

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Bellbrook City Council Meeting

March 23, 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, March 23, 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 prior minutes of the **regular meeting minutes of March 9, 2015**, Mayor Baird declared the minutes approved as written.

SPECIAL GUESTS/MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Ewing, Director of Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Chamber of Commerce, announced the Chamber office has moved to 41 W Franklin Street. The Chamber will celebrate with a grand opening in a few weeks. The next Chamber meeting is April 9th, 7:30 am, at Five Seasons. Senator Portman and Senator Turner will have representatives present and Representative Perales will attend the meeting himself.

The Community Garage Sale will be May 14th-16th, please register on the Chamber website or at the Chamber tent at the Sugar Maple Festival, April 24th-25th. Council and Ms. Ewing discussed options of getting rid of unwanted items after the garage sale days. Ms. Ewing will provide a list of options to those registering.

There was a Grand Re-Opening of the newly remodeled Bellhop Café last week. The new Third Season restaurant is open and they will have a grand opening when the weather is nicer. Ms. Ewing reminded everyone they must register to vote by April 6th in order to vote in May.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Edwards read **Resolution No. 2015-I** authorizing the City Manager to execute an amended joint self-insurance agreement with the Center for Local Government Benefits Pool.

Mr. Schlagheck explained the Health Insurance group pool and how it works. The pool is made up of 16 members and renews in August of each year. For a number of years there was a deficit in the pool however, in February the pool reported reserves in excess of \$800,000. The goal is to have the reserves at \$1.4 million. Mr. Schlagheck believes the renewal increase will be somewhere between

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zero and five percent for this year. Language in the agreement regarding withdrawing from the pool was updated and will take effect August 1, 2015.

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

Mr. Martin read **Resolution No. 2015-J** authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of road salt for the City of Bellbrook in its entirety.

The City has the option to purchase road salt through an ODOT bid. The request for salt through this bid is due April 3rd, and will be delivered in the summer. Another bid will be done again later in the year. The price is not yet known, however this will most likely help the City purchase salt at a lower price for 2015.

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The City is reviewing different fees that are charged. The fees for mowing grass vacant properties or properties in violation will be increased this year. The City has seen several properties that are using the City as a mowing service.

Sugarcreek Township Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing regarding the Kroger on Wilmington Pike and the installation of a fuel center.

The City received four bids for the water extension project. Mr. Schlagheck hopes to award the bid at the April 13th City Council meeting. All of the bids came in around \$70,000 higher than expected, however the scope of the project was enlarged so the entire project can be done at one time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Service: Mrs. Seger-Lawson shared a report from Mr. Dale Wilson. Mr. Wilson thanked Council for approving the purchase of the new truck; it will be ready in November. Pot holes are being repaired, the restrooms in the Winters Library have been updated and the Yellow Brick Road project will be completed for the Sugar Maple Festival.

Safety: No report.

Finance/Audit: No report.

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Community Affairs: A ribbon cutting and open house for the Yellow Brick Road project will be held in early May. Bricks can still be purchased.

NEW BUSINESS

Cuvee Wine Bar is in the process of renewing their liquor permit and per the Ohio Division of Liquor Control; the City has the opportunity to request a hearing before its approval. The Chief of Police has no objections to the renewal. Council has no objections. A hearing will not be requested.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Greenwood attended the Greene County Engineers annual meeting last week. Mr. Greenwood said that Mr. Geyer did not have a lot of good news to share.

Mrs. Seger-Lawson shared that DP&L has upgraded the electric in the Sugarcreek Plaza in hopes there will not be as many outages.

Mayor Baird attended the Bellbrook Booster Blast; it was a great event and well attended.

Chris Ewing, Chamber of Commerce, thanked Chief Doherty who sent officers to help with the Chamber move and make sure they were ok.

ADJOURN

Being no further business to come before this regular session of Bellbrook City Council, Mayor Baird declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Robert L. Baird, Mayor

Carrie C. Smith, Clerk of Council