

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2019 – 7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Tommie Pierson, Sr., Alderwoman Dinah Tatman, Alderwoman Theresa Reed, Alderman John Jordan, Alderman Jim Christian, Alderwoman Alease Dailes, Alderwoman Miranda Avant-Elliott, Police Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, and City Clerk Fran Stevens

ABSENT: Alderwoman Barbara West and Alderman Don Merz

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY Mayor Pierson, Sr. at 7:30 p.m. Copies of all ordinances and resolutions to be considered at the meeting were made available for public inspection prior to the time of consideration by the Board of Aldermen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by Mayor Pierson, Sr.

SWEAR IN NEW CITY CLERK Fran Stevens was sworn in by Mayor Pierson, Sr.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk called the roll and all members were present except Alderwoman West, Ward 1 and Alderman Merz, Ward 2.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to amend the agenda by moving items under unfinished business to place under new business; change Bill No. 2549 to read, an ordinance establishing the position of finance director and specifying the duties and compensation for such office. **Enis** Moss should be spelled **Enos** Moss; change indicating Enos Moss to whatever appointment the Mayor wants to make, he would indicate Enos Moss to the position he chooses. Motion made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Motion to approve unapproved Special Board Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2019 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: The meeting was opened to the public to speak 3 minutes each.

Alicia Crockren, 101XX Bellefontaine Road: First, she wanted to acknowledge the Police, and shared that her neighbor's (2) tires were stolen off their car, she called her neighbors to come up and stand with her. She expressed concerns of the placement of a bus stop in front of her home and presented a signed petition to the mayor that will go to other organizations. Shared Alderwoman Reed's recommendation to adopt a bus stop and what needed to happen if this occurs.

Terry Callies, 101XX Bellefontaine Road, is the resident whose tires were stolen and he is concerned about the lack of police presence and understands that they can't be everywhere. Indicated that the Police was very helpful and concerned and took pictures. He asked everyone if they would want a bus stop in front of their homes. Mr. Callies backed up the idea of placing the bus stop in front of Bissell Hills.

Terry Crowder, 101XX Bellefontaine Road, also concerned about the bus stop. He pointed out that the intersection underneath 270/Bellefontaine Road is hazardous.

Carnell Jones, 11XX Wentworth, He thanked the alderwomen for their efforts with the Bellefontaine Family Fest. He stated that BFF and the Ward 4 National Night Out programs had a positive impact on the children, the children were able to view the police positively. He expressed that this was a good first start and asked that it continues.

Mayor Pierson asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. There was no one else therefore, the meeting was brought back to the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Discussion:
 - Hesse Contract and Invoice
 - RFP for Auditor and current contract
 - MIRMA HR services
 - One department being overbudgeted

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderwoman Reed made the motion to pay bills in the amount of \$104,810.05 pending that Mayor Pierson call Hesse to ensure unnecessary payments are not made, seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carried unanimously.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the July 2019 report prepared by interim collector Lori Lenz.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- The Board reviewed the June 2019 crime and activity report.
- Discussed incident at Maline Creek
- Removal of sand bags
- Individuals effected by the flood can contact United Way by dialing 211
- Expressed his enjoyment of the Bellefontaine Family Fest
- Shared that police will be attending Saturday, 8/3/19-10am to 12pm - Riverview Gardens – Back to School Event; Sunday, 8/4/19-12pm to 4pm-True Redemption Back to School Event
- National Night Out will be 10/1/19 with more information to come

At this point Mayor Pierson called for a moment of silence for the young men who died in the Maline Creek.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott made a Motion to go into closed session at the conclusion of this meeting seconded by Alderwoman Dailes.

Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows: Motion carried with the following votes: Alderwoman West-absent, Alderperson Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Merz- absent, Alderman Jordon-no, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. With a 4-2 vote, the motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Alderwoman Tatman made a motion to change verbiage of description of Public Safety Committee to insert (each ward should have a resident representative) and reflect a cross section of residents and business in the City made by Alderwoman Tatman seconded by Alderman Jordon.

Discussion: Clarification was asked about the implementation date of the ordinance.

Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS:

BILL NO. 2549 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN AVANT-ELLIOTT

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR AND SPECIFYING THE DUTIES AND COMPENSATION FOR SUCH OFFICE.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2549 and to go on to the second reading, seconded by Alderwoman Tatman.

Discussion:

- Purpose of the position and structure
- The status of current treasurer's role

Mayor asked all in favor. There were 4 yes votes – Alderwomen Tatman, Reed, Dailes and Avant-Elliott; 2 no votes- Aldermen Jordon and Christian. With a 4-2 vote the motion carried.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott moved for approval of the second reading of Bill No. 2549, seconded by Alderwoman Dailes.

