

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Bellbrook City Council Meeting
August 12, 2019

PRESENT: Nick Edwards
Forrest Greenwood
Darryl McGill
Elaine Middlestetter
Dona Seger-Lawson
Mayor Mike Schweller

This is a summary of the City Council meeting held on Monday, August 12, 2019. Mayor Schweller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Clerk called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mayor Schweller, yes.

The Mayor explained that the City Manager was on vacation this week. This meeting was not cancelled since there is time sensitive legislation before Council.

FORMAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After polling members of City Council, as there were no corrections or additions to the regular meeting minutes of July 22, 2019 Mayor Schweller declared the minutes approved as written.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/SPECIAL GUEST

Mayor Schweller stated that his thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of the victims of the tragedy in the Oregon District last week. Special thanks go to the Bellbrook Police Department and especially Chief Doug Doherty, for their handling of the situation. A thanks also goes to the City Manager and City staff for arranging of the Bellbrook community support event held last Monday night on short notice. The Mayor said he, City Manager, Melissa Dodd, Police Chief Doherty, and the Bellbrook Chaplain Eric Meade spoke at the event. Gregg Davis provided music and the event was well attended.

The next night, Tuesday August 6, was National Night Out where members of our Police Department met with and fed residents in the parking lot of Dot's Market.

Mayor Schweller opined that our community is very lucky to have the staff, Police Department, Fire Department, and Service Department employees that we do. These people are very compassionate and care about their work and extremely supportive of our citizens.

The Mayor reminded the public that school starts on Wednesday, August 14. He asked that people be extra cautious with the increase in traffic before and after school. The Police Chiefs of Bellbrook and Sugar creek Township have met several times to better plan for the increased traffic and new busing schedules. The school hours and busing routes have changed.

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Marty Heide the Field Representative for Congressman Mike Turner. She noted that she was at this meeting to inform the City of two items of interest. The first item is the change to the Ohio driver's licenses. Effective October 1, 2020 all driver's licenses will be in the compliant and standard form.

When you renew a standard license, you return your old license at the BMV and a new one will be sent to you within a couple of weeks. The new Federal ID includes a blue star on the top right corner. This new ID will be required to travel by airplane after October 1 of 2020. To travel with only a standard license, you will be required to also show either a birth certificate, military ID or passport. The new Federal ID shows that you have been vetted by TSA and Homeland Security. To obtain the compliant ID everyone will need to bring more documentation to the BMV. This documentation includes:

- Proof of citizenship (birth certificate or passport)
- Marriage Certificate if your name is different
- Social Security Card (Ohio is looking into adding the convenience of obtaining a new card online which is being done in Kentucky and Indiana)
- Proof of residency (like a utility bill with your name and address on it. Citizens who only have a P.O. Box. can go to the Board of Elections or Auditor's office to acquire proof of residency)

Mrs. Middlestetter asked how proof of residency is obtained if the utility bills are only in a spouse or partner's name. Ms. Heide stated that any mail that includes your name and address is acceptable.

Ms. Heide offered to answer anyone's questions and gave her phone number (937) 225-2843.

Mrs. Seger-Lawson asked if this was a state or federal initiative. Ms. Heide answered that Ohio is adopting the federal guidelines along with 36 other states.

Mrs. Middlestetter asked if this new ID allows you to skip the security checkpoints at airports. Ms. Heide answered that everyone still has to go through security.

Mayor Schweller asked if the new ID's were available now and Ms. Heide said they are.

Ms. Heide also spoke about the latest Social Security scam. The scammers are calling people and telling them there is some problem with their Social Security benefits and need you to supply your Social Security number. NEVER give your information over the phone. The IRS, Social Security, and FEMA never contact anyone by phone. All communication is done by mail. Seniors are often targeted. She added the Greene County Council on Aging Jam Fest was the following week.

Mr. McGill asked Ms. Heide why Congressman Turner does not hold town hall meetings. Ms. Heide answered that there are none on the schedule right now. She added that people can request to be on a list to be notified if one is scheduled. She also said that people can contact Mr. Turner's office with any questions.

Mayor Schweller thanked Ms. Heide for coming to the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARTING OF ORDINANCES - none

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - none

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Greenwood read **Resolution 2019-W A Resolution Declaring Specific Equipment No Longer Needed By the City of Bellbrook as Surplus Property and Authorizing the City Manager to Dispose of Said Surplus Property.** This was one of the command vehicles used by the Fire Department that had a lot of miles on it. When a new vehicle is purchased the old one is auctioned off by GovDeals.

Mr. Greenwood made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2019-W A Resolution Declaring Specific Equipment No Longer Needed By the City of Bellbrook as Surplus Property and Authorizing the City Manager to Dispose of Said Surplus Property.** Mr. McGill seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mayor Schweller, yes. The motion passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Service: none

Safety: Mr. Greenwood announced that on September 1 Bellbrook Fire and Police Departments and the Sugarcreek Township Fire and Police Departments will be participating in bomb training. These shared trainings are always good and the departments work well together.

The National Night Out had a great turnout and Mr. Greenwood thanked Rob Burnhardt, the owner of Dot's Market for the use of their parking lot.

Mr. Greenwood applauded the Police Department's fine work protecting the Betts family's privacy and ensuring everyone's security.

Finance/Audit: none

Community Affairs: Mrs. Middlestetter reminded the public that Summer Fest is coming up August 23 through 25. Most people know this event at the Lion's Club Festival. Check out more information on the website. The parade is on Saturday at 2:00 PM.

Mrs. Middlestetter urged the public to check out the latest issue of the city newsletter. It is packed full of great information about our city. Many answers to questions can be found here. She pointed out specifically the information about parking in the downtown area.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Schweller explained that Council is voting for the person they will appoint to fill the vacant Council seat. He said that the city had nine applicants for the position. Interviews were done with each of the applicants asking each one the same four questions.

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Mr. McGill stated that the candidates were excellent, and the interviews were good.

Mrs. Seger-Lawson added that she encourages the applicants who weren't chosen to continue to be involved with the city and consider serving on one of the boards.

Mr. Greenwood added that it was a tough decision and that one of the deciding factors was previous experience on one of the boards and activities within the city.

Mrs. Middlestetter made a motion to appoint Dr. David Van Veldhuizen to fill the vacant unexpired term on City Council. 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; Mayor Schweller, yes. The motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Schweller stated that Dr. Van Veldhuizen was excited to be joining the Council. He will be sworn in at the next Council meeting on Monday, August 24, 2019. His term will expire December 31, 2021. This appointment does cause a vacancy on the Planning Board and applications for this board are being accepted.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs. Seger-Lawson again wanted to recognize the staff and especially Chief Doherty for doing an excellent job during a difficult time. She also shared that she has heard a lot of positive feedback about our Farmer's Market which takes place on the second and fourth Saturday mornings of the month through September 14.

Mrs. Seger-Lawson reminded the public that High School football is starting. August 23 will be a scrimmage against Clinton-Massie which is a big rival. The first home game will be on August 30.

Mayor Schweller also commended the Michaela Grant and the City staff for producing such a great newsletter that continues to get better every time.

ADJOURN

Being no further business to come before the Bellbrook City Council, Mayor Schweller declared the regular meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Michael W. Schweller, Mayor

Pamela Timmons, Clerk of Council