

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Bellbrook City Council Meeting
January 8, 2018

PRESENT: Mr. Nick Edwards
Mr. Forrest Greenwood
Mr. Darryl McGill
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, January 8, 2018. 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 work session and regular meeting minutes of December 11, 2017, Mayor Baird declared the minutes approved as written.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/SPECIAL GUEST

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Mr. McGill read **Ordinance 2018-1** An Ordinance Submitting Charter Amendments to the Electors of the City of Bellbrook at the General Election to be Held November 6, 2018. This ordinance would authorize the submission of a charter amendment to the electors for a change in the minimum voting age for municipal elections to sixteen years of age. If a majority of Council agrees to the introduction of this ordinance, a public hearing will be held on January 22, 2018.

Mrs. Seger-Lawson asked if the City has to pay money to put this on the ballot. Mr. Schlagheck said yes, there are election costs along with a mailing to all registered voters in Bellbrook. The cost of this mailing could run \$3,000-\$4,000. If Council wishes, Mr. Schlagheck said this issue could be addressed at the next Charter Review Committee in 2023.

Mrs. Seger-Lawson said she is against lowering the voting age. She appreciates the high school students that came forward and want to be involved in local government. She said she thinks they can be involved and be heard by coming to Council meetings rather than going through this process.

Mr. Edwards said he would like to see it go to a public meeting. He would like to see what the electors have to say. He also appreciated the efforts of the high schoolers that brought this forward.

Mr. Greenwood said he is probably against it but he would like to see it go to a public hearing.

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Mr. McGill said the individuals that brought this forward are very bright and are concerned about the future of politics. He said the Charter Review Committee is the best setting for this but he would like it to move forward to a public hearing.

Mrs. Middlestetter said the Charter Review is the ideal venue for this issue.

Mr. Schweller is opposed to this. He also said that the Charter Review Committee is the ideal place. He said the high schoolers did great work on this.

Mayor Baird said he has talked with several people on this and they are against this. He also said this should go through the Charter Review Committee.

Mr. Edwards made a motion to **introduce Ordinance 2018-1**. Mr. McGill seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, no; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, no; Mr. Schweller, no; Mayor Baird, no. The motion was denied 4-3.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Schweller **read Resolution 2018-A** A Resolution by the Council of the City of Bellbrook Requesting the County Auditor to Certify the Total Current Tax Valuation of the City of Bellbrook and the Dollar Amount of Revenue that would be Generated by a Specified Number of Mills. This resolution request a tax value certification form the Greene County Auditor for the proposed 1.75 mil fire levy for the May 2018 election. Mr. Schweller asked if these funds would go directly to the Fire Fund. Mr. Schlagheck said yes; these funds would be used entirely for fire purposes.

Mr. Schweller made a motion to **adopt Resolution 2018-A**. 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; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Edwards **read Resolution 2018-B** A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager/Finance Director to File with the Greene County Auditor Request for Advances of Taxes Collected. This allows the City to collect these taxes in advance which helps with cash flow.

Mr. Edwards made a motion to **adopt Resolution 2018-B**. Mr. McGill seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Middlestetter **read Resolution 2018-C** A Resolution Approving the Combination of Lots #3, 4 & 18 at 22 South Main Street into a Single Lot and the Splitting of this Single Lot into Lots #3A and 18A. This lot split/lot combination was previously approved by the Planning Board in 2017. The owner of these lots requested this for resale purposes.

Mrs. Middlestetter made a motion to **adopt Resolution 2018-C**. Mr. Schweller seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 7-0.

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Mr. Greenwood **read Resolution 2018-D** A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Three Year Agreement between the City of Bellbrook and the Fire Captains, Fire Lieutenants, and Firefighter/Medics Represented by the International Association of Fire Fighters. This will authorize the City Manager to enter into a three year contract with the fire fighters union effective December 1, 2017. This contract also grants the employees a 2.75% increase for each of the three years. There were some contract language modifications to reflect the current situation also. The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Schlagheck for negotiating this contract. This saves the City money.

