

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Bellbrook City Council Meeting  
April 24, 2017

**PRESENT:** Mr. Nick Edwards  
Mr. Forrest Greenwood  
Mr. Darryl McGill  
Mrs. Middlestetter  
Mrs. Seger-Lawson  
Deputy Mayor Schweller  
Mayor Bob Baird

This is a summary of the City Council meeting held on Monday, April 24, 2017. 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 **regular meeting minutes of April 10, 2017** Mayor Baird declared the minutes approved as written.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/SPECIAL GUEST**

The Bellbrook Garden Club was represented by Tea Yankel and she presented awards to this year's poster contest winners. The winners include: Karin Peterson, Honorable Mention; Hamilton Bridges, 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Ella Dudley, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; and Brittany Rivera, 1<sup>st</sup> place. The contest was held in honor of Earth Day.

Mayor Baird read a Proclamation declaring May Motorcycle Awareness Month at the request of Abate of Ohio, Inc.

Christine Wolfe, a nurse in the Emergency Department at Miami Valley South, came to Council to present an award to Lt. Greg Nartker of the Fire Department. At church on Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup> Gregg administered CPR to a member of the church who was having a medical issue. Lt. Nartker also played a vital role in being the liaison between the family and the Emergency Room Staff at the hospital. Christine said Lt. Nartker showed great compassion to the patient, family and staff.

**PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Schlagheck said next Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> there is a General Renewal Levy on the ballot. This is a renewal levy so there is no increase in taxes. Mr. Schlagheck encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

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Mr. Schlagheck said the Sugar Maple Festival was a success this past weekend. Mr. Schlagheck wanted to recognize and thank the City workers who do a lot of work behind the scenes at the festival.

Next, Mr. Schlagheck spoke about the annual water rate survey. The City of Oakwood conducts an annual survey of water rates. The City of Bellbrook has the 22<sup>nd</sup> lowest water rate of the 66 local governments.

At the last council meeting, Mr. Schlagheck provided Council with information on the National League of Cities (NLC) Service Line Warranty Program. The program provides property owners with a warranty for the water and sewer service lines to their homes. There is no cost to the City to offer this program to our residents. The Mayor asked Mr. Schlagheck for additional information at the last meeting. Mr. Schlagheck did forward a copy of the contract, what is covered by the warranty and a copy of the letter that residents would receive. Mr. Schlagheck also said he did follow up with another community that offers this program. One of the things this program would do is send a letter out to residents on city letterhead. As a result of the letter, the community received a lot of phone calls. Residents were also confused because they thought they had to purchase the warranty since the City endorsed it.

Mayor Baird researched this also to see how it was received by other communities. He said he does not want this program to cause confusion for the residents. He is not in favor of it. He asked Council for their thoughts.

Mr. Edwards said he is not comfortable with the City endorsing this program. He also said that he contacted his Insurance Agency and found out that his home owner's policy includes service lines.

Mr. Greenwood said to check your home owner's policy too.

Mrs. Middlestetter said she is not comfortable with the program.

Mrs. Seger-Lawson said she feels it would give residents a false sense of comfort because it looks like the program is offered by the City.

Mr. Schweller said he is bothered why they want to link this program with the name of the City of Bellbrook. He also said that this is not an insurance contract. He said if the warranty company goes under, the warranty is worthless. Mr. Schweller said he does not like it and is not in favor of it.

Mr. Schlagheck said he will let the company know that the City is not interested in the program. Mr. Schlagheck said the key component here is residents are responsible for their water and sewer service lines. He said that the City can continue educating the residents about this.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Service:** Mrs. Seger-Lawson wanted to thank the Service Department along with the Police and Fire Departments for their contribution at the Sugar Maple Festival.

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**Safety:** Mr. Greenwood also thanked the Fire and Police Departments along with the Service Department for their help at the Sugar Maple Festival.

**Finance/Audit:** Mr. Schweller said the general fund renewal money is important since Bellbrook does not have a city income tax. He also said that the City spends this money like it is their own. Mr. Schweller encouraged everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Community Affairs:** Mrs. Middlestetter said there is a vacancy on the Village Review Board. The opening is posted on the City's website. She also thanked the Service Department and everyone involved with the Sugar Maple Festival.

## **OLD BUSINESS-**

### **NEW BUSINESS-**

Ohio Division of Liquor Control Notice-The City was sent a notice of a new liquor permit for Thai Grille LLC. Council did not have any objections.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION-**

Mr. Edwards recently met with a resident who is a Purple Heart recipient. The resident asked Mr. Edwards if Bellbrook would be interested in being designated a Purple Heart city. This is an organization throughout the United States with local chapters. Mr. Edwards said there is no cost to the city. This could entail that the City presents a proclamation, a flag or designates a sub name on a thorough fare. Mr. Edwards wanted to know what his fellow Council members thought. All members of Council were in favor. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Schlagheck will move forward with this.

Mr. Greenwood said there were a lot of good ideas that came from the Walkability Workshop. He said he is looking forward to this process continuing.

Mr. McGill thanked the Service, Police and Fire Departments for their participation in the Sugar Maple Festival. Mr. McGill attended the Walkability Workshop too. He said there are a lot of ideas that need to be looked at. He thought the process was a good idea.

Mrs. Middlestetter participated in the Walkability Workshop too. She said there seems to be a lot of consensus of what residents think the city should look like.

Mrs. Seger-Lawson congratulated the Sugar Maple Festival Committee. She said it was a great festival. She attended the Walkability Workshop too. The parking issues stood out to her. She said it will take the community and businesses coming together.

Mr. Schweller was out of town and unable to attend the festival. He has heard nothing but rave reviews. He congratulated the Sugar Maple Festival Committee.

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Mayor Baird said the Sugar Maple Festival was a success. He also said there was group of Bellbrook kids in Washington DC for a “We the People” competition. He offered his congratulations to them. He also said there was a Bellbrook student that received a perfect score on the ACT.

Mr. Schatzberg-4082 Ridgetop Dr. He is a member of the Sugar Maple Festival Committee. He drives the shuttle and puts up directional signage for the festival. He said it was a good festival. He thanked the Mayor and Council along with the City Manager for supporting the festival.

**ADJOURN**

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

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Robert L. Baird, Mayor

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Jami L. Kinion, Clerk of Council