

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Bellbrook City Council Meeting
May 22, 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, May 22, 2017. Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the Clerk called the roll.

Mr. Edwards made a motion to go into executive session at 6:01 pm to discuss Collective bargaining relating to the Police union. Mr. Greenwood seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr., Greenwood, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion was carried 7-0.

Mrs. Seger-Lawson made a motion to exit out of executive session at 6:55 pm. Mr. Schweller seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion was carried 7-0.

After polling members of City Council, as there were no corrections or additions to the **regular meeting minutes of May 8, 2017** Mayor Baird declared the minutes approved as written.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/SPECIAL GUEST

Police Chief Doug Doherty presented several awards to Police Officers. The Fitness Award was presented to Officer Mark Burns, Officer Nick Davis, Sergeant Keith Salyers, Detective Tony Vetter, Officer Josh Warren and Officer Jamey Johnson.

Sergeant Keith Salyers was also awarded the Meritorious Service award. This award is given to an officer involved in a lifesaving effort that does not put the officer in any danger. Sergeant Salyers performed CPR on a victim with the aid of an AED unit. Sergeant Salyers continued to do this until medics arrived on scene. Captain Haus of the Fire Department advised that the lifesaving efforts performed by Sergeant Salyers saved the victims life. Sergeant Salyers also received a Lifesaving award from the Police Hall of Fame.

The last award Chief Doherty presented was the Leadership award presented to Lieutenant Steve Carmin. Chief Doherty said that Lieutenant Carmin does a lot including: organizing officers for the two local festivals, maintenance of the cruisers, and helps officers with any computer issues. Lieutenant Carmin is also an ALICE trainer. He completed the Law Enforcement Executive training last fall. Lieutenant Carmin said he tries to get the latest technologies in the officer's hands. He said it helps the officers do a better job for the public. Lieutenant Carmin said it is easy to look good when you are part of a good team.

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Mayor Baird thanked the Chief and the rest of the Officers for their service.

Next, Ken LeBlanc came to review the Walkability Workshop that was held on April 12. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes. The report is also available on the City website. The report was also sent to the participants of the workshop.

Mr. Schweller said it was a good report. He said the takeaway from this is the good turnout shows that people are focused on improving the downtown area.

Mr. Greenwood said he was impressed with the good turn out and all of the ideas that were shared. Both businesses and residents are interested.

Mrs. Middlestetter did mention that the planters in downtown will be planted on Wednesday. This will add some plants and vegetation to the downtown area. Mr. LeBlanc said that we should take pictures of the planters once they are planted to show what was done for future information.

Mrs. Seger-Lawson said a lot of people asked what are the next steps. Mr. Schlagheck said the report is on the city website and each person that attended the workshop was sent a copy. He said there will need to be some further conversations. Mrs. Seger-Lawson said she does not think this all needs to be City Council driven. She said that perhaps something can be coordinated with the Chamber. Mr. Schlagheck said that Council can give some direction as to where to start.

Mr. Edwards said he thinks there needs to be someone to champion this. This person or group could gather the interested stake holders and prioritize the items in the report. Mr. Edwards said he thinks the first thing to do is find easy wins to start the process.

Mrs. Seger-Lawson asked about the Village Review Board and Planning Board. Mr. Schlagheck said those boards serve a different function. He did say that a committee could be formed either temporary or permanent in nature. Ultimately they are going to want to know how much money they can spend.

Mr. Edwards said he thinks that if items can get prioritized then it can be determined what the budget could be. We would need to make sure it is feasible for a community our size.

Mayor Baird said this sounds like a good actionable plan. We need to get the community input and then get people involved. Mayor Baird said there are several community originations that could get involved and they would benefit along with the business owners.

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CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Schlagheck said some residents might have been contacted over the past week with a telephone survey. The survey concluded last week and the results will be discussed at the June 12th work session.

Next, Mr. Schlagheck talked about the summer meeting schedule. The next meeting will be on June 12th which will be a work session. Regular meetings will be held on June 26th and July 10th. He asked Council to look at their calendar and let us know which date in August will work for a regular meeting, either the 14th or 28th.

Mr. Schweller wanted to recognize that Mr. Schlagheck was named “fiscal agent” for the City’s medical insurance pool. As fiscal agent, the City will receive about \$15,000 in revenue annually.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Service: No Report.

Safety: Mr. Greenwood said this coming Memorial Day is the beginning of the summer season. He just wanted to remind residents to be safe.

Finance/Audit: No Report.

Community Affairs: **Mrs. Middlestetter made a motion** to appoint Jeff Owens to serve on the Village Review Board, term 5-22-17 to 1-31-19. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion was carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-

Mr. Schlagheck said our contract with Rumpke for waste collection and recycling services expires at the end of 2017. We are going to do a joint bid for these services with several other area communities including Miamisburg, Brookville and West Carrollton.

Mrs. Middlestetter made a motion to authorize the City Manager to solicit bids for waste collection and recycling services. Mr. McGill seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion was carried 7-0.

OPEN DISCUSSION-

Mr. Greenwood said he would like to see the old elementary school in downtown be turned into something that might create an anchor for the Old Village. He said he would hate to see it turned into apartments. Mr. Schlagheck said he has had conversation with the schools about the building. They have no plans to sell the building. He said it is kind of a safety net for the school based upon the growth of the community.

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Mr. McGill reminded residents to watch out for motorcycles this summer. He also wanted to remind residents if they will be on vacation to use the Police Department's vacation check program. It helps to keep their neighborhood safe.

Mayor Baird wished the residents a happy and safe Memorial Day.

Merna Herzog, 255 Upper Hillside Dr. - She wanted to know why the Uniforms, etc. sign was still up at the location on W. Franklin St. The business has been gone for a while. She said the sign can be misleading for people. Mr. Schlagheck did make note of this. She also mentioned the parking in Bellbrook Plaza. She said it would be nice if the business would allow residents to use the parking places when they are not open. Mayor Baird said that property is private property.

Louis Schatzberg, 4082 Ridgetop Dr. - He participated in the Walkability Workshop. He thanked the Council and the City Manager for taking the time to schedule the workshop. It gives residents the opportunity to share their input for the city.

Mrs. Seger-Lawson said the Walkability Workshop was not just Bellbrook residents in attendance. Residents from Sugarcreek Township also attended. She wanted to know if there was any way to work together with them to make improvements to the downtown area. Mayor Baird said they recently met with Sugarcreek Township, the Schools and the Park District. The Township did bring the Walkability process up. Mayor Baird said the door is open for working together and we just need to follow up.

ADJOURN

Being no further business to come before this regular session of the Bellbrook City Council, Mayor Baird declared the meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Robert L. Baird, Mayor

Jami L. Kinion, Clerk of Council