Mr. Greenwood made a motion to **adopt Resolution 2018-D**. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 7-0.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Schlagheck said since the last month, the City has had two fires. The extremely cold temperatures made it harder to extinguish the fires. The Police Officers are also out helping people in the very cold temperatures. Mr. Schlagheck said the Service Department employees spent six hours on Christmas Eve making sure the streets were safe. Mr. Schlagheck wanted to thank them for their efforts. He encouraged residents to also thank them when they see them out in the community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Service: Mrs. Seger-Lawson reminded residents to not park in the street during a snow event and to drive cautiously.

Safety: Mr. Greenwood wanted to reiterate what Mr. Schlagheck said about the Police, Fire and Service departments. He thanked them for doing a good job.

Finance/Audit: Mr. Schweller said we have a levy for fire services coming up on the May ballot. Since we don't have an income tax, the levy is a method we have to pay for these services. Mr. Schweller said without an income tax, we need to pass these levies to maintain the services we have. He also said there will be more information about the levy soon.

Community Affairs:

Mrs. Middlestetter made a motion to reappoint the following Board Members with expiring terms. Mrs. Seger-Lawson seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 7-0.

Board of Zoning Appeals & Property Review Commission

- Philip Ogrod-February 1, 2018 to January 31, 2023

Village Review Board

- Jennifer Bowersock-February 1, 2018 to January 31, 2021
- Jacqueline Greenwood-February 1, 2018 to January 31, 2021

Historical Museum Board of Trustees

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- Dwight Bartlett- January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021
- Marylou Eppers-January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021

Mrs. Middlestetter also said there are two openings on the boards. The vacancies are on the Planning Board and the Historical Museum Board. Information about these openings is posted on the web site.

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Baird said at the Work Session held earlier, Council decided not to make any changes in the current Committee assignments. Mayor Baird asked for a motion to approve these for 2018.

Mr. McGill made a motion to approve the Council Committee Assignments for 2018. Mr. Greenwood seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. McGill, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Baird said it was also discussed at the Work Session to appoint a Deputy Mayor. The Mayor asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Schweller to serve as Deputy Mayor.

Mr. Edwards made a motion to appoint Mr. Schweller to serve as Deputy Mayor. 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, abstain, Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 6-0 with one abstention. The Mayor thanked Mr. Schweller for his continued service to the City.

The Mayor said at the Executive Session tonight, the annual evaluation of the City Manager took place. Mayor Baird said the City Manager's goals and accomplishments were reviewed. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve a 3% pay increase and an 8% merit bonus for the City Manager/Finance Director.

Mr. McGill made a motion to approve a 3% pay increase and an 8% merit bonus for City Manager/Finance Director, Mark Schlagheck. Mrs. Seger-Lawson seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. McGill, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 7-0.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Mr. Edwards thanked Mr. Schlagheck for his work this past year. Mr. Edwards said it was a hard year and he wanted to thank Mr. Schlagheck for his efforts. Mr. Edwards also wanted to thank the Police, Fire and Service Department workers for their dedication and service to the City.

Mr. McGill thanked the Departments for the fabulous job they have done over the past couple of weeks due to the change in the weather.

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Mrs. Middlestetter said Bellbrook has a good reputation for having cleared streets. She said we have cleared streets because the Service Department does a good job.

Mrs. Seger-Lawson said this cold weather has been record breaking and she thanked the employees that have to work out in it. She also thanked Mr. Schlagheck for all of his accomplishments this past year.

Mr. Schweller mentioned the winter picture that was on the city website. Mr. Schlagheck said it was taken by Don Buczek, Assistant to the City Manager. Mr. Schweller complimented Mr. Buczek on the picture. He also said it shows that the website is up to date. Mr. Schlagheck said that Mr. Buczek does a good job in maintaining the website.

Mayor Baird also thanked the Police, Fire and Service Departments for the good job they do.

Ernie Havens-3291 Streamview Ct.-Mr. Havens came to the meeting tonight to tell Council about a new magazine he is starting, Bellbrook Sugarcreek Neighbors. The magazine will feature a local writer and local photographer. The magazine will be mailed to residents in Bellbrook and Sugarcreek Township. He said it will also offer a community calendar.

Collin Campbell-2072 Portage Path-Collin is a Boy Scout in Troop 375. He is at Council to earn his Citizenship in the Community Badge. The Mayor thanked Collin for coming to the meeting tonight.

ADJOURN

Being no further business to come before this regular session of the Bellbrook City Council, Mayor Baird declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Robert L. Baird, Mayor

Jami L. Kinion, Clerk of Council