

BELLBROOK CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2009

PRESENT: Mr. Bob Baird
Mr. Denny Bennett
Mrs. Pat Campbell
Mr. Joe Ritzel
Mayor Mary Graves

ABSENT: Mr. Ralph Fussner
Deputy Mayor Mike Schweller

This is a summary of the City Council meeting held on Monday, February 23, 2009.

Mayor Mary Graves called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and asked everyone to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. Fussner and Mr. Schweller were absent due to illness. Mr. Bennett moved Mr. Fussner and Mr. Schweller be excused. Mrs. Campbell seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the Clerk called the roll: Mr. Bennett, yes; Mrs. Campbell, yes; Mr. Baird, yes; Mr. Ritzel, yes; Mayor Graves, yes. The motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Graves had two **corrections to the minutes of February 9, 2009**. On Page 7, in the first paragraph, the minutes stated "Mayor Graves agreed" and stated she was concerned about the intersection of North Lakeman, when, in fact, she did not state that she agreed and, also, she referred to North Linda vs. North Lakeman. There being no additional corrections or additions to the prior minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of **February 9, 2009, Mr. Bennett moved they be approved as corrected**. Mrs. Campbell seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mr. Bennett, yes; Mrs. Campbell, yes; Mr. Baird, yes; Mr. Ritzel, yes; Mayor Graves, yes. The motion carried 5-0.

SPECIAL GUESTS/SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Susan Lopez, Program Manager from the Family Resource Center, 51 S. East St, gave an update on activities of the Center. She stated she was last before Council in 2006. She stated there were two Family Resource Centers – one in Bellbrook and one in Jamestown, both part of Greene County Family and Children First. She said the community center in Fairborn was not part of Family and Children First.

Ms. Lopez reviewed handouts she distributed to City Council and said their focus was on information and referral services to individuals, families and the community; youth asset building; and program development and community capacity.

Ms. Lopez discussed the budget cuts that she has had to make and asked City Council to consider making a donation on behalf of the City. Mayor Graves thanked Ms. Lopez for her briefing and said Council's Finance Committee would consider a donation and we would get back to her.

Members of Council thanked her for her report and Mayor Graves asked her to advise viewers what their needs are at this time. She stated they need toothpaste and deodorant and business supplies such as paper. She stated they take donations from the public and those donations should be mailed to the Family and Children First at 51 S. East St., Bellbrook, OH 45305.

Fire Chief Scott Hall presented the **Fire Department's 2008 Annual Report**. He reviewed the high points of his report. A copy of the report is on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council and available for review.

At the end of his report, he discussed the need for passage of the fire levy in May in order to keep the same level of service our residents have enjoyed.

Chief Hall invited City Council to comment or ask questions.

Council members thanked the Chief and Captain Phil Michael for the great report. Mr. Bennett commented that not only was City Council proud of the Fire Department but the entire community was as well. Mrs. Campbell commented that some of the streets in the City weren't on the map used to define their zones and the Chief said all the streets couldn't be included because the map would be too big. He said the mapping system the department uses in the stations is up-to-date. Mr. Ritzel commented that during the wind event one issue was that the Fire Department did not have a generator. Chief Hall said that purchase was included the 2009 budget and they were working on specifications. Mr. Ritzel also commented that the Chief's report indicated there was a delay in purchasing thermal imagers. Chief Hall said they wanted to purchase three but last year they were able to buy two for the price of one. He said they have an old one that works now so the replacement of that one has been put on hold until it no longer works. Mayor Graves complimented the Chief and his department. Mr. Schlagheck thanked him as well.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Graves announced the National League of Cities Policy and Advocacy Committee appointees as follows:

- Mayor Graves, Community & Economic Development Policy and Advocacy Committee
- Councilwoman Pat Campbell, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Advocacy Committee
- Councilman Ralph Fussner, Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Advocacy Committee

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ORDINANCE 2009-1 AMENDING CHAPTER 1060 OF THE BELLBROOK MUNICIPAL CODE.

