

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Bellbrook City Council Meeting  
September 11, 2017

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

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Elaine Middlestetter

Mrs. Middlestetter was absent. **Mr. McGill moved to excuse Mrs. Middlestetter.** Mrs. Seger-Lawson seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mr. McGill, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 6-0.

This is a summary of the City Council meeting held on Monday, September 11, 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 August 28, 2017 Mayor Baird declared the minutes approved as written.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/SPECIAL GUEST**

Representatives from the Military Order of the Purple Heart were present tonight. In formation, they presented the American Flag and we all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, Mayor Baird read a Proclamation that declares the City of Bellbrook a Purple Heart City. This proclamation encourages the citizens of Bellbrook to show their appreciation for the sacrifices of the Purple Heart recipients. The Mayor and Council said it was an honor to have the Military Order of the Purple Heart at the meeting tonight. They also thanked them for their sacrifice and service.

**PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES**

Mr. Edwards **read Ordinance 2017-7** An Ordinance Approving a Solid Waste and Recyclable Material Collection and Disposal Contract with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. Mr. Schlagheck said this is a five year contract with Rumpke. The City participated in a joint bid with three other cities. We only received one bid but it was a competitive bid from Rumpke. Mr. Schlagheck said this is about a 6% increase but the price is locked for five years. In the short term, Mr. Schlagheck said the cost to the residents will not need to increase. The Mayor and Council said they thought this was a good deal for the citizens.

Being a public hearing Mayor Baird opened up for public comment. Seeing no comments from the public the Mayor closed the public hearing and asked for a motion. Mr. Edwards made a motion to **adopt Ordinance 2017-7**. Mr. McGill seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 6-0.

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## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Mr. McGill **read Ordinance 2017-8** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1450 "Property Maintenance Code" of the Bellbrook Municipal Code. Mr. Schlagheck said in summary, this ordinance gives the City another tool to enforce property maintenance violations. This will allow the City to enforce civil penalties, which ultimately will allow the City to place a lien on their property to receive payment. Mrs. Seger-Lawson asked if residents have time to remedy the issues before any fines are issued. Mr. Schlagheck said we send multiple letters. He said the City seeks voluntary compliance before any fines would be issued. Mr. Edwards asked if the fines were mandatory or discretionary. Mr. Schlagheck said they are discretionary. He said the City can still prosecute criminally but it can depend upon the severity of the offense and the willingness of the property owner to work with the City. Mr. Edwards also asked who will charge these fines. Mr. Schlagheck said the staff will have the ability to issue a fine but ultimately the property owner can appeal to the Property Review Commission. This ordinance will be set for a public hearing to be held at the September 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Mr. McGill made a motion to **introduce Ordinance 2017-8**. Mr. Greenwood seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. McGill, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 6-0.

## RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Schweller **read Resolution 2017-BB** A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor. Mr. Schweller said this is required each year by the auditor to levy taxes in 2018. Mr. Schlagheck said this resolution would need to be amended if the levy passes in November.

Mr. Schweller made a motion to **adopt Resolution 2017-BB**. Mrs. Seger-Lawson seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. Schweller, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 6-0.

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Schlagheck said the annual Fire Department open house is on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm at the Fire Station on East Franklin St.

Also, the week of October 9<sup>th</sup> is hydrant flushing. This is done annually to clear out any sediment that may have settled in the water system. Mr. Schlagheck said additional information can be found on the City's website.

Next, Mr. Schlagheck said there will be a joint meeting with the Township, School District and Park District prior to the next Council meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:45. The meeting is opened to the public.

Lastly, Mr. Schlagheck provided Council with a draft of a post card with information about the levy. He said it will go out to residents in early October. He said if Council has any suggestions or changes, please let him know. Mr. Schlagheck also said he would like to hold a couple of informational meetings

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for residents and businesses. A couple tentative dates are Tuesday October 3rd at 6:00 pm and Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. He asked Council if they had any preferences of the dates to let him know. Mr. Schlagheck said to check out our website for information on the levy. If residents still have questions they can call and we will be happy to answer any questions.

Mr. Edwards asked Mr. Schlagheck if the City will have to order road salt this year. Mr. Schlagheck said the salt barn is at capacity and we are storing salt down by the Ohio River because we needed so little salt last year. We will need to take delivery of that by the end of the year to avoid storage fees. Mr. Schlagheck said at this point, he does not think we will need any additional salt.

Mr. Schweller asked if any residents have called the office or inquired from the website regarding the levy. Mr. Schlagheck said he has not received any calls or emails. He said we want to make sure residents are aware of the levy on the ballot. We will get the post card out soon with information about the levy and what the needs are.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Service:** No Report.

**Safety:** No Report

**Finance/Audit:** Mr. Schweller asked Mr. Schlagheck about the State audit. Mr. Schlagheck said he just received an email this afternoon to schedule the post audit meeting.

**Community Affairs:** No Report

## **OLD BUSINESS-**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **OPEN DISCUSSION-**

A representative from the Military Order of the Purple Heart presented the City Manager and Council Members with a Purple Heart Challenge Coin. Mayor Baird again said it was an honor to have them at the meeting tonight.

Mrs. Seger-Lawson asked if the City is going to put up any signage regarding the Purple Heart City designation. Mr. Edwards said they have had some discussion about the Purple Heart designation and they will get something done.

Mr. Greenwood thanked Council Member Edwards in his efforts to get the Purple Heart designation.

Mr. McGill said this is very exciting for the City and it is long overdue. He appreciates everyone involved to make Bellbrook a Purple Heart City.

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Mrs. Seger-Lawson said we do have a lot of military families in our community and it is important to recognize them. She also reminded residents to call DP&L if their power goes out due to the remnants of hurricane Irma coming into the area soon.

Mr. Schweller thanked the Military Order of the Purple Heart for coming to Council tonight.

**ADJOURN**

Being no further business to come before this regular session of the Bellbrook City Council, Mayor Baird declared the meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

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Robert L. Baird, Mayor

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Jami L. Kinion, Clerk of Council