

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Bellbrook City Council Meeting

October 24, 2022

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 October 10, 2022, meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were declared to be approved.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Greenwood presented the Proclamation for Metastatic Breast Day to Ashley Fernandez, a Bellbrook resident. Mrs. Fernandez, thanked the City and community for support of the Day.

Mayor Schweller presented the 2022 benchmark service anniversaries for various city employees including:

Administration

-Louis Schatzberg (20 years)

-Melissa Jones (5 years)

Service

-Alex Fabric (10 years)

Fire Department

-Lt. Greg Nartker (30 years)

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Police Department

-Mark Burns (15 years)

-Tony Vetter (25 years)

-Tony Ruble (20 years)

-Chief Steve Carmin (30 years)

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Adoption of Resolution 2022-R-36: Ratifying and approving change orders to the Historical Museum repair and renovation project, authorizing the city manager to expend funds to cover the costs of various goods and services ordered for city operations, increasing the authorized spending limit, and waiving competitive bidding (Middlestetter)

Mr. Schommer stated the change orders are for the restoration of the logs, stonework on the structure, foundation, and more materials which have increased the cost of the project.

Mayor Schweller noted funds were budgeted for capital improvements allocating 48,500.00 to this project. He asked if the timeline was the same. Mr. Schommer stated a meeting will be scheduled pending approval of the change orders for new scope of work and timelines.

Mr. Harding asked about the repairs and renovation project amount and what is included in the total of the \$64,373.50. Mr. Schommer stated the amount of \$64,373.50 was for the previous and current renovation in addition to the \$23 thousand already paid. He noted the change orders also include the increased cost for engineered drawings and inspection. He noted the documents break the cost down with a total project cost of \$88,347.00.

Mrs. Middlestetter asked if the 23,000.00 has been paid and the difference is for the work still being done to the museum and still to be paid. Mr. Schommer stated that is correct.

Mr. Hoke asked if this dollar amount would reach a threshold to where it must be a competitively bid. Mr. Schommer stated it had which is why this Resolution is necessary.

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Mr. Harding asked if we were to go back to the original siding would the original contract still hold true. Mr. Schommer replied there are some additional changes, but primarily it would.

There was discussion about other capital needs for other City buildings.

Mr. Hoke stated the library is wanting to add an additional room.

Mrs. Cyphers states there are grants available; however, the first step in some of them is becoming a certified local government through the Ohio History fund.

Mr. Schommer replied he is looking into this grant money for next year.

Mr. Harding asked if we have an estimate on the cost to maintain the logs.

Mr. Schommer replied, an inspection would be done about every three years. No amount is available currently until the logs are cleaned, inspected and repaired.

Motion to Amend Section 2 for the change orders to the Museum for a total project cost including change orders not to exceed \$88,347.00.

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.

Motion to Amend Carries

Motion to Adopt 2022-R-6

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

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

Voting Nay: Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens

Motion Carries

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Schweller introduces the discussion on the 2023 Budget worksheets.

Mr. Schommer spoke on the budget and worksheets on the 2023 Budget increases and line items for each department. He then had each department head speak on the department changes noted on the budget worksheets.

Ryan Pasley noted salt prices increased per ton significantly, and water system chemicals tripled in cost.

Mrs. Middlestetter asked if we can keep roads safe; however, keep the amount of salt laid to a minimum. Ryan stated they are reducing the amount of salt laid, focusing on high travel and areas of concern.

Mr. Havens asked where the salt is located, and Mr. Pasley stated in the large salt barn downtown.

Mr. Havens asked if there is an alternate for salt. Mr. Pasley stated there is; however the cost is higher and the City does not have the equipment to apply it.

Mr. Schommer introduced the police fund, noting the significant increase in wages is from adding a

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position for school resource officer.

Chief Carmin noted various changes including adding an officer for the County SWAT Team and equipment, additional training and increased contract price for Dispatch services.

Mr. Hoke asked if the \$90,000 increase is the worst-case scenario for dispatch, and Mr. Schommer stated yes, for this year.

Mr. Havens asked if the response time to be alerted by dispatch was good. Chief Bizzarro stated it was and the new CAD system will improve it even more.

Mr. Havens asked about an officer and equipment for SWAT. Chief Carmin stated the officer would be a member of the County team and able to bring back that training to other officers.

Mrs. Cyphers asked about the Greene County Swat, does our officer support calls outside Bellbrook. Chief Carmin stated it is mutual aid.

Mr. Greenwood asked if after training an officer and providing equipment, are they required to sign an agreement to stay employed for a certain amount of time. Chief Carmin noted there is a selection process and although no agreement is signed, tenure of the officer is considered.

Chief Bizzarro discussed the items in the Fire budget, noting more funds are requested for Mr. Bizzarro part time firefighters to help with maintaining more staffing. He also noted replacement radios and additional training.

Mr. Schommer also noted the Waste Collection costs have increased by contract and the cost of collection charged to residents will also need to be raised.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Schommer noted the cable tv channel and equipment is slated to be up and running by next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SAFETY:

None

SERVICE:

Mr. Greenwood noted the service department has been showing admin staff processes in the field.

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FINANCE/GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS:

None

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Mrs. Middlestetter reminded Beggars Night is October 31 6pm to 8pm.

CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Mrs. Cyphers congratulated those that received the employee serviced awards.

Mr. Harding thanked the service award recipients, Stump Photography, and the Bellbrook football team.

Mr. Havens thanked service award recipients.

Mr. Hoke congratulated the Bellbrook football team.

Mrs. Middlestetter thanked all the great employees for their service.

Mr. Greenwood thanked all the employees for the years of service.

Mayor Schweller thanked all the service award winners and the great leaders here at the city.

Mr. Schommer noted the Special Counsel has filed the PFAS lawsuit in the Greene County Common Pleas court.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to enter executive session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes and to consider the employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee.

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

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

Motion Carries.

Council entered executive session at 8:51pm

Motion to exit Executive Session.

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

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

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Mayor Schweller.

Council exited Executive Session at 9:40pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Schweller declared the meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm

Michael Schweller, Mayor

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council