

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held February 22,

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**BELLBROOK CITY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 22, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Bob Baird  
Mr. Ralph Fussner  
Mr. Jon Martin  
Mr. Joe Ritzel  
Deputy Mayor Mike Schweller  
Mayor Mary Graves

**ABSENT:** Mr. Denny Bennett

This is a summary of the City Council meeting held on Monday, February 22, 2010.

Mayor Mary Graves called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Clerk called the roll. Councilman Bennett was absent.

**Mr. Schweller moved to excuse Mr. Bennett from tonight's meeting.** Mr. Ritzel seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the Clerk called the roll: Mr. Schweller, yes; Mr. Ritzel, yes; Mr. Baird, yes; Mr. Fussner, yes; Mr. Martin, yes; Mayor Graves, yes. The motion carried 6-0.

There being no corrections or additions to the prior minutes of the **Regular City Council Meeting of February 8, 2010.** Mr. Schweller moved they be approved. Mr. Fussner seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll: Mr. Schweller, yes; Mr. Fussner, yes; Mr. Baird, yes; Mr. Martin, yes; Mr. Ritzel, abstain; Mayor Graves, yes. The motion carried 5-0 with one abstention.

**SPECIAL GUESTS/SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Graves introduced **Susan Lopez from the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Family Resource Center** who thanked City Council for having her and distributed a summary of their activities. She explained that the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Family Resource Center is one of two centers that are part of Family and Children First in Greene County, located on S. East St. at the old Sugarcreek Elementary School. She explained that the center operates with one employee on a 30-hour work week and due to budget cuts the center will be open one less day per month. She said they lost about 1/3 of their funding, which came from the state and they will need increased donations to the center. She said the center's focus is to provide information, referrals, and in-services to individuals, families and the community with the main focus on families with children living in poverty. She said to date in their fiscal year which began July 1, 2009, they are working or have worked with 126 families, more than any other year. She said each year the number of families grows while they operate with less money and time. Ms. Lopez described the various programs they provide and the individuals that they reach. She explained that the requests have increased from 350 in 2000 to 1,346 in 2009.

Ms. Lopez said they receive a donation from the City of Bellbrook and Sugarcreek Township as well as from private donors. She said they have started a \$50 fund raising project from a young man who gave them a check for \$50 each for his two parents at Christmas with the stipulation that the center make an effort to get \$50 from 50 more people. She said, to date that project has earned \$400.

Mayor Graves asked what other donated items they need. Ms. Lopez said the food pantry is low on spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned fruit, and diapers, especially larger sizes.

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Mayor Graves asked if they need personal items and Ms. Lopez said the churches have come through with those items.

Mayor Graves asked if the donations were tax deductible. Ms. Lopez said they were a government 501c3. Mayor Graves appealed to the public to make a donation to the Family Resource Center at 51 S. East St., Bellbrook, OH 45305.

City Council members agreed that the center is a great resource for our city. Mr. Fussner asked if they apply for grants and Ms. Lopez said they look at grants. He suggested they seek someone in the community experienced in grant writing to help them. Mr. Martin said Ms. Lopez had mentioned they need volunteers and he asked what volunteer duties were involved and how would interested individuals make contact. Ms. Lopez said they can contact the center at 848-3810 and there are monthly volunteer days as well as volunteers who drop in on Wednesday at 9:30 to work in the food pantry or clothing area. Mayor Graves said that even though Bellbrook is a more affluent community than some there are still families who need help.

**Mr. Rick Robertson, President, and Mr. Gregg Sparks, Civic Improvement Committee Chair**, from the Bellbrook Lions Club were introduced by Mayor Graves.

Mr. Robertson explained that the Bellbrook Lions Club has 79 members, is in its 64<sup>th</sup> year and meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month. He said they are a 501c4 vs. a 501c3, and are a non-profit but not considered charitable. He said the Lioness Club has 37 members at this time. He said their annual fund raiser is the community festival the third weekend of August. He said they take the money earned and do various community projects throughout the year.

Mr. Robertson introduced Mr. Sparks who cited the club's mission statement "To empower volunteers to serve our community, encourage youth and promote health. We believe that the community is what we make it." He cited the objectives of the club as builders of community spirit, helping local youth develop, advancing community and world health and stewards of community resources.

Mr. Sparks explained that the club is working to put together a community work day proposed for Saturday, April 24, divided into two sessions, 9 a.m. to noon and noon to 3 p.m. and they are seeking volunteers from the community, which might include individuals or organizations, and they are seeking projects which might include individuals or organizations such as the city, township, park district or schools. Mr. Robertson said they would be encouraging sign-ups at the Pancake Breakfast on March 6 and the Sugar Maple Festival on April 17 and 18.

