

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

August 12, 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

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL GUEST

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Paula DiSalvo spoke about the truck route change, noting concerns about having trucks going down Ferry Rd. where she owns property and does not want the extra noise and traffic.

Justin Dodge resident at 2793 Ferry Rd. spoke about the truck route change noting there is a problem with truck traffic and noise on Ferry Rd and concerned about speeding. He noted there is a truck about every couple minutes on Ferry Rd

Bernadette DiSalvo resident at 2414 Ferry Road and spoke about concerns on the truck route change. She noted the noise is already excessive and does not want to hear more trucks. She noted a concern about safety on the roadway.

7. CITIZENS REGISTERED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

8. PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance 2024-O-12 ADOPTING THE MERIT SYSTEM PERSONNEL RULES (Schweller)

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Mayor Schweller read the Ordinance.

Mayor Schweller opened the public hearing at 19:14.

Mr. Schommer reviewed the Ordinance noting it approves the related personnel policies associated as the Merit System Personnel Rules by Charter. He added the Charter requires approval by Ordinance and the new manual has a dedicated section for required Merit System Personnel Rules that can be reviewed and approved separate from the rest of the employee manual.

Mayor Schweller asked if anyone in attendance wished to speak about the Ordinance. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 19:16.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-O-12

Motion made by Mayor Schweller, Seconded by Mr. Havens.

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

9. INTRODUCTIONS OF ORDINANCES

None

10. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution 2024-R-20 AUTHORIZING MERIT AND PERFORMANCE PAY FOR THE CITY MANAGER (Havens)

Deputy Mayor Havens read the resolution.

Mayor Schweller noted this is the annual practice of review of the City Manager for performance and annual evaluation.

Motion to adopt resolution 2024-R-20

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

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

11. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance 20247-O-11 Amending Truck Routes will be passed on to the next Regular City Council meeting for continued information gathering and input.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None

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13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Schommer provided updates on various items:

He noted that the Main and Franklin project is close to completion and on schedule to be completed before the start of the school year.

He stated that the Employee manual is now up and running online for better access for employees.

Committed on received applications for Job openings within different departments.

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Safety Committee

Mr. Hoke noted having discussions concerning the SRO's not having office space at the schools and how quickly the matter was resolved.

Mr. Hoke mentioned he received more data on the history of the Fire House on W. Franklin St. and how it wasn't built for 24-hour occupancy. He mentioned the possibilities of contacting State Officials and having discussions on looking into what funds might be available under House Bill 2 for a new Fire Station.

B. Service Committee

Mr. Greenwood committed on the striping of Little Sugarcreek Rd.

He noted the power outages from the storm and how it affected some of the city's facilities and how well things were handled during this time.

C. Finance/Audit Committee

No report

D. Community Affairs Committee

No report

15. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Mr. Ashley spoke on the hearing in April for Tom's Mulch and gave an update on the issue.

Mr. Greenwood mentioned the 34th Annual Golf outing and the good attendance. He also attended the ribbon cutting of the new astroturf at the High School.

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Mr. Harding reported on seeing and hearing things by different people on the development at 7155 Wilmington Pk. "The Springs" by Continental Properties and the issues of coming in and out of the area. He mentioned the nice progress on Eagle Land 2 located on Upper Bellbrook Rd.

Mr. Hoke spoke of working with the Wee Eagles to hold the "Spellbrook" adult Halloween party in Bellbrook Park on October 26th in the evening.

Mr. Havens thanked Paula, Bernadette and Justin for coming to voice their perspectives on the truck route changes.

Mayor Schweller committed on school starting and to be safety minded during this time.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Motion to enter executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

Motion to enter executive session.

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

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

Council entered executive session at 19:38

Motion to exit executive session.

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

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

Council exited executive session at 20:56

17. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm

Michael Schweller, Mayor

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council