

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Bellbrook City Council Meeting

August 17, 2015

**PRESENT:** Mr. Nick Edwards  
Mr. Forrest Greenwood  
Mr. Jon Martin  
Mrs. Elaine Middlestetter  
Mrs. Dona Seger-Lawson  
Deputy Mayor Mike Schweller  
Mayor Bob Baird

This is a summary of the City Council meeting held on Monday, August 17, 2015. Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Clerk called the roll.

After polling members of City Council, as there were no corrections or additions to the **work session and regular meeting minutes of July 13, 2015**, Mayor Baird declared the minutes approved as written.

## **SPECIAL GUESTS**

Chief Doherty spoke about the Big Wheel Race held in Bellbrook. The Bellbrook Police Department competed against the Sugarcreek Township Police Department. Officer Luke Terry designed and built the bike, and the Bellbrook Police Department took home the trophy.

Chief Doherty recognized Officer Jackie Jones, for receiving the 2015 Crisis Intervention Training Officer of the Year Award for Clark, Greene, and Madison Counties.

Chief Doherty recognized Detective Vetter and Sergeant Salyers for their outstanding work and assistance in helping locate a 14-year-old girl who went missing from Bellbrook. They worked closely with other agencies to help bring the young girl home safely. They were also recognized for the outstanding Identity Theft program they put on last month for the community.

Officer Tony Rubble was also recognized for the Active Shooter Program he presented to the community. Mr. Schweller added that attended program and also commended Officer Rubble on a great job giving the presentation.

## **PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES**

Mayor Baird opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 2015-10 and 2015-11.

Mr. Edwards read **Ordinance No. 2015-10** amending appropriation Ordinance 2014-10 to adjust the City of Bellbrook appropriations to reflect additional costs in some line items and reduced costs in others.

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These changes in appropriations are due to the purchase of road salt purchase, which will be deferred into next year, and the road repaving. Being no comments from Council or the public, Mayor Baird closed the public hearing and asked for a motion.

**Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2015-10.** Mr. Greenwood seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. Martin, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion was carried 7-0.

Mr. Martin read **Ordinance No. 2015-11** amending Chapter 1042 “Water” of the Bellbrook Municipal Code.

This Ordinance amends the way domestic and irrigation accounts are billed; deletes language allowing rates to be increased by a motion of Council and also eliminates District A and B. All customers are charged the same rate no matter what district.

Being no comments from Council or the public, Mayor Baird closed the public hearing and asked for a motion.

**Mr. Martin made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2015-11.** Mr. Schweller seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mr. Martin, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion was carried 7-0.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Mrs. Seger-Lawson read **Resolution No. 2015-X** Directing the Greene County Auditor to enter the delinquent cost of weed and grass mowing on the tax duplicates for the properties attached hereto.

This Resolution is for unpaid mowing assessments to be included in next year’s property taxes. Every property gets ample notice to mow or be assessed the cost of the City mowing the property.

**Mrs. Seger-Lawson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-X.** Mrs. Middlestetter seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. Martin, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion was carried 7-0.

Mr. Greenwood read **Resolution No. 2015-Y** Directing the Greene County Auditor to enter the amount of unpaid water bills on the tax duplicate for the properties attached hereto.

**Mr. Greenwood made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-Y.** Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. Martin, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion was carried 7-0.

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Mr. Schweller read **Resolution No. 2015-Z** directing the Greene County Auditor to enter the delinquent cost of minor nuisance abatement on the tax duplicate for the properties listed in Exhibit A.

One assessment is for a unique nuisance abatement, which includes an in-ground pool that has been sitting for several years with no maintenance. The property owner will pay back the cost over a five year period that will be assessed to the property taxes. The other includes a tree limb that has fallen on a roof and was not removed by the property owner.

**Mr. Schweller made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-Z.** Mrs. Seger-Lawson seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Martin, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion was carried 7-0.

