

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Bellbrook City Council

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held April 27

2009

BELLBROOK CITY COUNCIL **MEETING MINUTES** **APRIL 27, 2009**

PRESENT: Mr. Bob Baird
Mr. Denny Bennett
Mrs. Pat Campbell
Mr. Ralph Fussner
Mr. Joe Ritzel
Deputy Mayor Mike Schweller
Mayor Mary Graves

This is a summary of the City Council meeting held on Monday, April 27, 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. All members of City Council were present.

There being no corrections or additions to the prior minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of **April 13, 2009, Mr. Bennett moved they be approved as written.** Mrs. Campbell seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mr. Bennett, yes; Mrs. Campbell, yes; Mr. Baird, yes; Mr. Fussner, yes; Mr. Ritzel, yes; Mr. Schweller, abstain; Mayor Graves, yes. The motion carried 6-0 with one abstention.

SPECIAL GUESTS/SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. David Carter, Executive Director of the Bellbrook Rehabilitation Center, was present to introduce himself and explain the services the Rehab Center provides. He also invited residents to the Rehab Center's garage sale scheduled for the weekend of May 15, the same weekend as the Community Garage Sale.

Kathy Kingston and Lynn Thompson, Co-chairs, **Bellbrook Garden Club,** were present to present awards to the winners of this year's **Earth Day Poster Contest.** They thanked the Mayor and City Council for allowing them an opportunity to recognize the students who participated. They mentioned that they had over 100 entries and gave six awards to: Breanna Cargle, Honorable Mention; Leah Simon, Honorable Mention; Kara Eckley, Honorable Mention; Mari Shead,, third place; Michael Orbash, second place; and Hazel Black, first place. Mrs. Kingston thanked Bill Mercer for providing the medals for the winners. The winners received a medal, a tee-shirt and a gift certificate from the Dairy Shed or cash. Mr. Bennett presented the winners with a Bellbrook City pin.

Mrs. Kingston said the **Bellbrook Garden Club would hold its annual Plant Sale,** Saturday, May 16, during the Community Garage Sale. She said money realized from that sale is used to support projects for youth such as the poster contest.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Graves read a **proclamation for Bellbrook Presbyterian Church's "Beds for Babies."** Mayor Graves said on Mother's Day, May 10th, 2009, the church will celebrate having delivered the 500th crib and contributing to the prevention of infant deaths at the 10 a.m. service and at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and residents are invited. The Clerk will forward the Proclamation to the Pastor of the church with a copy to Bill Wiseman, who requested the proclamation.

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Mayor Graves said the **Sugar Maple Festival** was very successful again this year and the weather was beautiful on Friday and Saturday but rainy on Sunday. She encouraged residents to become involved in the **Sugar Maple Festival committee** because it takes a lot of people to put on this event. Mayor Graves thanked the City Service, Fire and Police Departments as well as the Township for their help.

Mayor Graves expressed the Mayor and Council's **condolences to the families of Orville Liebig, former Superintendent of City School and Erwin Crossman, former Fire Chief of Bellbrook.** She also passed on condolences to families of local residents who have passed away and who we do not know.

Mayor Graves announced the **Sugarcreek Schools would have their 2009 Hall of Fame Award Dinner** on June 6 at the Bellbrook Middle School. She said the dinner was \$18 and anyone interested in going could get in touch with Debbie Tomlin at the Board of Education Office. Mayor Graves listed the recipients of the Hall of Fame Award as: Dennis Eck, Mike Grushon, Mac Winston and Mike Woody.

Mrs. Campbell announced that the **Bellbrook United Methodist Church would hold their official groundbreaking ceremony this Sunday, May 3.** She said services would be at 10 a.m. and the groundbreaking ceremony would follow. She said the community was invited.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ORDINANCE 2009-3 AMENDING CHAPTER 230, "MANAGER," OF THE BELLBROOK MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH SETS FORTH THE CITY'S POLICIES REGARDING THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY MANAGER AS RELATES TO THE DISPOSAL, SALE OR TRANSFER OF SURPLUS CITY-OWNED REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY INTERESTS

Mrs. Campbell read Ordinance 2009-3 in its entirety. Mr. Schlagheck explained that this Ordinance will fill a gap in the Codified Ordinances. He said we have nothing that addresses the sale of surplus property and this addition allows the City Manager to sell property with a value under \$2,500 without coming to City Council; but, if the value is over \$2,500, we will follow the same process we always have. He said this Ordinance would also authorize us to use Internet-based auctions. He said at the last Council meeting we passed a Resolution to sell a truck via Internet-based auction and that auction closes Tuesday night at 8:00. He said we were expecting to get about \$1,500 to \$2,000 for it and, as of just a few minutes ago, the bids were at \$3,075. He said he expected even more activity in the next 24 hours. He said this Ordinance will allow us to continue to dispose of property in this manner and get rid of some things that have no value to us but might to someone else and make some money in the process.

