

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY – AUGUST 1, 2019-7:30 P.M.**

BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS
WILL CONVENE FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED MEETING.
BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS AUDITORIUM
9641 BELLEFONTAINE ROAD
BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MO. 63137

Workshop Meeting of the Board of Aldermen at 6:30 pm. at City Hall. Generally, Board workshops are public meetings at which the Mayor and Board members can bring up matters which (a) they would like to have the Board consider in the future (thereby giving city staff an opportunity to research and develop relevant materials to assist the Board's consideration at a future regular meeting); or (b) as to which they would like additional information (again helping to refine the area city staff or other officials should address in further research) or (c) propose for further Board consideration. Generally, no votes are taken and no matters or issues are decided at workshop meetings. They are an environment for informal and wide-ranging discussion of topics of interest to one or more members in attendance.

AGENDA

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER at 7:30 p.m.**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 5. PRESENTATION OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES:**
- 6. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:** (With a 3-minute time limit or as long as the Mayor deems necessary).
- 7. COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:**
 - A. Public Safety Committee:**
 - B. Youth Commission:**
 - C. Image & Beautification:**
 - D. Parks and Recreation Board:**
- 8. PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:**
- 9. PLANNING & ZONING REPORT:**
- 10. BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT:**
- 11. CITY ENGINEER REPORT:**
- 12. APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER \$500:**

13. CHIEF OF POLICE:

14. CITY ATTORNEY:

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. MOTION TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO 1500 – ALDERWOMAN TATMAN**
- B. BOILER BID – VERNIER SALES & SERVICE**

16. NEW BUSINESS:

A. BILL NO. 2550, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS WITH THE REJIS COMMISSION FOR COMPUTER AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES

B. BILL NO. 2551, AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER.

C. RESOLUTION NO. 2019-2, CONFLICT OF INTEREST

17. REPORT OF MAYOR:

A. Recommendations:

B. Appointments/Reappointments:

C. Economic Development

18. REPORT OF ALDERMEN:

19. CITY COLLECTOR:

20. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: (With a 3-minute time limit or as long as the Mayor deems necessary).

21. ADJOURNMENT

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of July, 2019, subject to a motion duly made and adopted, the Board of Aldermen may hold a closed meeting for the purpose of dealing with matters relating to one or more of the following: Legal Actions, Causes of Action, Litigation or Privileged Communications between the City's Representatives and its Attorneys (Sec.610.021(1); Lease, Purchase or sale of Real Estate (Sec. 610.021(2); Hiring, Firing Disciplining or Promoting Employees (Sec.610.021(3); preparation for negotiations with employee groups (Sec. 610.021(9); Bidding Specifications (Sec.610.021 (11); and/or Proprietary Technological Materials (Sec. 610.021(15).

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 1, 2019 – 7:30PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Tommie Pierson, Sr., Alderwoman Barbara West, 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: None

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY Mayor Pierson 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.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk called the roll and all members were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to amend the agenda by removing Bill No. 2551 under new business, made by Alderman Jordan seconded by Alderman Christian. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-no, Alderman Jordan-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. Motion carried with a 4-3 vote.

Motion to approve agenda as amended with the removal of Bill No. 2551 made by Alderman Jordan seconded by Alderperson Tatman. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-no, Alderman Jordan-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. Motion carried with a 4-3 vote.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES:

Motion to postpone Regular Board Meeting Unapproved Minutes of June 20, 2019 until next regular meeting made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve Regular Board Meeting Unapproved Minutes of July 18, 2019 made by Alderman Christian, seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Jennie Stewart, 101XX Maraldo Pl: Image and Beautification Committee, Promoting the City Wide Clean Up to be held Saturday, 9/28/19 - 9:00am at the Rec Center. She encouraged the Board of Alderpersons, Mayor and employees to participate. Letters will be distributed to promote this event.

Carnell Jones, 11XX Wentworth: Expressed his feelings of displeasure with the functions of Bellefontaine Neighbors government.

Carl Sims, 97XX Bellefontaine Road: Had questions directed to the Mayor regarding the second carnival equipment hook up and questions as to who is paying the invoices for such services.

Alicia Crockren, 101XX Bellefontaine Road:

Discussed permitted parking area around the bus stop slotted to be placed in front of her house and pointed out that the curb is not handicapped accessible.

City Attorney read Mo. State Statue Section 17-168 which prohibits anyone from parking in a bus stop that has been designated by the Police.

Wanda Lane, 99XX Martingale: Discussed the cold temperature in the Rec Center. Thanked the building department for following up regarding the Bissell Hills Shopping Center i.e. exposed wires, pot holes, etc. She was also interested in community camaraderie and suggested vehicle decals.

Jeff Sullivan, 101XX Seaton: Discussed his thoughts on taking away the Police Chief's vehicle; Going on 3 years with minus 3 people in the street department. Would like to know when someone will be hired. Alderwoman Dailes mentioned organizations that will hire individuals to train with company workers. Selected individuals will be compensated by the outside organizations, they will learn skills with chosen work site employees.

