

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 5, 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 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 except City Attorney.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to amend the agenda by removing agenda line items 4(b) appoint Greg White and 4(c) appoint Clarence Wilson (both to Planning and Zoning) made by Alderman Jordan seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carries.

Motion to approve agenda as amended made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman West. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS: Mayor asked for a motion to appoint Anthony Gray as City Attorney. There was no motion, therefore Mayor appointed Helmut Starr as Acting City Attorney. Point was made that Attorney Starr will serve under same terms as prior city attorney. Helmut Starr took his seat at the dais.

SWEARING IN – SAMUEL SIMRIL – WARD 2 ALDERMAN: Sworn in by City Clerk. Samuel Simril took his seat at the dais.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES:

Motion to approve Regular Board Meeting Unapproved Minutes of June 20, 2019 as amended made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carries.

Motion to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2019 made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carries.

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

Wanda Lane, 99XX Martingale: Asked the Mayor if his daughter was the Judge's daughter in law. Mayor answered that Judge Draper is not known to his family and is not related in any way. Has RGSD been invited to the Town Hall Meeting and is the Police Department fully staffed. Mayor will make sure the RGSD Superintendent gets an invitation to the Town Hall Meeting. Chief answered that the police department has 29 of 31 authorized officers.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Alderwoman Tatman reported in leu of the chairman. They had a fabulous meeting with new residents in attendance. Two initiatives brought forth (1) The CERT Program and (2) Ordinances to present, both will have more information forthcoming. Also, Hearts Behind The Badges was great. Kudos to the entire Police Department.

YOUTH COMMISSION: Alderwoman Avant-Elliott reported the various discussions i.e. renting a video truck to promote events, soliciting help from the Alderpersons and working with RGSD to advertise BN events. Low attendance to the 8/9/19 event. Up-coming event is Frightful Family Fun on 10/18/19 at 6pm. Next meeting is 9/16/19 at 7pm. Alderman Jordan asked Alderwoman Dailes about the goals and information regarding the restructuring of the Youth Commission. Alderwoman Dailes stated the Youth Commission Chairman, Alicia Smith was at work and will present the information.

IMAGE AND BEAUTIFICATION: Alderman Christian reported that the highly publicized City Wide Clean Up event is 9/28/19 at 9am and volunteers should meet at the Rec Center. Next meeting is 9/10/19 at City Hall.

PARKS AND REC: There was no report given. Alderman Jordan pointed out that the former Ward 2 Alderman was the Alderman Representative for Parks and Rec.

REPORT OF ALDERMEN:

Alderwoman West – Good evening to everyone. Thanked Amy at the Rec Center for the mammogram event. Please keep in mind that the City employees work for the City and not individual Alderpersons. Spent 6 hours as ride along with the Police and stated that the experience was eye opening, encouraged other Alderpersons to do the same. Addressed the Mayor in regards to time spent in the office, phone calls and responding to emails, city owned vehicle, forensic audit, etc.

Alderwoman Tatman – Thanked the Mayor and accepted his apology. Explained the reason she will not attend the MML Conference. Discussed the grant writing class taught by her and reinforced that she will do whatever possible to help the Mayor and serve the citizens of BN.

Alderwoman Reed – Discussed the Public Safety Committee and suggested to appoint members, mentioned the progress of the boiler, capital improvement that will be needed on the roof next year, speeding on Cabot and openings on various boards. Will not be at Town Hall Meeting and welcomed Samuel Simril.

Alderman Simril – No report.

Alderman Jordan – Thanked everyone for coming and welcomed Samuel Simril, also thanked all people working on boards and commissions.

Alderman Christian – Hello to everyone and welcome to Samuel Simril. Strategic Planning Meeting planned for 9/12/19. Mentioned that working together and making the City prosper is everyone's goals.

Alderwoman Dailes – Good evening to everyone. Asking all Alderpersons to help with the US Census Committee. Ward 4 National Night Out is 10/1/19 from 5 to 9pm. Motion to create ordinance to rearrange land section for Hope Church made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carries. Chair for Youth Commission was becoming disappointed but decided to remain in place. Discussed the negative situations that our Police Officers experience daily. Welcome to Samuel Simril.

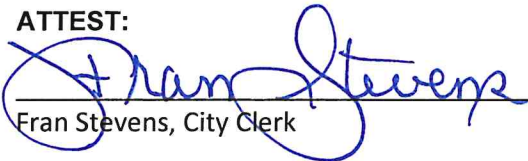
Alderwoman Avant-Elliott – Thanked everyone in attendance, welcomed Samuel Simril and thanked Marci Gooden for coordinating the National Night Out Event. Acknowledged Ward 4 former school board member, Ms. Terry. Will continue to be a source for ordinance preparation for free. Mentioned the Chief and Mayor are ex-officio representatives for the Youth Commission. Thanked all the Alderpersons for support.

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Wanda Lane 99XX Martingale – Stated she would personally communicate any misunderstandings with individuals. She will help with the census. Questioned if inspectors can mention while doing home inspections, that it is mandatory to have smoke detectors installed.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Jordan seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 10:00PM.

ATTEST:



Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on Oct. 3, 2019