Mr. Baird read Ordinance 2009-1 in its entirety. Mr. Schlagheck explained that Council formally adopted the rate increase in December but then, upon reviewing the Municipal Code, we noticed a conflict in the wording, so this Ordinance will revise the Code appropriately.

Mayor Graves opened the public hearing. There being no one present to speak either in favor of nor in opposition to the Ordinance, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

There being no further discussion, **Mr. Baird moved for the adoption of Ordinance 2009-1.** Mrs. Campbell seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mr. Baird, yes; Mrs. Campbell, yes; Mr. Bennett, yes; Mr. Ritzel, yes; Mayor Graves, yes. The motion passed 5-0.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2009-2 AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2008-17 TO ADJUST THE CITY OF BELLBROOK APPROPRIATIONS TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL COSTS IN SOME LINE ITEMS AND REDUCED COSTS IN OTHERS.

Mr. Ritzel read Ordinance 2009-2 in its entirety. Mr. Schlagheck explained that in 2009 there would be 27 payrolls instead of 26, which is the typical number, so he had to adjust for that. He said, since he started at the City in November, he didn't have much time to evaluate the numbers before the budget was prepared, so he took time to re-evaluate and needed to make some changes. Mr. Ritzel asked if the Street Fund increases were as a result of the wind event or snow. Mr. Schlagheck said it reflected some of our salt issues.

Mayor Graves commented that this Ordinance reflected a transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Fire Fund which was another reason why we need the fire levy passed. Mr. Schlagheck agreed we would be transferring about \$275,000 in 2009.

Mayor Graves announced a **public hearing would be held on this on March 9th**.

Mr. Ritzel moved to introduce Ordinance 2009-2. Mrs. Campbell seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the Clerk called the roll: Mr. Ritzel, yes; Mrs. Campbell, yes; Mr. Baird, yes; Mr. Bennett, yes; Mayor Graves, yes. The motion passed 5-0.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS: NONE

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Schlagheck explained that last week the **Service Department received a new utility vehicle** that was in the capital budget. He said this vehicle would replace the one they use to read the meters, which is about 17 years old. He said the new one has a small snow plow on the front so it can be used for plowing paths and for watering flowers in the summertime.

Mr. Schlagheck said Dale Wilson and he are working on a **list of streets to submit to Greene County for the joint bid for 2009 street improvements.** He said that was due to Greene County in mid-March. He said we have \$150,000 budgeted for that program this year.

Mr. Schlagheck said he received notification from ODOT that the **repaving of Rte. 725 from Lakeman to Vemco** will be this year and the bid opening will be April 22. He said there will be some required legislation forthcoming to finalize our participation in that program. He said we budgeted about \$183,000 but the estimate right now is about \$123,000, so we may save some money.

Mr. Schlagheck said we received notice that **Dan's Kaffeehaus was closing.** He said that business would be missed and we wish him well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SERVICE: NONE

SAFETY: NONE

FINANCE/AUDIT: NONE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

OPEN DISCUSSION: NONE

Alter Student Emily Mueller introduced herself and said she was an American Government Student.

Boy Scout Sean Harrell introduced himself and said he was working on the Citizenship in the Community as a merit badge and one requirement was to attend a City Council or School Board meeting. He said he chose the Council meeting since we were discussing the Fire Department Annual Report.

Mayor Graves **thanked the viewing audience** and invited viewers to call her or the Clerk and she thanked **Louie Schatzberg**, cameraman, for his service.

Mayor Graves wished **Ralph Fussner and Mike Schweller a speedy recovery.**

There being no further business to come before this regular session of Bellbrook City Council, **Mr. Bennett moved to adjourn.** Mrs. Campbell seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. Bennett, yes; Mrs. Campbell, yes; Mr. Baird, yes; Mr. Ritzel, yes; Mayor Graves, yes. The motion passed 5-0 and the **Regular Session of City Council was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

Mary C. Graves, Mayor

Jill D. Rosner, Clerk of Council