Mr. Edwards read **Resolution No. 2015-AA** Accepting the bid submitted by Waugh Excavating LLC for the storm water improvement project-Vemco/Firebird Drives and to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract in connection therewith.

Mr. Schlagheck informed Council that only one bid was received and it is under the engineer's estimate, and their references have been checked. The project should be complete by the end of October.

**Mr. Edwards made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-AA.** Mrs. Middlestetter seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. Martin, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion was carried 7-0.

Mr. Martin read **Resolution No. 2015-BB** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract in the amount of \$61,300 with Metcon for the construction of a new retaining wall at Pioneer Cemetery and waiving competitive bidding.

Mr. Schlagheck said this new wall would replace the decaying wood wall that is there now. However, instead of removing the wood and causing any issues, a concrete wall will be built adjacent to the wood wall with filler placed in-between the two.

**Mr. Martin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-BB.** Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mr. Martin, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion was carried 7-0.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Schlagheck reported that the Arthritis Foundation is planning a 5K race for December 2015. The race would start at Five Seasons Country Club and go down Clyo and Possum Run Roads on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Council reviewed the route and has concerns that it will block an entire

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neighborhood for one to two hours. Mr. Schlagheck will share Council's concerns with those in charge of the race.

The water main on North Main Street is complete and operational and the only thing left to do is resurface the project area, which will be started next Monday weather permitting. All other streets to be resurfaced in the City will be done at the same time.

The Police Department has a few guns that haven't been confiscated over the past several years. In the past these guns have been destroyed. The company that we purchase ammunition from would purchase the guns for around \$400. Mr. Schlagheck asked Council if they would like to destroy the guns or sell them to the company. Mr. Martin said if the City could make some money he would like to see them sold to the dealer. Mr. Greenwood said he is concerned that we are only dealing with one vendor and wondered if they should be auctioned. Mr. Martin agreed we may get a little more money that way but does not think it would be more beneficial. Mrs. Seger-Lawson prefers to sell it to a dealer that we know. Mr. Schweller thinks that if it is an easy process the City should sell to this dealer otherwise just destroy them. Mr. Edwards would like to see them destroyed. Mr. Schlagheck will speak with the Chief to make sure they are getting the best value.

The Online Checkbook that is being offered by the State was demonstrated to the Mayor and Mr. Schlagheck. There is no cost to the city other than the administrative cost to get the data out there; the program the State offers with compiles it automatically. Mr. Schlagheck said what concerns him is the information being taken out of context. There is an additional layer to the program that is available for a fee of approximately \$3,000-\$4,000 a year. Council reiterated their previous discussion that they believe the City already makes the financial information available.

Mr. Schlagheck is looking at starting the review for the 2016 budget in October. Mr. Schlagheck asked if Council would like to meet with Department heads first and then have an overview of the budget or have an overview and then meet with Department heads. Mr. Schweller said he liked meeting with each Department head and then an overview.

The September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting will be cancelled, as Mr. Schlagheck will be at the City Managers Conference.

Many of the dead trees that were identified by the City to property owners have been taken care of. There are only about 10-15 property owners who have not responded. The City will look at these trees again in the spring.

The Clerk of Council, Carrie Smith, has taken a full time position. The City will advertise for the Clerk of Council position and staff will interview with council doing final interviews and making a decision.

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Service:** No report at this time.

**Safety:** Thanked the Police and Fire Departments for the great job they are doing.

**Finance/Audit:** No report.

**Community Affairs:** Lions Club festival

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Seger-Lawson reminded everyone of the Chamber Golf outing this Thursday at Sugarvalley Golf Club. Please attend if you can.

Daryl McGill, 3846 W Franklin Street, attended the active shooter class and said Officer Rubble did an excellent job at putting that information out there. As a former officer, Mr. McGill received a challenge coin from the Chief, and he appreciated it very much.

## **ADJOURN**

Being no further business to come before this regular session of the Bellbrook City Council, Mayor Baird declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Robert L. Baird, Mayor

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Carrie C. Smith, Clerk of Council