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, February 27, 2017. 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 regular meeting minutes of February 13, 2017 Mayor Baird declared the minutes approved as written.

MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS/SPECIAL GUEST

Fire Chief Jim Neidhard presented the 2016 Annual Report for the Fire Department. Chief Neidhard spoke about the staffing of the department and the many years of service that several members have. The Chief said that all of this experience provides for great training to the new members.

Chief Neidhard said the department received a grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation to purchase two Lucas devices. These machines provide mechanical chest compressions to those patients who experience cardiac arrest. The devices deliver effective, consistent and regular compressions and allow staff to focus on other needs.

Another purchase the department made was to upgrade the thermal imaging cameras. The new cameras provide images through smoke and darkness using heat variations in structures. These cameras are smaller and will allow firefighters to easily carry them.

Next Chief Neidhard reviewed statistical data of Fire and EMS runs for 2016. The department remained consistent with last year’s number of requests for service. The average response time is 0:06:21, which is great. Mr. Schweller asked Chief Neidhard if he knew what some neighboring community’s response time was. Chief Neidhard replied that he did not know but the national average was about five minutes.

Chief Neidhard thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the Fire Department. The 2016 Fire Department Annual report is available on the City website.

The Mayor and Council thanked Chief Neidhard and all of the members of the Fire Department.

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES
INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES
Mrs. Middlestetter read Ordinance 2017-1 An Ordinance Adopting and Enacting a New Code for the City of Bellbrook Providing for the Adoption and Publication of New Matter in the Updated and Revised Codified Ordinances and Repealing Ordinances and Resolutions in Conflict Therewith. MuniCode recently updated the Code to include ordinances passed through July 2016. The Code has been reduced significantly in size with the changes approved last year. Mr. Schweller asked if MuniCode was a new corporation. Mr. Schlagheck said MuniCode has been around for forty plus years. Mr. Schlagheck said MuniCode is providing a good service that is less expensive than previous vendors and any changes can be updated in real time.

Mrs. Middlestetter made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2017-1. 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.

Mr. Edwards read Ordinance 2017-2 An Ordinance Amending Part Four – Traffic Code of the Bellbrook Municipal Code. In the recodification process, references were found that were not correct. This ordinance fixes those references in the Traffic Code.

Mr. Edwards made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2017-2. 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. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Schweller read Ordinance 2017-3 An Ordinance Amending Part Six – General Offenses Code of the Bellbrook Municipal Code. In the recodification process, references were found that were not correct. This ordinance fixes those references in the General Offenses Code.

These three ordinances are set for a public hearing to be held at the March 27th Council meeting.

Mr. Schweller made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2017-3. Mrs. Middlestetter seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. Schweller, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS

CITY MANAGER REPORT
Mr. Schlagheck said on April 12 there will be a Walkable Community Workshop that will focus on the downtown area. It starts at 11:30 with lunch provided. Information has been posted on the web site.

Mr. Schlagheck said this week the “go-live” for utility billing software begins. The March 1st invoices will be prepared using the new software. The invoices will retain the same format as in the past, but account numbers will change. If residents have an irrigation system, they will receive only one invoice.
Lastly, Mr. Schlagheck said the next City Council meeting will be on March 27th.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Service:** No Report.
- **Safety:** No Report.
- **Finance/Audit:** No Report.
- **Community Affairs:**

  Mr. McGill recused himself from the following matter.

  **Mrs. Middlestetter made a motion** to recommend appointment of Karen McGill to serve on the Village Review Board; term expires 1-31-19. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 6-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr. Edwards wanted to extend congratulations to the Bellbrook High School boys swim and dive team at the State Championship over the weekend. Several new school records were set. Overall, the team finished fourth place out of sixty teams. This is the best finish ever for the team. This is an amazing accomplishment with only four swimmers competing.

Mrs. Middlestetter said there was a lot of support for the event “Walk a mile in her shoes” at Five Seasons on Saturday. There were over 90 people registered and more showed up at the door. She thanked everyone for their support.

Mrs. Seger-Lawson said the Girls Basketball team has done a great job this season. Mayor Baird added that they won the sectional title and district finals begin this weekend.

Mayor Baird said there will be a Celebration of Life service for Bob Reed on Saturday, March 4th from 2-4 at the Connor and Koch Funeral Home. Bob Reed was very involved with the Chamber of Commerce for many years.

Two Boy Scouts were in the audience tonight from Troop 375. Connor Luby-136 Upper Hillside Dr. and Kobe Kowal-3360 Avonley Ct are both working on their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. The Mayor presented Connor and Kobe a City pin.

**ADJOURN**

Being no further business to come before this regular session of the Bellbrook City Council, Mayor Baird declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.
Robert L. Baird, Mayor

Jami L. Kinion, Clerk of Council