

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of Bellbrook City Council Meeting  
December 11, 2017

**PRESENT:** Mr. Nick Edwards  
Mr. Forrest Greenwood  
Mr. Darryl McGill  
Mrs. Elaine Middlestetter  
Deputy Mayor Mike Schweller  
Mayor Bob Baird

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Dona Seger-Lawson

This is a summary of the City Council meeting held on Monday, December 11. Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Clerk called the roll.

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

After polling members of City Council, as there were no corrections or additions to the work session and regular meeting minutes of November 27, 2017, Mayor Baird declared the minutes approved as written.

**OATHS**

Mayor Baird swore in the four re-elected Council Members.

- Mike Schweller term, 1-1-18 to 12-31-21
- Nick Edwards, term, 1-1-18 to 12-31-21
- Forrest Greenwood, term, 1-1-18 to 12-31-21
- Darryl McGill, term, 1-1-18 to 12-31-19

The Mayor thanked the returning members for serving the City of Bellbrook.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/SPECIAL GUEST**

Mayor Baird wanted Mr. Schlagheck to give an overview of the minimum voting age issue that was previously brought before Council. Mr. Schlagheck had already provided Council with the Municipal Attorney's opinion. Based on her analysis, the City could amend the charter to permit a lower voting age. It would only apply to municipal specific elections.

Joey Derrico and Drew Ward were at Council tonight and presented the Mayor and Council with a list of information they have compiled through research about a sixteen year old voting age. They asked the Mayor and Council if they had any questions for them.

Mayor Baird said he has talked with some people about their position on lowering the voting age to sixteen and they are concerned about it.

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Mr. Edwards asked Mr. Schlagheck if any changes have been made to the charter without a Charter Review Commission. Mr. Schlagheck said there might have been a case back in the seventies but he would have to look further. He said, generally, any changes are made in the normal review cycle for the Charter Review Commission. Mr. Edwards said he does think we need to get feedback from our citizens. He would like it to move through the process.

Mr. Greenwood said he has talked with people about lowering the voting age. He said most of them are not in favor of it. He said it would be major change and it should be a slower process.

Mr. McGill said it has taken a lot of time and effort for Joey and Drew to put this information together. He is of the opinion that in the State of Ohio the legal age of emancipation is eighteen years old. Mr. McGill said he would like to learn more about it but it should fall under the Charter Review Commission.

Mrs. Middlestetter said there were some valid points in the research that Joey and Drew provided. Her main concern is voting on monetary issues when they are not responsible for paying the property taxes. She said it is worthy of deeper consideration.

Mr. Schweller thanked Joey and Drew for their efforts. He said it should be a Charter Review Issue. Mr. Schweller also talked to a lot of people about it and did not receive much positive feedback. He said he mostly heard that they are not property owners and don't have any skin in the game.

Mayor Baird said that he could see Joey and Drew voting. He asked though if all of their friends would take the time to look at the issues and vote. The Mayor said he has talked with a handful of people who probably would not support it. He said he would support putting it before Council for a formal vote.

Joey asked the Mayor what the next step should be. The Mayor replied that as a group they will decide to put it to a formal vote.

Mr. Schlagheck said an ordinance could be introduced at the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. If it did pass to be introduced, there would be a public hearing at the second meeting in January.

Council decided to have the City Manager draft an ordinance on the agenda at the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES**

Mr. McGill **read Ordinance 2017-12** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1010 "Curb Cuts" of the Bellbrook Municipal Code. The amendments modify the process for obtaining a permit for a new or expanded curb cut. The Chief of Police is no longer the primary point of contact for the application. The process will now be handled through the regular zoning process in the Administrative Office. The Police Chief, Fire Chief and Service Director will be consulted as needed. Being a public hearing Mayor Baird opened up for public comment. Seeing no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the public hearing and asked for a motion.

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Mr. McGill made a motion to **adopt Ordinance 2017-12**. Mrs. Middlestetter seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. McGill, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Edwards **read Ordinance 2017-13** An Ordinance Amending Ordinances 2016-14 and 2017-6 to Adjust the City of Bellbrook Appropriations for 2017 to Reflect Additional Costs in some Line Items and Reduced Costs in other Line Items. The ordinance reflects the changes reviewed with Council during the budget process. The majority of the change is the deferment of over one million dollars that was set aside for the Upper Hillside Dr. water main improvement project. The bid opening for this project is scheduled for tomorrow, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Being a public hearing Mayor Baird opened up for public comment. Seeing no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the public hearing and asked for a motion.

