

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

May 12, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schweller called the meeting to order

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schweller let the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. Logan Ashley

Mr. Forrest Greenwood

Mr. Brady Harding

Deputy Mayor Ernie Havens

Mr. T.J. Hoke

Mayor Mike Schweller

ABSENT

Mrs. Katherine Cyphers

Motion to excuse Mrs. Cyphers Motion made by Deputy Mayor Havens, Seconded by Mr. Hoke.
Voting Yea: Mr. Ashley, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Deputy Mayor Havens, Mr. Hoke, Mayor Schweller

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

None

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL GUEST

Mayor Schweller received an email from the owner of The Dairy Shed thanking the City for the improvements in the area.

A. Noah Stuby of Greene County Public Health to provide update on BOH. Mr. Stuby is the Deputy Health Commissioner of Greene County. He gave an update on services provided and events. Mentioned a levy is on the upcoming ballot.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mike Landis 4294 Clearview Ct wanting to support the changes to zoning to allow chickens.

7. CITIZENS REGISTERED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

8. PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance 2025-O-06 EXPRESSING THE CITY'S INTENT TO NEGOTIATE JOINTLY WITH OTHER CITIES IN THE REGION ON A ONE PRICE SCHEDULE UNDER WHICH ELECTRIC LIGHT SERVICES SHALL BE FURNISHED TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREET LIGHTING (Havens)

Deputy Mayor Havens read the Ordinance.

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Mr. Schommer explained there are provisions in Ohio Law that allow political subdivisions to jointly negotiate the electric rates for street lights. In order to participate, the City is required to pass an Ordinance.

Mayor Schweller opened the public hearing.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Schweller closed the public hearing.

It is recommended to adopt the Ordinance to allow participation within the needed time frame.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-O-06.

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

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

- B. Ordinance 2025-O-08 AN ORDINANCE TO PROCEED TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19 AND SUBSECTION 5705.19(JJ), AS AMENDED, FOR ALL PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS 5705.19(I) AND (J) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, WHICH LEVY SHALL BE TWO AND TWO TENTHS (2.2) MILLS AND SHALL RUN FOR A CONTINUING PERIOD OF TIME PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19, AND DECLARING THAT THE QUESTION OF THE ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2025. (Ashley)

Mr. Ashley read the Ordinance.

Mr. Schommer noted this Ordinance begins the request process for placement of an additional public safety levy on the November Ballot. He explained the timeline and additional steps to track accountability and steps in the process as outlined in the law and the elections guide.

Mayor Schweller opened the public hearing and asked if anyone present wished to speak in favor or against the proposed Ordinance.

He asked the Ordinance be considered for adoption in order to begin the process well ahead of time bound requirements.

Council Comments – Mr. Hoke said there was a meeting of the Safety Committee and most of the cuts would be personnel; also a ladder truck is 30 years old. Mr. Harding asked how Bellbrook's budget compares to Sugarcreek Twp. Mr. Schommer said it's comparable. Mr. Havens reminded that all City transactions are recorded and can be reviewed on our website.

Motion made by Mr. Ashley, Seconded by Mr. Greenwood.

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

9. INTRODUCTIONS OF ORDINANCES

None

10. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution 2025-R-11 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ASSIST THE BELLBROOK-SUGARCREEK LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN PREPARING A PLAN FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF 51 S. EAST STREET THROUGH AVAILABLE MUNICIPAL

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AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (Harding)

Mr. Harding read the Resolution.

Mr. Schommer explained this allows the City to work with the school to identify a plan for redevelopment of 51 East Street to a higher and better use.

Council Comments – Mr. Greenwood said Council put a lot of work into the CIC. Mr. Schommer explained the CIC is a nonprofit corporation that allows the City to provide resources and funding opportunities specifically in real estate. Next steps are to meet with school officials and develop a plan.

Dr. Cozad is the school superintendent. He appreciates the City's efforts in working with schools to find what is best for the community as a whole.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-R-11.

Motion made by Mr. Harding. Seconded by ?

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

11. OLD BUSINESS

None

12. NEW BUSINESS

None

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Schommer told Council interview were conducted for Community Development Administrator position and will follow up on a few candidates. Quotes are coming in for thermal laying of pavement markings to identify crosswalks on Little Sugarcreek Rd addressing traffic and speed. Onsite portion of the audit is complete. A clean audit is anticipated. Mr. Hoke asked for an update on flooding at Walnut. Mr. Schommer said Service Department did some work to the grate over the storm drain to help water flow.

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Safety Committee – Mr. Hoke Police had Defensive Tactics training today and met with the Ohio Collaborative Community Police Advisory Board. NATO accords start May 22 and Bellbrook has no officers in the detail. Click it or Ticket starts Wednesday.
Fire – Ohio Fire Chief's Association visited to gather data related to current operations and potential regional collaboration. Dept is hosting assessment center for next Lieutenant promotion.
- B. Service Committee – Mr. Greenwood commented on the work at the storm drain at Walnut.
- C. Finance/Audit Committee – Mrs. Cyphers not present.
- D. Community Affairs Committee – Mr. Havens had nothing to report.

15. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Ashley – None

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Greenwood – Boy Scout Troop 75 hosting Memorial Day Ceremony.

Harding – Thanked Mr. Landis for coming.

Hoke – Wished safe travels to 8th graders leaving for Washington DC and Ben Trick for his coordinating efforts.

Havens- Thanked Mr. Landis and Dr. Cozad for attending.

Schweller – Wished safe and happy Memorial Day weekend. Next Council meeting will be May 27.
Thanked viewers and Louie.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

17. ADJOURNMENT

8:10

Michael Schweller, Mayor

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council