PRESENT: Mr. Nick Edwards
Mr. Forrest Greenwood
Mr. Jon Martin
Mrs. Elaine Middlestetter
Mrs. Dona Seger-Lawson
Mayor Bob Baird

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Mike Schweller

This is a summary of the City Council meeting held on Monday, April 25, 2016. Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Clerk called the roll.

Mr. Schweller was absent. Mr. Martin moved to excuse Mr. Schweller. Mrs. Seger-Lawson seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mr. Martin, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes, Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 6-0.

After polling members of City Council, as there were no corrections or additions to the regular meeting minutes of April 11, 2016, Mayor Baird declared the minutes approved as written.

MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS/SPECIAL GUEST
Fire Chief Jim Neidhard introduced the new full time Firefighter, Taylor Click. After Taylor introduced his family and friends, the Mayor swore him in as a new full time Firefighter for the City. The Mayor and Council congratulated Taylor and thanked him for his service.

Mayor Baird read a Proclamation declaring May Motorcycle Awareness Month at the request of Abate of Ohio, Inc.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE
Mr. Edwards read Ordinance 2016-5. An Ordinance Approving a Major Change to the Preliminary Plan for the Highview Terrace Subdivision. The revised Preliminary Plan was approved by the Planning Board at their April 12th meeting with three conditions. This ordinance is set for a public hearing to be held at the May 9th Council meeting.
Mr. Edwards made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2016-5. Mr. Greenwood seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. Martin, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTIONS
Mr. Greenwood read Resolution 2016-N. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Sign an Agreement with the City of Xenia for Prosecution Services. The proposed contract has a three year term with an initial cost of $15,000 per year. The City has been paying $30,000 for Prosecution Services for the past eight years. The contract price is set to increase 2% in years two and three. Mr. Martin asked
other than the cost, will this agreement provide the City with the same level of service. Mr. Schlagheck said that he is satisfied that the agreement will provide the City with the same level of service. Mayor Baird asked Mr. Schlagheck about the cancellation clause within the contract. Mr. Schlagheck said the City is bound by the agreement until December 31, 2016. After that there is a thirty day notice to cancel. The agreement could be amended or modified at that point. Mayor Baird asked Mr. Schlagheck if it is the City’s expectation that Mr. Lewis would remain the Prosecutor for the City. Mr. Schlagheck said yes. 

**Mr. Greenwood made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-N.** Mrs. Middlestetter seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mr. Edwards yes; Mr. Martin, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion was carried 6-0.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Schlagheck said he would like to offer thanks to many people for a very successful Sugar Maple Festival specifically the Sugar Maple Festival Committee and the Police, Fire and Service Departments. The weather also helped make the festival successful. Mr. Schlagheck also told Council that the City’s new website is operational. It has a new look and feel based on the new logo. He also asked that if anyone notices anything not working or missing, please let him know. Lastly, Mr. Schlagheck said that Dale Wilson has identified a few more streets to include in this year’s paving program. The additional streets are East Sudbury Court and North Sheffield Drive (from West Franklin St. to the section break just past East Sudbury). Once school is out, the paving project will start.

Mrs. Seger-Lawson said she heard several people say that the Sugar Maple Festival was really great this year so the City must be making a lot of money with the Festival. Mr. Schlagheck said the City does not make any money with the festival. The City does pay overtime for the Police, Fire and Service employees to cover at the festival. The Sugar Maple Festival Committee makes the money and they in turn use the earnings to fund local scholarships and other projects within the community. Also Mrs. Seger-Lawson was asking for an update on the property that is being demolished at 79 West Franklin St. Mr. Schlagheck said there was a news story that was putting the blame on the City for not obtaining a permit for the demolition. The owner of the property had a contract with a demolition company and they did not get the demolition permit needed from Greene County. The County put a stop work order on the project until they could get the final approval that all of the utilities were shut off and also that the property had no asbestos. The permit was granted on Friday. The owner is going to construct a duplex on that property that has already been approved by the Village Review Board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Service:** No Report

**Safety:** Mr. Greenwood said that everything went well with the Police and Fire Departments at the Festival. Residents had the opportunity to meet and talk with them at their booths.

**Finance/Audit:** No Report.

**Community Affairs:** Mrs. Middlestetter thanked the Festival Committee members and also the Police and Service employees for a successful Sugar Maple Festival. She also wanted to thank the Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club for providing the communications at the festival.
NEW BUSINESS
Council is required to have public records training every two years or assign a designee to attend. A motion was made by Mrs. Seger-Lawson to appoint Jami Kinion as a designee for public records training. Mrs. Middlestetter seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. Martin, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 6-0.

OPEN DISCUSSION
Mr. Edwards said he is amazed how good the signage is for the Sugar Maple Festival. He thanked the Service and Safety Departments for a good job.
Mr. Greenwood said after the Festival, the Service Department came in and cleaned the City up so well. He again thanked the Departments for a good job.
Mr. Martin said the Bicentennial sign at Petrikis Park looked nice. He also liked the banners and would like to see the City use them for other occasions. Mr. Schlagheck said there are plans to use the banners in the future.
Mrs. Seger-Lawson thanked the Boy Scouts for repairing the entry sign that was damaged from an earlier storm. Mayor Baird said the Lions Club helped with that too. She also thanked the Departments for a great job at the festival.
Mayor Baird also thanked everyone involved with the Sugar Maple Festival.
Mr. Rick Clemens, 6710 Little Sugarcreek Rd. He wanted to introduce to Council the proposed emergency access to Highview Terrace. He presented Council with a rendering of the area.
Bill Dahling, 1839 Sugar Maple Place. He wanted to know if he would be able to get a copy of the packet that was given to Council. Mr. Schlagheck said he will get copies to Mr. Dahling. Mr. Dahling will distribute to the Highview Terrace residents. He also thought that blanket recognition from Council would be nice for the donors that contributed to the Sugar Maple Festival.
Louis Schatzberg, 4082 Ridgetop Dr. He thanked the Mayor for doing the proclamation for Motor Cycle Awareness.

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.

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Robert L. Baird, Mayor

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Jami L. Kinion, Clerk of Council