Mayor Graves opened the public hearing.

Louie Schatzberg, 4082 Ridgetop Dr., asked how the value of an item was determined. Mr. Schlagheck said for this particular vehicle, there were sites on the Internet on which we can see what similar items are selling for. He said if the item is a vehicle, we can look at Kelly's Blue Book.

There being no one else in the audience wishing to speak either in favor of or in opposition to this Ordinance, the **Mayor declared the public hearing closed.**

There being no further discussion, **Mrs. Campbell moved to adopt Ordinance 2009-3.** Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll: Mrs. Campbell, yes; Mr. Bennett, yes; Mr. Baird, yes; Mr. Fussner, yes; Mr. Ritzel, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Graves, yes. The motion carried 7-0.

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: NONE

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS: NONE

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Schlagheck **acknowledged our employees who assisted with the Sugar Maple Festival including the Service Dept., the Fire Dept. and the Police Dept.**

Mr. Schlagheck said **State Route 725** was going to be repaired this year. He said ODOT accepted bids last week and those came in about 15% higher than the estimate. He said he learned today that they accepted those bids. He said the City of Bellbrook was going to have to contribute about \$125,000 and now it will be \$145,000; but we budgeted, based on our engineer's estimate, \$183,000, so we will still be under budget. He said they discussed re-bidding it but that would delay the project and might cause it to occur when school starts in the fall.

Mr. Schlagheck said there had been discussion about the **traffic signal at Little Sugarcreek and installing a mast arm vs. span wire.** He said the project was budgeted for mast arm. He said a rough estimate for span wire was \$20,000 cheaper, but we will be paying only 11% of that cost, so it would be only about \$2,000 difference to us. Mr. Schlagheck asked for guidance from Council. The Clerk polled Council and the majority desired a mast arm installation.

Mr. Schlagheck stated that our next meeting would be May 11 and we would not be meeting on our normally scheduled date of May 25 because it was Memorial Day. He said we talked about just **meeting once a month in the summer.** Mr. Schweller and Mr. Ritzel will both be unable to attend the first meeting of June, so a decision was made to postpone June's meeting to June 22; and, after that, we will hold the first meeting of every month. The Mayor announced that if necessary we would hold a special meeting. The Clerk will put out a schedule to the press and members of Council.

Mr. Schlagheck reminded everyone that **Tuesday, May 5, was Election Day.** He encouraged everyone to vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SERVICE: NONE

SAFETY: NONE

FINANCE/AUDIT: NONE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

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OPEN DISCUSSION:

Mr. Bennett wished Mr. Schlagheck a belated **happy birthday**. He also wished Athena Robbins and Andrew Fehskens happy birthday.

Mr. Bennett said the only item Bellbrook has on the ballot is a **2 mill Fire Levy**. He informed residents that if they would like to see the rapid response by Fire/EMS to continue, they need to vote for the 2 mill Fire Levy. He said he was voting for it because his life and everybody else's life could hang on that response time.

Mrs. Campbell said she encouraged residents to **vote for the Fire Levy**. She said she has had occasion to use their services and they are the best around.

Mr. Fussner said he, too, strongly encouraged people to **vote for the Fire Levy**.

Mr. Ritzel echoed what everybody said about the **Fire Levy**. He said it was needed and it was time for it. He said anybody who has interacted with the Fire Department knows what a good department it is and he would like to see that continue.

Mr. Schweller said City Council spent a lot of time talking about setting the millage for the **Fire Levy**. He said Council set it at what they felt was needed to operate going forward. He said it was necessary to keep pace with current response times. He also said a lot of funding we previously had has gone away or is greatly reduced. He encouraged residents' support.


Mayor Graves agreed and said she had used the **services of the EMS**. She said one of the Care Flight staff members said we have one of the best Fire/EMS groups.

Mayor Graves said we all need to be aware of the **Swine Flu**. She advised people if they start running a fever of 100, have a sore throat or headache, they should call their doctor. She said authorities were also recommending U.S. residents not vacation in Mexico.


Mayor Graves invited audience members to participate in open discussion. There was no one in the audience wishing to speak.

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

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. Fussner, yes; Mr. Ritzel, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Graves, yes. The motion passed 6-0 and the **Regular Session of City Council was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**



Mary C. Graves, Mayor



Jill D. Rosner, Clerk of Council