

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

January 8, 2024

## **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:**

Mr. Logan Ashley  
Mrs. Katherine Cyphers  
Mr. Forrest Greenwood  
Mr. Brady Harding  
Mr. Ernie Havens  
Mayor Mike Schweller

### **ABSENT:**

Mr. T.J. Hoke

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Rob Schommer, City Manager

Motion to excuse Mr.Hoke's absence.

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

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

Motion Carries

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Schweller asked if anyone had comments or corrections to the minutes of the December 11, 2023, meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were declared to be approved.

## **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Schweller welcomed everyone to the first Bellbrook City Council Meeting of 2024 and stated he is looking forward to an exciting and challenging 2024.

Mayor Schweller mentioned on December 28, 2023, the newly elected council members, Mr. Hoke, Mr.

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Ashley, Mr. Havens, and Mayor Schweller were sworn in by the Honorable David McNamee, Xenia Municipal Court Judge.

Mayor Schweller welcomed Mr. Logan Ashley to his first Council Meeting and Mr. Ashley introduced himself to the Council and Bellbrook Community.

Mr. Dorn of the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Lyons Club provided a presentation and updates on organizational activities and the completion of construction of a new building. He offered thanks to Jason Foster, Rob Schommer, and staff for their services on the project.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

None

## **PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:**

None

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

None

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution 2024-R-1 AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING TRANSFERS WITHIN VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF BELLBROOK (Cyphers)

Mayor Schweller stated the Resolution covered some year-end housekeeping to keep our funds in balance and open the 2024 books up with the correct balances.

Mr. Schommer provided details on the movement of money from within funds and noted there are no changes to the budget for the ratifying transfers.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-R-1.

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

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## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

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## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Schweller introduced Appointment of Council Members to Standing Council Committees and liaison to Boards, Commissions and Organizations. He noted that each year members of Council Committees are appointed and discussed with other council members what their interests were.

The following are the Council Committee assignments for 2024 by Mayor Schweller:

Community Affairs: Mr. Havens (Chair), Mr. Harding, and Mr. Ashley.

Safety: Mr. Hoke (Chair), Mrs. Cyphers, and Mr. Ashley.

Finance and Audit: Mrs. Cyphers (Chair), Mr. Havens, and Mr. Greenwood

Service: Mr. Greenwood (Chair), Mr. Harding, and Mr. Hoke.

The following were recommended Council appointments of liaison to various Boards, Commissions and Organizations:

Planning Board: Mr. Greenwood (Delegate) & Mr. Harding (Alternate)

Village Review Board: Mr. Harding (Delegate) & Mr. Greenwood (Alternate)

Chamber of Commerce: Mr. Greenwood (Delegate) & Mr. Ashley (Alternate)

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission: Mrs. Cyphers (Delegate) & Mr. Ashley (Alternate)

BZA PRC: Mr. Havens (Delegate) & Mrs. Cyphers (Alternate)

Historical Museum Board: Mr. Harding (Delegate) & Mr. Hoke (Alternate)

Greene County Regional Planning: Mr. Havens (Delegate) & Mr. Greenwood (Alternate)

Mayor Schweller stated if there is any conflicts over the year, the appointments can be realigned.

Motion to approve the Board, Commission, and Liaison appointments as noted by Mayor Schweller.

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

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

Motion Carries

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT:**

Mr. Schommer announced the City was a recipient of the Ohio Auditor State Award for excellence in financial reporting in accordance with general accepted accounting counting principles (GAAP) for compliance year ending 2022. He noted the award is recognized for a clean Audit and financial

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transparency.

Mayor Schweller thanked Mr. Schommer and the city staff.

Mr. Schommer explained the City's Financial Transparency Center and reminded it is available to all residents to review.

Mr. Schommer presented a process to gather information from Council to compile a list of items to build a set of priorities and goals. The list will be reviewed and ranked at future Council meetings to develop standing goals for 2024.

Mr. Greenwood noted discussions on an expansion for the library. Council discussed a fund possibly to be set up for the library and donations for an expansion.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **SAFETY:**

None

### **SERVICE:**

Mr. Greenwood noted there may be a need for salt on Saturday with incoming weather. He reminded residents to disconnect hoses and let faucets drip to prevent pipes from freezing due to the cold weather coming.

### **FINANCE/GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS:**

None

### **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:**

Mr. Havens mentioned The Lions Club pancake breakfast coming up on February 24, 2024. He noted there will be a smaller version of the Shark Tank and invites the community to come pitch ideas.

## **CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS:**

Mr. Ashley: None

Mrs. Cyphers: None

Mr. Harding: Welcomed Mr. Ashley to the Bellbrook City Council and thanked Mr. Dorn for his presentation.

Mr. Havens: Welcomed Mr. Ashley and thanked Mr. Dorn for his presentation. Also, thanked Ms. Leclaire for consistently attending Council meetings.

Mr. Greenwood: Offered congrats to Mr. Ashley, Mr. Havens, Mr. Hoke, and Mayor Schweller. He

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thanked all for their service.

Mayor Schweller: Thanked The Lions Club for building their new building for storage to clean up around downtown Bellbrook.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 7:53pm

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Michael Schweller, Mayor

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Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council