

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

January 23, 2023

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

Mrs. Katherine Cyphers
Mr. Forrest Greenwood
Mr. Brady Harding
Mr. Ernie Havens
Mr. T.J. Hoke
Mrs. Elaine Middlestetter
Mayor Mike Schweller

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Rob Schommer, City Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Schweller asked if anyone had comments or corrections to the minutes of the December 19, 2022, special meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were declared to be approved.

Mayor Schweller requested a Motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee.

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

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

Mayor Schweller announces going into the Executive Session at 7:04pm. The council will reconvene for the regular meeting at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Mayor Schweller asked for a Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 7:30pm.

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

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

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MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2023-R-1: Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate an executive agreement with the City of Xenia for public safety answering point and dispatching services thru Xenia Greene Central Communication Center.

Mayor Schweller asked Mr. Schommer to expand on this agreement.

Mr. Schommer spoke on the agreement and the commitment on the terms with Xenia Greene Central Communication Center. He noted the original proposal showed consistent cost increases starting year on with a \$90,000 increase and escalating each year thereafter to a \$200,000 increase. Mr. Schommer had several meetings and negotiations with Xenia and Greene County, presenting alternatives to the agreement including seeking service from other entities. The results of the negotiations provided a proposal for 2023 then a fee-reduction over four years reducing the total annual cost by \$110,000 which would be based on service demand, not an independent dispatch console workstation. He asked the Resolution to be considered for Adoption so we can notify Xenia on our agreement to move forward.

Mayor Schweller thanked Mr. Schommer for his work on this agreement with Xenia.

Mayor Schweller asked council if they had any comments.

Mr. Hoke asked about the statement on a "transition to a general level customer", is this meaning we will not have a dedicated console. Mr. Schommer replied yes.

Mr. Hoke asked if Central Dispatch are aware of these terms in advance. Mr. Schommer replied yes, these terms were actually their proposal..

Mr. Schommer stated the City of Centerville and Beavercreek were investigated. Xenia Greene Central

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Communication Center was and remains the best option for dispatch services for the City of Bellbrook.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-R-1

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

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

Motion Carries

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Schweller introduced the selection and appointment of two Council representatives for the Bellbrook Community Improvement Corporation (CIC). The appointees will be one from term ending 2023 and one term ending 2025.

Mayor Schweller opened nomination for the CIC with the terms expiring in 2023 and 2025.

Mr. Hoke nominated Mr. Havens (CIC)2023, Seconded by Mrs. Cyphers

Mr. Havens nominated Mrs. Cyphers (CIC) 2025, Seconded by Mrs. Middlestetter.

Mr. Havens nominated Mr. Hoke (CIC)2023, Seconded by Mr. Harding

Mayor Schweller asked if anyone had any other nominations. None

Mayor Schweller asked for a vote for the 2023(CIC) nominees.

Discussions about order of voting for nominations and respective terms ended with Mr. Hoke refusing his nomination, as he supported Mr. Havens to serve.

Motion to appoint Mr. Havens and Mrs. Cyphers as City Council Delegates for the Bellbrook Community Improvement Corporation.

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

Voting Yea: Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Hoke, Mrs. Middlestetter, Mayor Schweller

Abstaining: Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Havens

Motion Carries.

Mr. Schommer called the roll.

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

Mr. Havens recused himself.

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Mayor Schweller announced Mr. Havens will be the representative for the appointment term of 2023(CIC). Mrs. Cyphers will be the representative for 2025(CIC).

Mayor Schweller congratulated both nominees.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Schommer gave updates on the personnel related issues. Mr. Schommer will meet with Mrs. Cyphers for the first finance and audit committee for the financial statement.

Working on the adoption for the uniform guidance procedures and the personnel manual.

Mayor Schweller asked if anyone had any questions for the City Manager.

Mrs. Middlestetter asked about the documents provided on the dark sky and lighting. Is there any movement on this or investigation for making an Ordinance for Bellbrook. Mr. Schommer stated Council would vote to send an application to the Planning Board to review the changes.

Mayor Schweller asked if there were any other questions for the City Manager. None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SAFETY:

Mr. Hoke provided updates on police and fire. He provided details on the police department hiring of officers include the newly created school resource officer. He added there is a new prosecutor for the city Mr. Michael Mayor and staff is working on grant paperwork to help fund a victim advocate that would help the city out. The police force will be participating in the school's active response team planning committee to enhance safety at the school buildings.

SERVICE:

Mr. Greenwood spoke on water main breaks and thanked the service department for the quick resolution. He also noted he has heard discussion about potholes which occur this time of year and encouraged anyone seeing a concern to call in and report it.

FINANCE/GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS:

None

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

None

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CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Mrs. Cyphers- None

Mr. Harding- None

Mr. Havens- Inviting everyone to attend the Lyons Club pancake breakfast one month away. Also, mentioned the upcoming Casino Night for the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Hoke- Spoke on the Lyons Club pancake breakfast being advertised in the city newsletter and website. He also gave updates on his recent meeting with the parks director on the request for an alcohol beverage special event policy that is in place and ready for use. He was appreciative this process was followed through and looks forward to enhanced use of the parks.

Mrs. Middlestetter- Encouraged residence to use the Winters Library and continues to be impressed with how many activities are held there.

Mr. Greenwood- Noted the process for the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission traffic areas and projects study is coming soon.

Mayor Schweller- thanked the service department for keeping the roads clean during inclement weather.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37pm

Michael Schweller, Mayor

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council