Mr. Sparks explained the guidelines for volunteers as being adults over 18 years of age who must sign a waiver, 13-17 year olds at a 1:6 ratio of adult:teen and ages 6-12 with a parent. He said the guidelines for projects are that they be able to be executed within a day and be based on need or benefit to the community. Mr. Sparks made a request to the City for projects as well as an endorsement of the activity.

Mayor Graves commented that Eagle Land has fallen into disrepair and said she was glad to hear that was one of the targeted projects. Mayor Graves said she has also had contact from a family needing help shoveling snow and said she thought that would be a good project.

Individual Council members expressed support for the Lions Club and the Community Work Day project. Mr. Martin said he thought the city's zoning inspector might be able to provide some projects for residents.

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Mayor Graves asked if the Lions Club was seeking members and they said they were actively seeking members. Mr. Robertson said they meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 at the Grange on Wilmington-Dayton Road.

Mr. Schlagheck said he would pass their request for projects to our Service, Police and Fire Departments.

## **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Graves expressed **condolences to the family of Dr. Konrad Kircher**, long-time Bellbrook resident and owner of San Souci on Franklin St.

Mayor Graves expressed **condolences to the family of Gladys Penewit**.

Mayor Graves expressed **concern for Don Bronner** who lives on N. Linda Dr., who has been ill. She said he was quite active in Bellbrook.

Mayor Graves announced the **Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Workshop, "Going Places"** which was postponed due to weather has been rescheduled for March 25 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Sugarcreek Township Hall.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE**

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: NONE**

## **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS: NONE**

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT:**

Mr. Schlagheck said residents should have received a postcard on the change in recycling from every week to every other week and that **Allied Waste** would start to deliver recycling totes. He said that would take 1-2 weeks. He said anyone with questions or concerns could call the city. He said we have received quite a few phone calls from people who do not want the large tote and we're making a list of those to pass on to Allied Waste. He said if residents will leave both the 18-gallon open container out with the larger tote, the hauler will take the 18-gallon one away. He said residents are most welcome to keep it, if they prefer. He said if they don't get it the first week, they'll get it later and they will be around multiple times.

Mr. Schlagheck said that the Fire Chief will present the **Fire Department's Annual Report** at the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Schlagheck said the Planning Board will hold a **public hearing on the "kennel definition"** at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers, Monday, March 1, and the public is welcome. He said after the public hearing the Planning Board will take action.

Mr. Schlagheck said the Fire Department received notification from FEMA that they **received assistance for firefighters grant of \$27,000 for some radio pagers** that they applied for late last year. He said we have equipment that needs updated.

Mr. Schlagheck said we applied for a **grant for Wilmington Dayton Road** resurfacing through MVRPC from Stimulus 2 funding. He said we learned that we have been

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approved but it doesn't look like the funding is going to make it out of Congress. He said this is budgeted for next year with 100% local funding but we will continue to explore other funding options.

Mr. Schlagheck thanked our **Service Department crews for the snow removal** last weekend. He said they did a fine job and it appears they will have an opportunity to do it again in the next couple of days.

Mr. Schweller said he has heard the City Manager of Kettering on the news recently saying they were under funded in snow removal costs and asked about our budget. Mr. Schlagheck said we are doing ok. He said we have used almost the same amount of salt that we did last year for the entire snow season. He said we have used a little more overtime but we are still within budget and still have an adequate salt supply and will receive another 100 tons in the next week or so.

Mayor Graves said she took her dog to the vet recently and learned that **Spring Valley has a limit of four pets**. She said they allow kennels within the community.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **SERVICE:**

Mr. Fussner commented that the **Service Department** did an excellent job during this unusually heavy and big **snowstorm**. He said he also gives the **Police Department** credit because he knows the problems caused for law enforcement by snow storms. He once again cautioned drivers to slow down.

### **SAFETY: NONE**

### **FINANCE/AUDIT: NONE**

### **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: NONE**

### **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

### **NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

## **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Baird reminded viewers that the Park District has programs ongoing such as Zumba, karate classes and other classes that can be found at [www.bellbrookscugarcreekparks.org](http://www.bellbrookscugarcreekparks.org).

Mr. Martin mentioned the **Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast** on March 6 at Stephen Bell.

Mayor Graves said she agreed our service people did a great job with the snow. She cautioned everyone to be careful because we're expecting black ice and more snow.

Mayor Graves asked Mr. Schlagheck if we have received the new equipment to allow us to **broadcast on ATT U-Verse**. Mr. Schlagheck said it is on order but hasn't come in yet. He said he would let Council know.

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Mayor Graves invited audience members forward for open discussion.

Mayor Graves thanked the viewing audience and Louie Schatzberg, cameraman.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before this regular session of Bellbrook City Council, Mr. Baird moved to adjourn. Mr. Fussner seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. Baird, yes; Mr. Fussner, yes; Mr. Martin, 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 8:20 p.m.

Mary C. Graves  
Mary C. Graves, Mayor

Jill D. Rosner  
Jill D. Rosner, Clerk of Council