

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
June 24, 2019**

**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY** Mayor Tommie Pierson at 7:00 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.

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Mayor Tommie Pierson, Major Warren Williss, (sitting in for Chief Jeremy Ihler), City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderwoman Dinah Tatman, Alderwoman Theresa Reed, Alderman John Jordan, Alderman Jim Christian, and Alderwoman Alease Dailes.

**ABSENT:** Alderman Don Merz, Alderwoman Miranda Avant-Elliott, Alderwoman Barbara West

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Alderman Jordan moved for the approval of the modified agenda, as amended to exclude the approval of the June 19, 2019, Special Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES:** Taken off of the Agenda.

**INVOICES OVER \$500:** Taken off of the Agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BILL NO. 2548 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN REED**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI.**

Alderwoman Reed read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2548 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carries. Alderwoman Reed then read Bill No. 2548 for a second time and thereafter made a motion that the Bill be approved by the Board of Aldermen for enactment as an Ordinance. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Jordan-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes, Alderman Christian no. Motion failed. After discussion, motion made by Alderman Christian to reconsider Bill No. 2548 introduced by Alderwoman Reed for enactment of Bill No. 2548 to adopt the budget for year 2019-2020 seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. Motion made by Alderman Jordan seconded by Alderwoman Reed to inform Chief Ihler that he should not hire a Major and 2 police officers for the Police Department. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderwoman Reed; yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderman Christian, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderwoman Tatman, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2548, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2457 when and if signed by the Mayor.

Motion to accept Mayor's recommendation to discontinue take home vehicles starting July 1, 2019 made by Alderman Jordan seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carries. Alderman Christian opposed.

**Wanda Lane – 99XX Martingale** – Had concerns regarding discussion about the Police Department and the Chief was not present. Questioned if the current administration is responsible for the hiring at the Rec Center.

Mayor Pierson responded by saying that the Chief was aware and in agreement with this budget.

Alderman Jordan responded by saying that the BOA typically does not get involved with hiring, but does have authority to dictate number of employees hired and control of amount of police officers, administration, public works department and the full-time employees in the Rec Center.

**Marcie Gooden –94XX Duenke** – commended the board on passing of the budget, stated that the police is not doing their job as well as in the past. Questioned if speed bumps were in the budget and commended the BOA for the speed bumps. Questioned if the citizens can receive crime reports again.

**Peg Warnusz - 100XX Crete Dr.** – discussed that handling crime requires conversation with police and person being pulled over before presenting ticket. Questioned the plan to determine if police department is doing their job correctly.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Alderwoman Reed made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Deni Donovan

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on: [October 3, 2019](#)