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. Forrest Greenwood Mr. Brady Harding Mr. Ernie Havens Mrs. Elaine Middlestetter Mayor Mike Schweller

ABSENT:

Mrs. Katherine Cyphers Mr. T.J. Hoke

ALSO PRESENT:

Rob Schommer, City Manager

Mayor Schweller asked for a Motion to approve the absences of Mr. Hoke and Mrs. Cyphers. Motion made by Mr. Havens, Seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Voting Yea: Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mrs. Middlestetter, and Mayor Schweller Motion Carries

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Schweller asked if anyone had comments or corrections to the minutes of the June 26, 2023, meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were declared to be approved.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Schweller introduced Alix Holmes the new Museum Curator.

Mayor Schweller conducted the Oath of Office for newly hired police officer, Karen Moore.

Chief Carmin then introduced and provided details on the prior work of Officer Moore.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Schweller announced a Motion to approve current and additional nominations for the Charter Advisory Committee.

Mayor Schweller asked if there are any additional nominations for the Charter Advisory Committee. Currently four applicants.

Mr. Schommer noted including the applicants there were additional nominations from Council to include: Angela Brown, Bill Hopkins, Jennifer LeClaire, Tess Augustine, Katie Taylor, Amy Stone, and David Buccalo.

Mayor Schweller asked if the council agreed with the nominees.

Motion to appoint Angela Brown, Bill Hopkins, Jennifer LeClaire, Tess Augustine, Katie Taylor, Amy Stone, and David Buccalo to the Charter Advisory Committee. Motion made by Mrs. Middlestetter, Seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Voting Yea: Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mrs. Middlestetter, and Mayor Schweller Motion Carries

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Schommer spoke on the lane closures downtown starting July 12, 2023 for the bridge and shared path project. He noted this is the beginning of the overall downtown pedestrian improvements part of the Streetscape Plan.

Mr. Schommer mentioned applications are still being accepted for the Citizens Academy of Bellbrook and encouraged interested citizens to submit their applications.

Mr. Schommer updated the PFAS lawsuit noting there were additional information requests and questionnaires being completed for the attorneys.

Mr. Schommer mentioned the Bellbrook Fire Department being the recipient of the American Heart Association, Mission Lifetime EMS Silver Award. Congrats to the Bellbrook Fire Department for the level of service they provide and this outstanding award.

Mr. Schommer spoke on the upcoming Touch-A-Truck event provided by the Bellbrook Fire Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SAFETY:

None

SERVICE:

Mr. Greenwood spoke on the service department monitoring the traffic situation on the Bridge Project.

FINANCE/GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS:

None

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Mrs. Middlestetter mentioned the opening on the Museum Board.

CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Mr. Harding thanked and welcomed Alix Holmes and also congratulated Officer Moore.

Mr. Havens mentioned he had some suggestions for the New Museum Curator Alix Holmes and can't wait to meet with her.

Mrs. Middlestetter welcomed Alix Holmes and Officer Moore.

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Mr. Greenwood mentioned running into the Greene County Health Department environmental health program manager. He was out at a retention pond testing for mosquitoes and suggested dumping any standing water out of items in yard to help with mosquitoes. He also welcomed Officer Moore and Alix Holmes.

Mayor Schweller welcomed Alix Holmes and Karen Moore to the City of Bellbrook staff.

Mr. Schommer mentioned evening hours at the museum, thanks to Alix Holmes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Schweller asked for a Motion to enter Executive Session for preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of employment.

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

Voting Yea: Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mrs. Middlestetter, and Mayor Schweller Motion Carries

Council entered Executive Session at 7:19 PM

Mayor Schweller asked for a Motion to exit the Executive Session at 8:30pm. Motion made by Mr. Havens, Seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Voting Yea: Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mrs. Middlestetter, and Mayor Schweller Motion Carries

Council entered regular session at 8:30PM. There were no decisions or actions taken during executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm

Michael Schweller, Mayor

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council