

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

February 26, 2024

## 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

Mr. Ernie Havens

Mr. T.J. Hoke

Mayor Mike Schweller

## 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the February 12, 2024, Regular Council Meeting minutes.

Mayor Schweller asked if anyone had comments or corrections to the minutes of the February 12, 2024, meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were declared to be approved.

## 5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

A. Tasha Shupe of the Sugar Maple Festival Committee presented the Committee's selected Citizen of the Year Award to Louis Schatzberg.

B. Chief Carmin presented the 2023 Officer of the Year Award to Officer Tony Ruble

C. Chief Carmin provided a brief presentation of events with use of police body camera recordings

D. Mayor Schweller presented a plaque to and recognized the service of Deputy Mayor Forrest Greenwood.

## 6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

## 7. CITIZENS REGISTERED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

## 8. PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

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A. AMENDING ORDINANCE 2023-O-6 BY MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF BELLBROOK FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

Mrs. Cyphers ready the Ordinance.

Mayor Schweller noted this Ordinance is a supplemental appropriation and asked Mr. Schommer if there was any additional information since it was introduced at the last meeting. Mr. Schommer stated there is no additional information, and noted the purpose of the Ordinance is to provide funds for a cash out of compensatory time allowed by the collective bargaining agreement for police officers.

Mayor Schweller opened a public hearing for the Ordinance at 19:27

Mayor Schweller asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or against the ordinance. Hearing none, he closed the hearing at 7:29pm

Mayor Schweller asked if there was any additional discussion regarding the ordinance.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-O-2.

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

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

Motion Carried.

## 9. INTRODUCTIONS OF ORDINANCES

None

## 10. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

None

## 11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Council Priorities and Goals Process

Mr. Schommer noted he has received a few sheets and upon receipt of the remainder, they will be ranked and scored accordingly and provided to Council for further discussion.

Mayor Schweller asked council to get the sheets returned as soon as practical.

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Charter Review Process

Mr. Schommer noted the Charter Advisory Committee has provided an initial report and for future meetings of the Council suggested a review and discussion of the Charter Sections

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begins. After Council review, any recommended changes can go through legal review and determination for placement on the ballot.

Mayor Schweller noted that process sounded good and asked Council if there was any additional suggestions. He noted Council will begin the review next meeting.

## 13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Schommer provided updates on fulfilling our Capital Improvements budget, associated purchases, and projects including:

- Walnut Street drainage issue
- Main and Franklin Improvement Project
- Goals on revitalizing downtown

He noted the City Financial Transparency Center has a projects page that has current details and updates of ongoing projects published.

## 14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Safety Committee

Mr. Hoke noted the Fire Department met with the medic manufacturer to review the final specification with a hopeful delivery later in the year. He also noted a grant for economic hardship was submitted to help offset the cost of the medic.

He noted various updates for the Police Department including:

- New radios
- New Dodge Durango police vehicles
- Tactical training
- Hiring of 2 positions still ongoing
- Installation of the flock cameras

### B. Service Committee

Mr. Greenwood noted the last snow event used salt from the supply. He also mentioned receiving a card about the gas lines being replaced downtown informing residents if any issues with sewer lines due to boring to call the phone number provided.

### C. Finance/Audit Committee

None

### D. Community Affairs Committee

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Mr. Havens noted the committee met and approved recommendations for appointments to board positions.

Motion to appoint Kyle Boehmer to Planning Board.

Motion made by Mr. Havens, Seconded by Mr. Harding.

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to appoint Lakisha Taylor to the Board of Zoning Appeals/Property Review Commission.

Motion made by Mr. Havens, Seconded by Mr. Harding.

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

Motion Carried.

Motion to appoint Tim and Lori Brennan to the Historical Museum Board of Trustees.

Motion made by Mr. Havens, Seconded by Mr. Harding.

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Havens mentioned some upcoming events in Bellbrook.

- Chamber of Commerce casino night
- make a key chain event at the Winters Library
- daylight savings time
- Weed pull and clean up at Morris Reserve
- soccer and baseball registration
- encouraged residents to visit the City of Bellbrook's website for Engage Bellbrook

## 15. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Mr. Ashley- Suggested an open discussion on Bellbrook Park. The Council discussed taking back Bellbrook Park from the Park District to enhance the city.

Mr. Schommer stated we will explore our options and next steps.

Mrs. Cyphers- None

Mr. Greenwood- Thanked the Bellbrook Police Department for their hard work and commitment. Also mentioned the second annual Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Township Chamber of Commerce Casino Night.

Mr. Harding- Thanked Officer Ruble and Louis for their much-deserved recognition

Mr. Hoke- Congrats to Officer Ruble and Louis for their recognition; blood drive was a

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success; provided highlighted on the connecting bike path from Spring Valley to Bellbrook.

Mr. Havens- Congratulated Officer Ruble and Louis on their awards. Mentioned to mark your calendars for the Sugar Maple Festival.

## **16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

## **17. ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

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Michael Schweller, Mayor

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Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council