Alderwoman West made mention that it is not up to the Board, but the responsibility of the department heads to hire employees. Alderwoman Reed also stated that the department head and the Mayor are the responsible parties to hire employees. She inquired about the sand bag cleanup. Alderwoman Tatman agreed it is the department head's responsibility and she commended the street department for doing their job well while short staffed.

Alderwoman Tatman read aloud a letter to be placed on record from Riverview Fire Protection District, Chief Goldstein stating that speed bumps will not impede or interfere with any emergency vehicles. Alderman Jordan inquired if the letter stated if the fire district has an ordinance supporting this situation. Alderwoman Dailes stated that after speaking with Chief Goldstein he stated there currently is no ordinance in place with Riverview Fire District, but will be happy to read it if produced by anyone on this Board of Aldermen.

Youth Commission – Alderwoman Avant-Elliott

Youth pool party was rescheduled because of BFF and low registration. Next event is August 9, 2019 – Family Golf Night.

Alicia Smith, 94XX Duenke Dr. Youth Commission Chairperson – currently there are 9 members and goal is 15 adults, low volume of members that attend/participate. Alderwoman Dailes mentioned that if there are too many adults, youths may not participate. All participants receive \$15.00 and a 1099 at year end. Alderman Jordan stated that it would be nice to have youth members tutored by adults. Currently there are 6 events, looking to add more. Alicia was asked to present her written plans for the Youth Commission.

Image and Beautification – Alderman Christian

The City-Wide Clean-up is scheduled for 9/28/19 at 9am, meet at the Rec Center and inviting all Alderpersons and the Mayor, flyers are made up to be included in new resident's packet, next meeting is 8/13/19 at 7:30pm. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott discussed a video to be viewed by new residents.

Parks and Rec – Craig Scheidker

Brochures going to the printer 8/5/19, the post office 8/22/19 and should be delivered around 8/24/19. 24 pages will cost around \$3100.00, 20 vacant yards were cut last week. August 9th is youth pool party sponsored by the swim team. Regarding the boiler, suggest replacing the expansion tank and put in the separator, final walk thru was at Bissel Park and there are 3 things to do, getting bills and cancelled checks together. Alderwoman Dailes asked questions regarding Parks Rec supervisor: who is the supervisor, who does the hiring, is there a relative that works in Parks and Rec. who has keys to the building, who makes the schedule for the department who oversees the Park Board. Alderman Jordan inquired about the new bid for the boiler. Clayton Klein stated that he reviewed the boiler bids and there are still some items that need to be clarified. State has been notified of the progression of the boiler and is satisfied. Alderwoman Tatman discussed the process and procedures of approving the boiler bid. Alderwoman West discussed and questioned the back area of the building after the carnival employees left i.e. smell, electrical usage, and removal of the waste.

Planning and Zoning – Clayton West

Hope Church presented new boundaries, review of Bellefontaine comprehensive plan, possible development at corner of I-270/367, invited board to work on drafting a document for renters, need police help to deliver property violation notices. Discussion ensued regarding the approval of the plans for Hope Church and the fact that the adjusted plans were not presented to the Board. It was decided that an ordinance need to be prepared under Section 2 – 192 under Chapter 2.

Building Inspector - Joe Raben

Gave overall report regarding his actions: Bullet points are: Riverview High School is doing a renovation for band area, Hope Church is in the process of changing hands, Alderwoman Tatman inquired about what steps to take regarding troubled property that has been without gas and water on Green Acres Road, It was explained that the property can have work done to bring it up to code, but no one is allowed to spend the night. Questions arose regarding property maintenance and response was because of lack of manpower and equipment replacement, it is taking longer to correct. After discussion and determining the number of employees in each department, decision was made to get the needed positions posted.

City Engineer – Clayton Klein

Alderwoman Reed asked if anything has been heard regarding "fish and chicken" and it was reported that this progress is slowly going forward. Question to city engineer was if he had grant writing skills, he answered that he was not a grant writer but would pass the information along if he hears of anyone. Mayor Pierson exited the meeting at 9:25pm.

In absence of the Mayor, Board President Alderwoman Avant-Elliott continued the meeting:

Approval Of Invoices Over \$500.00

Motion to approve 14 invoices over \$500.00 in the amount of \$112,018.07 with the adjustments of (1) additional \$2000.00 payable to Mo. Municipal League because of incorrect amount indicated on spread sheet and (2) U. S. Bank's payment of \$6278.27 was including \$21.91 which would have been in next billing cycle, made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carries. Mayor Pierson returned to the meeting at 9:29pm. Alderwoman West exited the meeting at 9:32pm.

Mayor Pierson continued the meeting.