Mr. Edwards made a motion to **adopt Ordinance 2017-13**. Mr. Schweller seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Schweller **read Ordinance 2017-14** An Ordinance Approving the Appropriations of the City of Bellbrook for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2018. Mr. Schlagheck presented a power point presentation of the 2018 Annual Budget which is included with these minutes. The budget documents are also available on the City of Bellbrook website. Being a public hearing Mayor Baird opened up for public comment. Seeing no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the public hearing and asked for a motion.

Mr. Schweller made a motion to **adopt Ordinance 2017-14**. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. Schweller, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Greenwood **read Ordinance 2017-15** An Ordinance Amending Ordinances 2016-14 and 2017-6 to Adjust the City of Bellbrook Appropriations for 2017 to Reflect Additional Costs in some Line Items and Reduced Costs in other Line Items and Declaring an Emergency. There were additional appropriations that were needed to keep us in compliance with the budgetary laws of the State of Ohio. Because this ordinance was not previously introduced, it must be passed as an emergency to take effect immediately. Being a public hearing Mayor Baird opened up for public comment. Seeing no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the public hearing and asked for a motion.

Mr. Greenwood made a motion to **adopt Ordinance 2017-15**. Mr. McGill seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 6-0.

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

## RESOLUTIONS

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Mrs. Middlestetter **read Resolution 2017-GG** A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds for 2018. This resolution authorizes the transfer of funds in 2018. These fund transfers are included in the 2018 budget as presented.

Mrs. Middlestetter made a motion to **adopt Resolution 2017-GG**. Mr. McGill seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 6-0.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Schlagheck said that the Planning Board will have a vacancy as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Louie Schatzberg has served on the Planning Board for the last ten years. This opening will be advertised soon.

Mr. Schlagheck said our next Council meeting will be held on January 8, 2018. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Service:** No Report.

**Safety:** Mr. Greenwood said he has talked with Police Chief Doherty about training. The State is not requiring mandated training in 2018 but the Chief's goal is twenty hours for each officer. Mr. Greenwood also said to be careful of the scams out there and don't fall for any of them. Mr. Greenwood also spoke with Fire Chief Neidhard about their training. The Fire Department training is complete for the year but it will always be ongoing. Another safety issue he mentioned is to make sure you clear your windshield this winter before you drive. Mr. Greenwood said if you have a fire place or wood burning stove, it's important to have it checked out to ensure it is functioning properly. If residents notice a smell or they feel they are in any danger, give the Fire Department a call and they will come check it out.

**Finance/Audit:** Mr. Schlagheck said part of the 2016 financial audit was a recommendation for the City to adopt a credit card policy. Mr. Schlagheck said this policy is in conjunction with the City obtaining new credit cards through the bank.

Mr. Schweller made a motion to **adopt the proposed credit card policy**. Mr. Greenwood seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. Schweller, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mayor Baird. The motion carried 6-0

**Community Affairs:** No Report.

## **OLD BUSINESS-**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Edwards wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

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Mr. Greenwood thanked the voters for allowing him to serve them. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. McGill also thanked the voters and wished everyone a Happy Holiday season. Mr. McGill said there was a good turn out this past Saturday for Christmas in the Park.

Mrs. Middlestetter wished everyone a very happy and safe holiday season.

Mr. Schweller wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He also reminded us to remember the military members that are serving locally and abroad this holiday season. He said he is looking forward to serving the residents in 2018.

Mayor Baird wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He thanked Council, Mr. Schlagheck, the Clerk and Louie Schatzberg for their service to the City.

Louie Schatzberg-4082 Ridgetop Dr. Louie said it was a pleasure to serve on the Planning Board for ten plus years. He has learned a lot. He also thanked Mr. Schlagheck for his guidance with the Planning Board.

## **ADJOURN**

Being no further business to come before this regular session of the Bellbrook City Council, Mayor Baird declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

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Robert L. Baird, Mayor

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Jami L. Kinion, Clerk of Council