pavilion Lane, spoke about voting.

Heather Shannon, 3832 Wheat Place, spoke about running for Greene County Probate Judge and introduced herself.

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Schommer said the Sugar Maple Festival was a success and thanked citizen volunteers for their countless hours of service.

On-site finance audit begins next week. Results will be submitted to the Auditor of State and made publicly available after approval.

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Winters Library roof replacement will begin soon.

Cardiac monitors have been ordered for the Fire Department and we are scheduling street paving.

Mr. Greenwood asked if the rumble strips have helped reduce speeding. Mr. Schommer said it has.

8. PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

A. Ordinance No. 2026-O-02 TO APPROVE A REZONING OF PARCEL L35000200050007100 AS IDENTIFIED ON THE GREENE COUNTY AUDITOR'S MAP LISTED AS 51 S EAST STREET TO SPLIT AND CREATE A NEW LOT AND PARCEL AND ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING BOARD (ZONING CASE 26-PB-01)

This is a public hearing of the Ordinance that was introduced at the last meeting.

Mr. Schommer Read the Ordinance and provided a synopsis of the Ordinance.

Mayor Schweller opened the public hearing.

Deputy Mayor Hoke asked if any plans for the property have been submitted and none have.

Mayor Schweller asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or against the Ordinance. Hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:20.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-O-02.

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

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

B. Ordinance No. 2026-O-04 AMENDING TITLE FOUR – UTILITIES, CHAPTER 1042 – WATER, SECTION 1042.07 – OPERATION FEES OF THE BELLBROOK CODE OF ORDINANCES

Mr. Schommer read and explained the Ordinance.

Mayor Schweller opened the public hearing 7:21

Mayor Schweller asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or against.

Motion to adopt 2026-O-04.

Motion made by Mr. Greenwood, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hoke.

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

C. Ordinance No. 2026-O-05 AMENDING PART FOUR – TRAFFIC CODE, TITLE FOUR – PUBLIC WAYS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, CHAPTER 412 – OBSTRUCTION AND SPECIAL USES OF PUBLIC WAYS TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 412.05 – LOW SPEED MICROMOBILITY DEVICES OF THE BELLBROOK CODE OF ORDINANCES

Mr. Schommer read and explained the ordinance.

Mayor Schweller opened the public hearing at 7:23.

Mayor Schweller asked if anyone present wished to speak in favor or against the Ordinance. Hearing none he closed the public hearing at 7:26.

Motion to adopt 2026-O-05.

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

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

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

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11. Community Affairs / Administration

Nothing to report.

12. Finance

No report.

13. Public Safety

There were no police or fire related incidents at the Sugar Maple Festival.

14. Public Service

Mr. Greenwood said the painting and cleaning is complete for the water tower.

15. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Mr. Ashley – Thanked whomever is responsible for removing the tree from the fountain.

Commended Service, Fire and Police for their work at the Sugar Maple Festival.

Mr. Greenwood – Said he looks forward to all upcoming events in Bellbrook this year and encouraged residents to volunteer.

Mr. Havens – Thanked all staff and volunteers involved in the Sugar Maple Festival.

Mrs. Wright – Also thanked staff and volunteers for Sugar Maple Festival.

Deputy Mayor Hoke – Congratulated Officer McKeever. Spoke about the initiative to abolish Ohio property taxes. He said he is in favor of it but wants to see a concise plan if property taxes were to be abolished. Asked voters to do their research and reach out.

Mayor Schweller – Thanked views and cameraman.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

17. ADJOURNMENT

19:34

Michael Schweller, Mayor

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council