

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Bellbrook City Council Meeting

January 25, 2016

**PRESENT:** Mr. Nick Edwards  
Mr. Forrest Greenwood  
Mr. Jon Martin  
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, January 25, 2016. 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 January 11, 2016**, Mayor Baird declared the minutes approved as written.

## **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Sharon Schroder- Board of Zoning Appeals; Donna Gibson and Janis Stratis both serving on the Historical Museum Board.

The Mayor thanked the Board Members for serving on these Boards.

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Mr. Edwards read **Ordinance 2016-1**. An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of the City of Bellbrook Zoning Code. The changes will be discussed at the Public Hearing scheduled for the February 8 Council Meeting.

**Mr. Edwards made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2016-1.** Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Martin, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion was carried 7-0.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Greenwood read **Resolution No. 2016-D**. A resolution directing the Greene County Auditor to enter the delinquent cost of weed and grass mowing on the tax duplicate for the properties attached hereto. Mr. Martin asked Mr. Schlagheck how the amounts are arrived at and do the owners receive bills. Mr. Schlagheck said that owners do receive multiple bills and that Council has set the rates at previous meetings. This is always the City's last resort.

**Mr. Greenwood made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-D.** 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; Mr. Schweller yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion was carried 7-0.

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Mrs. Middlestetter **read Resolution No. 2016-E.** A resolution directing the Greene County Auditor to enter the delinquent cost of unpaid water bills on the tax duplicate for the properties attached hereto. Mr. Greenwood asked if the property owners receive any notice. Mr. Schlagheck said that the property owners do receive several notices.

**Mrs. Middlestetter made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-E.** 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. Martin, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion was carried 7-0.

Mr. Edwards recused himself from voting and any discussion on **Resolution 2016-F.**

Mr. Schweller **read Resolution No. 2016 F.** A resolution directing the Greene County Auditor to enter the delinquent cost of minor nuisance abatement on the tax duplicate for the properties attached hereto. Mr. Schlagheck said there is just one property. It is a property in foreclosure. The City went and cleaned up the yard and all around the property. It is been a nuisance for several years.

**Mr. Schweller made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016 F.** Mr. Greenwood seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Mr. Schweller, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. Martin, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mrs. Seger-Lawson, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion was carried 6-0.

The above three resolutions assess property owners for the cost of delinquent weed mowing, water bills and nuisance abatement. These assessments are sent to the County Auditor for inclusion on the 2017 tax bills.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Schlagheck wanted to review with Council some statistics from 2015. The first was waste collection. The total waste collection for 2015 was 3,018 tons. On average, each household generates 1.23 tons of waste and recycle per year. This includes single family residential customers only. Bellbrook's waste collection tonnage appears to be comparable to other cities. Recycling tonnage is actually higher than other cities. The rate charged for waste collection services by the City, \$13 per month, is the lowest in the area.

Mr. Schlagheck next talked about property taxes. The overall property tax values for the City went up slightly at .3%. Residential property taxes did increase for 2016. He presented a breakdown of the taxes and the differences from 2015 to 2016. In total for every \$100,000 of property value, the taxes increased by \$187.00. If residents have questions or need information on their tax bill, they can call the Greene County Auditor or visit their website at [www.co.greene.oh.us](http://www.co.greene.oh.us).

Mr. Schlagheck next shared some zoning and property maintenance statistics. A total of 135 zoning permits were issued in 2015. The majority of these permits were issued for fences and accessory buildings. There was 159 property maintenance or zoning violations noted in 2015. The majority of

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the increase from 2014 were a result of letters that went out to residents asking them to cut down dead trees.

Mr. Schlagheck told Council that he received the invoice from the Greene County Regional Planning Commission for 2016 membership. The dues would be \$1,736.00 which was included in the budget. In the past, the City has not used their services much. Mr. Schlagheck said that there are a couple of items that the City could use them for this year. One item would be a review of the Old Village and the other item would be to help with the strategic plan of State Route 725. The Mayor and Council agreed to pay the dues this year and revisit it next year.

Mr. Schlagheck also shared that the Bicentennial Committee continues to meet. He showed Council a proposed banner that will be displayed in the Old Village District. These are being purchased from a local vendor.

Finally, Mr. Schlagheck discussed proposed taglines received from Schlegel Creative Resources. The Mayor and Council agreed that this is the first pass so they would like to see others. Mr. Schlagheck will contact Schlegel Creative to identify other tagline options.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Service:** Mrs. Seger-Lawson reminded residents to not park on the streets during snow events.

**Safety:** No Report.

**Finance/Audit:** No Report.

**Community Affairs:** No Report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **OPEN DISCUSISON**

Mr. Martin said he liked the banners and would like to see them used at other times of the year. He said it could add a lot to the down town area.

Mr. Greenwood thanked the Board members for serving.

Mrs. Middlestetter mentioned current Board openings. There are two openings on the Village Review Board. One member needs to be a resident of the Old Village. There is also one opening on the Historical Museum Board.

Mrs. Seger-Lawson thanked the Girl Scout Troop for coming to the meeting.

Mr. Schweller also thanked the Girl Scouts.

There was one Boy Scout at the meeting. The Mayor asked him to come up front. His name is Corbin DeLong from Troop 375. He is working on his Citizenship and Community Merit Badge.

The Mayor wanted to offer his condolences to the Penewit family in the passing of Bill Penewit. He was a long time resident of Bellbrook.

## **ADJOURN**

Being no further business to come before this regular session of the Bellbrook City Council, Mayor Baird declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

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Robert L. Baird, Mayor

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Jami L. Kinion, Clerk of Council