Chief Of Police – Col. J. Ihler

The removal of the remaining sand bag wall should be completed next week. All personnel are aware of safety regarding disasters and handling of hazardous material. State Emergency Management Agency allocated \$3.7M to St. Louis County area for disaster flooding and he is putting together a spread sheet to turn in. Police Department will attend the back to school events. August 17th is a Community Policing Event. Will post records clerk vacancy.

City Attorney – No Report

Unfinished Business

A. Motion To Appeal Ordinance No. 1500 – Alderwoman Tatman

Motion to appeal Ordinance No. 1500 in its entirety made by Alderwoman Tatman seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Question: Alderman Jordan asked the reason for the removal. Alderwoman Tatman responded that based on information received that the speed bumps are not a hazardous or safety concern. After further discussion and explanation of code and repealing ordinances by City Attorney O'Keefe, Alderwoman Tatman called to rescind the aforementioned motion seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carries.

New Business

A. **BILL NO. 2550 introduced by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS WITH THE REJIS COMMISSION FOR COMPUTER AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2550 and move on to the second reading seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carries. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott read Bill No. 2550 for a second time. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-absent, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderperson Reed-yes, Alderman Jordan-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Motion carries. **Bill No. 2550 becomes Ordinance No. 2548 when and if signed by the Mayor.**

B. BILL NO. 2551 – WITHDRAWN

C. RESOLUTION NO. 2019-2 – Conflict Of Interest - introduced by Alderman Jordan

Alderman Jordan explained that this is a resolution that needs to be passed every two years, but we pass this resolution every year. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-2 made by Alderwoman Tatman seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.

Alderman Jordan stated he had more new business and Mayor allowed his statement(s).

Questioned an adjustment of an employee's salary, Craig-Rec Center, which was made by the Mayor without Board approval. Mayor answered that he did not adjust salary. It was stated that the Finance Clerk should be made aware to correct this salary. Mayor need to appoint and Board approve a Provisional Judge. Need to come up with a plan for a court clerk as the current court clerk will soon be on extended maternity leave. We need a Bailiff. We do not have a Treasurer and Finance Clerk is out for surgery. These positions need to be posted on the website. Alderman Jordan will work with Public Works department to redo their pay scale and also to include a mechanic and present to the Board.

D. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott made a motion and it was seconded by Alderwoman Dailes that an expense amount of \$2000.00 and any additional amounts be determined at a later date is paid for the utility/facility usage of the carnival workers the second time. Motion carries.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott made a motion and it was seconded by Alderperson Dailes to go into closed personnel pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) legal; and Section 610.021 (3) personnel after adjournment of Regular Meeting. Votes are as

follows: Alderwoman Tatman-abstain, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Jordan-yes, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Motion carries.

Report of Mayor – No Report

Report of Aldermen:

Alderwoman Tatman – Good evening to all. She presented additional information (letters from residents and \$13.00 receipt) for the BFF Portfolio. Stated that Ward 1 along with the Police Department is hosting a community event called Badges Behind the Heart on 8/17/19 at Tangelwood Park from 11-3pm and extending an invitation to everyone.

Alderwoman Reed – Mentioned that Alderman Christian will work on getting building and collector fee schedule. Attorney O’Keefe mentioned about a cost benefit analysis. Asked Mayor about the daily log from the Rec Center employees. 2018 Audit needs to be uploaded to the web site. Mentioned to the Chief that she is not receiving all responses back from sent emails. Ordinance for the boiler replacement is needed. Asked Joe about letter regarding 2 houses on Shepley Dr. City Attorney O’Keefe exited the meeting at 10:18pm and returned at 10:22pm.

Motion for the City to receive \$2000.00 by 8/8/19 from the carnival group for the second usage of the City’s facilities and utilities made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carries.

Alderman Jordan -Talked about several situations and solutions involving Ashbrook project.

Alderman Christian – No report.

Alderwoman Dailes – Asked the board if she should wait before getting ordinance for Youth Commission. Mentioned to the Chief that there are large vehicles and cars parked on grassy areas in Ward 4, questioned if he sends information to the Mayor regarding City emergencies.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott – Riverview Back To School Bash is 8/3/19 from 10am to 12pm., Police and Youth Chairman will be in attendance, news letter is ready and need to be published on website, thanked everyone for helping, and thanked everyone in attendance.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott made a motion to add additional \$4,000.00 to Venier Sales and Service, Inc. which brings the total for the boiler to \$79, 500.00, seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Motion carries.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. Alderman Christian opposed the adjournment. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.

Motion to rescind the adjournment made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. Motion carries.

Regular Board Meeting reopened at 10:35pm for purpose of allowing citizen comments.

Mary Mentzer – 13XX Shepley – Discussed the speed bumps and stated that she opposes the placement of speed bumps and suggested that the public is allowed to vote on placing speed bumps. Wants to know if the streets are going to be paved and will yellow center line be placed on the streets.

Carnell Jones – 11XX Wentworth – Stated that he has been working with the Attorney General and is filing a lawsuit against the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors along with an impeachment for the Mayor.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

ATTEST:

Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on _____