

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2019 – 7:30PM**

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 (arrived at 7:40pm.), and City Clerk Fran Stevens.

ABSENT: Alderwoman Barbara West, Ward 1.

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 except Alderwoman West, Ward 1.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to approve agenda made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-absent, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Jordan-yes, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-yes Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Motion carries.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Motion to approve Regular Board Meeting Unapproved Minutes of August 1, 2019 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Wanda Lane, 99XX Martingale: Stated her feelings regarding the Strategic Planning Meeting and pointed out that only 1 resident attended. Asked the Police Chief to explain the various types of Police calls. Informed the audience of the Siteman Cancer Center hosting free mammograms on 8/24/19 from 8:30am to 2pm at Bellefontaine Community Center.

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

Mary Mentzer, 13XX Shepley: She stated that her behavior at the last meeting was un-professional and she apologized to everyone.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to pay 8 unpaid invoices over \$500.00 in the amount of \$47,766.39 made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carries. Note that the \$2250.00 made payable to MML is for 5 City Officials to attend 2019 conference and not for MML membership as stated.

CITY COLLECTOR'S REPORT: None

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: Reported that there were street clean ups and also discussed the affect of the hot weather as it relates to thefts. Stated that the Records Clerk position is posted on the City website. Announced that the bench dedication for Sgt. P. Vassallo is Sat. Aug. 24, 2019 at 11:30am. Community Policing event is Saturday, 8/17/2019 from 11 – 3pm. Renew agreement with D.O.J. by 9/9/19. Community outreach monies was spent on water bottles, landyards, pens and wrist bands.

CITY ATTORNEY: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

New Business

- A. BILL NO. 2551 INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN TATMAN
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 23-18 AND 23-19 OF THE
BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS CITY CODE AND ENACTING A NEW
SECTION OF CHAPTER 23 OBSTRUCTION OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.**

Aldерwoman Tatman made a motion for the first reading of Bill No. 2551 seconded by Aldерperson Dailes. There being no discussion, all was in favor except Aldерman Jordan opposed. Aldерwoman Tatman made a motion for the second reading of Bill No. 2551. After discussion regarding procedure for first and second reading of bills, it was determined to do first reading of this bill today and second reading at next meeting. Aldерwoman Reed pointed out that going forward, if first and second reading is not initially stated with the motion, then first reading will be done and second reading will be at next meeting.

- B. BILL NO. 2552 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION
OF A BOILER AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE BELLEFONTAINE
NEIGHBORS RECREATION CENTER.**

Aldерman Jordan made motion to read Bill No. 2552 for first time and with approval move on to second reading and roll call approval. Motion seconded by Aldерman Christian. After discussion regarding rebate of \$7500.00 roll call votes are as follows: Aldерwoman West-absent, Aldерwoman Tatman-abstain, Aldерwoman Reed-yes, Aldерman Jordan-yes, Aldерman Christian-yes, Aldерwoman Dailes-no, Aldерwoman Avant-Elliott-no. Motion passed. Aldерman Jordan read Bill No. 2552 second time seconded by Aldерman Christian. Roll call votes are as follows: Aldерwoman West-absent, Aldерwoman Tatman-no, Aldерwoman Reed-no, Aldерman Jordan-yes, Aldерman Christian-yes, Aldерwoman Dailes-no, Aldерwoman no. Bill No. 2552 failed to pass with a 4-2 vote.

Aldерwoman Avant/Elliott made motion to begin Request For Proposal for boiler installation seconded by Aldерperson Tatman. Motion passed with the following votes: Aldерwoman West-absent, Aldерwoman Tatman- yes, Aldерwoman Reed-yes, Aldерmen Jordan-no, Aldерman Christian-no, Aldерwoman Dailes-yes, Aldерwoman Avant-Elliott-yes.

REPORT OF MAYOR: Mentioned that Sgt. Vassallo was accidentally killed on 367 and Senator Gina Walsh carried the bill in the Senate and Mayor Pierson carried the bill in the House of Representative to re-name that stretch of road "Sgt. Vassallo Way"

Mayor discussed the opening and operation of a cannabis operation facility. After discussion and explanation by City Attorney, Mayor stated that there will be an ordinance in place before moving forward. There was discussion regarding the \$28.00 sewer lateral fee and it was decided to maintain the \$28.00 amount.

REPORT OF ALDERMEN:

Aldерwoman Avant/Elliott – Thanked everyone for coming out and thanked Wanda Lane for attending the Strategic meeting. Described the purpose behind the strategic meetings. Stated that we should move on with filling vacant positions in the city.

Aldерwoman Dailes – Mentioned that Riverview Gardens first day of school was yesterday and invited everyone to attend the Varsity Game. Stated that hopefully our City can come up with a medical marijuana ordinance. Ward 4 National Night Out is Tuesday October 1st. Asking for volunteers and suggestions for the Black History Celebration. Discussed the vacant house information and asked aldermen to submit information to her in order to get ordinance prepared and thank everyone in attendance.

Alderman Christian - Discussed that Bissell Park is moving along and asked if there is anything else planned for Bissell Park before completion. Questioned if the newsletter was on track to be delivered. Stated that he is fine with the Mayor's endorsement of the cannabis operation facility letter. Wanted to know if the city is still having strategic planning meetings.

Alderman Jordan – Thanked everyone in attendance and stated to please bring a friend to future meetings.

Alderwoman Reed – Stated she is not in favor of endorsement of the cannabis operation facility letter. Noticed that the Rec center is having problems with their computers and Craig explained that the IT person is currently working to bring all computers up to speed. Discussed salt shed updates, newsletter going out 8/24, census coming up, thanked Officer Bollinger for his effort working on the Hearts Behind Badges event, thanked Alderpersons Avant/Elliott, Christian, Jordan and Wanda Lane for attending strategic planning meeting, thanked public works for cleaning up sand bags. Will not be able to attend the Town Hall Meeting, she will be out of town.

Motion to have standing Strategic Planning Meeting every 2nd Thursday from 7-9pm made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carries.

Motion to have Special Meeting Thursday August 29, 2019 at 7pm for appointments, the agenda for the upcoming Town Hall Meeting and any other pertinent business made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderwoman Avant/Elliott. Motion carries.

Alderwoman Tatman – Will not be able to attend 2nd Thursday Strategic Planning Meetings and will be out of pocket on Aug. 29th and can not attend the Special Meeting.

Motion to reconsider vote on Bill No. 2552 made by Alderwoman Tatman seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-absent, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Jordan-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant/Elliott-no. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Bill No. 2552 made by Alderwoman Tatman seconded by Alderman Jordan. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-absent, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Jordan-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant/Elliott-no. Motion passed.

Commend Chief Ihler and Officer Bollinger for the Hearts Behind the Badges event. The Siteman Cancer Center Event is Saturday August 17, 2019. Thanked everyone in attendance.

There was discussion regarding the salary and office hours for the Treasurer. It was decided that this discussion would be discussed at the August 29th Special Meeting.

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

Wanda Lane – 99XX Martingale – Asked the steps for newly elected official to follow when seeking information.

Carnell Jones – 11XX Wentworth Drive – Again expressed his feelings of displeasure with the functions of Bellefontaine Neighbors government.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Jordan seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

ATTEST:

Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on _____