Upon a roll call the votes were cast as follows: Alderwoman West-absent; Alderwoman Tatman-yes; Alderwoman Reed-yes; Alderman Merz-absent, Alderman Jordon-no, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-yes; Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. With a 4-2 vote the motion failed.

BILL NO. 1543 - ORD NO 1500

Discussion:

- Wording related to speedbumps
- Ordinance from fire department concerning speedbumps
- Attorney indicated that ordinance does not restrict action on city streets
- Letter needed from Chief Goldstein confirming the placement of speedbumps

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02 - After discussion it was decided that this resolution would be withdrawn.

REPORT OF MAYOR PIERSON:

- Read aloud the resignation of Alderman Don Merz, Ward 2 effective immediately.
- Allowed Craig to present information about boiler

Alderman Jordan made a motion for a boiler purchase and to amend motion to include emergency purchase.

Alderman Jordon made a motion for the board to make an emergency purchase of a boiler and installation from Venier Sales and Service in the amount of \$75,500.00 seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-abstained. With a 5-1 vote, the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

- Made Appointment - LaDeidria Burgess
Mayor read aloud her Bio and

Alderman Jordan made a motion to appoint LaDeidria Burgess to the Parks and Rec Board seconded by Alderperson Reed. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF ALDERPERSONS:

ALDERWOMAN AVANT-ELLIOTT:

- Reminded mayor that collector position and Moss was not reviewed
- Any volunteers and/or donations for the 8/3/19 back to school event is appreciated

- Shared appreciation to chair of BFF event
- Would love to present something to retiring Alderman Merz
- Thanked all in attendance

ALDERWOMAN ALEASE DAILES

- Still looking for help with the U.S. Census committee
- Shared she will be starting a block unit

ALDERMAN JIM CHRISTIAN

- Welcomed Fran
- Welcomed and congratulated LaDeidria
- Asked everyone to check on neighbors because of the heat
- Heard good communication about Bellefontaine Family Fest (BFF)

ALDERMAN JOHN JORDAN

- Welcomed Fran
- Thanked all members of all boards and commissions
- Concerned about the Finance Position, does not understand the need
- Fireworks - Heard about the same fireworks as last year
- Newsletter – what is the deadline and space allocated?
- Thanked Alderwoman Tatman for the BFF and hopes to do this annually

ALDERWOMAN THERESA REED

- Discussed a strategic planning meeting for plans of moving the city forward

Alderwoman Reed made a motion to hold the 1st strategic planning meeting on 2nd Thursdays from 7-9pm beginning 8/8/19 made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderman Jordon. Motion carried unanimously.

- Asked City Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding building and collector fees
- Asked about the leak over the gym
- Asked if there is an update for the salt shed
- Stated that City signs are terrible and needs attention; shrubbery and bushes
- Asked Alderwoman Dailes if there are any U S Census plans for help from the board
- Thanked Ward 2 residents for attendance
- Welcomed Fran and congratulated LaDeidria
- Town Hall Meeting - determined to be 9/19/19 at 7pm
- Ask the Fire Chief to speak and agenda is open to the Mayor for the Town Hall Meeting

ALDERWOMAN DINAH TATMAN

- Thanked Mayor, Chief and all colleagues for helping with BFF
- Presented the Mayor with BFF Portfolio to be viewed by anyone which outlined the entire BFF and explained gross amounts

Motion to (1) make BFF a separate annual event open to Bellefontaine citizens, (2) have an annual carnival, made by Alderwoman Tatman seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Alderman Jordon suggested more discussion before making commitment. Alderwoman stated that the motion is to confirm acceptance and discussion to be held later. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion to add line item to budget for purpose of BFF made by Alderwoman Tatman. Alderwoman made mention that before adding to budget, the need to know figures are in order. Alderwoman Tatman withdrew motion.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Pierson opened the meeting to the public and asked if anyone in the audience would like to make any comments, with a 3-minute time limit.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE RD: Until it is known if the carnival is profitable it should not be added to the budget, it would be nice to have a community with a cop event. She thanked Alderwoman Reed regarding the strategic planning decision. Expressed concerns about Riverview Gardens is not accredited and officials' involvement. Suggested and asked the City Attorney whether a video can be required to address home maintenance.

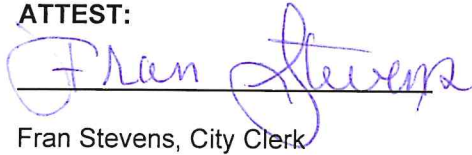
CARNELL JONES, 11XX WENTWORTH DRIVE: Expressed concerns with circumventing of ordinances

MARY MENTZER, 13XX SHEPLEY: Shared that she was against speed bumps on her street, congratulated the Police Department for professionalism and assistance

Motion to adjourn made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

ATTEST:



Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on

Aug 1, 2019