

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Tommie Pierson, Sr., Alderwoman Dinah Tatman, Alderwoman Theresa Reed, Alderman Samuel Simril, Alderman John Jordan, Alderman Jim Christian, Alderwoman Alease Dailes, Alderwoman Miranda Avant-Elliott, City Attorney Helmut Starr, Police Chief Jeremy Ihler

**ABSENT:** Alderwoman Barbara West, Ward 1, City Clerk Fran Stevens

**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY** Mayor Pierson at 7:34 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.  
Mayor Pierson called for a moment of silence for the residents that lost their lives in a car accident last week.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Pierson called the roll and all members were present except Alderwoman West, Ward 1 and City Clerk Stevens.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Mayor asked for a motion to amend agenda to remove line items 15(a) and 15(b) under unfinished business. Motion made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carries.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Mayor asked for a motion to appoint Sheron Harris to Image and Beautification Committee. Motion to appoint Sheron Harris to Image and Beautification Committee made by Alderman Christian seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carries.

**PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES:**

Motion to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2019 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. Motion carries.

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

**Dan Millman, Alderman of City of Frontenac,** spoke about and explained the Frontenac Library Resolution.

**Kate Hatfield, Mayor of City of Frontenac,** gave additional insight regarding the Frontenac Library Resolution.

**Peg Warnusz, 100XX Crete Dr.,** Discussed the new food mart parking lot. Also, stated that she was misquoted last month regarding the RGSD Homecoming parade.

**Wanda Lane, 99XX Martingale,** Questioned the responsibilities of duties and powers of alderpersons. Attorney Starr suggested reading Mo. State Statues Chapter 79. Discussed and questioned the reasons that the BOA is facilitating Strategic Planning and not the Mayor.

**Carnell Jones, 11XX Wentworth** – Discussed that the BOA is in disarray.

**Mrs. Mabry 9XX Fontain** - Discussed that the F.B.I. raided a house on her street and the fact that her automobile was broken into more than once. Asked if the police would be able to control the area better.

**Willie Williams, 10XX Hopedale** - Stated that his area is very dark and crime is rampant in his area. Questioned if BN does street sweeping.

**Anthony Green, 94XX Duenke** - Concerned about the vacant houses in BN.

**Jeff Furtell 11XX Forest** – Spoke about speeding in the area. Wants to know where are the speed bumps.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Alderwoman Tatman gave report in absence of chairman. Reported on the traffic update and upcoming events. Discussed the CERT Program and will have information on the table at the next meeting. Looking for citizens to sign up. Thanked Mayor and BOA for passing ordinances for speed bumps.

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** Alderwoman Avant-Elliott reported that the Frightful Family Fest was a great turn out. Upcoming events are Hoop Madness March 14, 2020, Bike Rodeo is May 9, 2020 and new business will be discussion of a video truck rental. Next meeting is Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7pm.

**IMAGE AND BEAUTIFICATION:** Alderman Christian reported the recap of City-Wide Cleanup and thanked everyone that attended the Clean Up. Next meeting is Tuesday November 12, 2019.

**PARKS AND REC:** Martha Sneed spoke about the Bissell Hills Project is finally finished. The park looks really great. Outdoor swimming pool is winterized and shut down. Working on the swimming team schedule for the 2020 swim meet.

**PLANNING AND ZONING:** Chair Mike Wiese reported that a couple wanted to do home setting on Bellefontaine Road but was refused because this is against the BN Ordinance. A letter was received regarding Family Dollar wanting to sell beer and wine at the Dollar Store. Attorney Starr drafted a letter and is awaiting response. Explained the cost of lighting up the Rec Center and will create a spread sheet and present to the Board.

Alderman Jordan pointed out that the Aldermen are not voting members of the committees. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott clarified that for Planning and Zoning Committee the Alderperson Rep is a voting member but not for other commissions.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Joe Raben – There were 39 residential inspections this month. The Food Mart has installed the opening and headers and finished the addition to the roof on the back and side of the building.

Alderwoman Tatman stated that there are people moving after dark. She provided a few addresses and will send more addresses to be checked on.

Alderwoman Dailes stated that people are moving out and new people are moving in after dark in order to escape the occupancy permit process. Building Inspector stated that he can check on this situation when provided with addresses.

Alderwoman Reed questioned what happens in the event a property is sited and no action is taken. The inspector replied that they are limited by law the extent they can take: questioned the property with the animal cages and inspector stated that a letter was sent and the property has begun cleanup therefore the resident was granted additional time to rectify the situation; stated that she has observed homes being worked on after midnight and she has not received a call back from the BN Police she reported this activity to.

**CITY ENGINEER:** Meet with representatives from MSD and engineers and around May 2020 MSD will be working on Coburg Lands Dr. asphalt overlay. There was discussion regarding the appearance of finished streets being left in the same manner as found.

#### **APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER \$500.00**

Motion to pay bills over \$500.00 with the exceptions of (1) account 5213 - U.S. Bank in amount of \$248.85, (2) account 5536 - Clear Spann in amount of \$18,584.85 and (3) account 5312 - Oakley Salt in amount of \$19,157.50 made by Alderwoman Tatman seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Simril-yes, Alderman Jordan- no, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Motion passed with a 4-3 yes vote of the Board of Aldermen.

Motion to pay the invoice for Lowes in the amount of \$678.18 that was not included in the aforementioned over \$500.00 made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Motion carries.

**CHIEF OF POLICE:** Chief Ihler reported of a domestic dispute on Bellefontaine Road which resulted in a non-fatal shooting; Officer resigned this past Sunday and is working on a replacement for that Officer; Addressed Alderwoman Reed inquiry regarding after hours home repairs

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Gave an update on the medical marijuana situation.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. BILL NO. 2558, AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE AND JOB CRITERIA FOR OFFICE OF PARKS AND REC DIRECTOR introduced by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott for 1<sup>st</sup> reading and go on to the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and made amendment for correction for proper Internal Revenue Code which was seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Motion carries with Alderman Jordan, Alderwoman Dailes and Alderman Christian opposing. After discussion and some of the BOA opposing, Bill No. 2558 was tabled until next board meeting of Nov. 21, 2019 by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Motion carries.

Motion to add Workshop Session to the Strategic Meeting on 11/14/19 from 7 to 9pm made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman Reed.

- B. BILL NO 2559, AN ORDINANCE FOR AN EASEMENT TO MSD ON 1180 CHAMBERS ROAD introduced by Alderwoman Tatman for 1<sup>st</sup> reading and go on to the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and add the amendment of exhibit 2 to be added and seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Simril-yes, Alderman Jordan-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Motion passed.  
Bill No. 2559 will become the next ordinance determined by the City Clerk in the proper sequence when and if signed by the Mayor.
- C. BILL NO 2560, AN ORDINANCE CORRECTING AND RENUMBERING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ORDINANCES introduced by Alderwoman Reed for 1<sup>st</sup> reading and go on to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carries. After 2<sup>nd</sup> reading by Alderwoman Reed votes are as follows. Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Simril-yes, Alderman Jordan-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Motion carries.  
Bill No. 2560 will become the next ordinance determined by the City Clerk in the proper sequence when and if signed by the Mayor.

**REPORT OF MAYOR:** Mayor Pierson reported that he was invited to Flo Valley by MoDOT to discuss the awarded contract for redevelopment on I-270 to Riverview, there will be a lot of jobs available and the Mayor is a liaison, also he attended the superintendent meeting naming the Missouri Superintendent. Better Family Life is canvassing in our City asking what one would like to see here. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

**REPORT OF ALDERMEN: Alderwoman Avant-Elliott** – Thanked everyone in attendance and clarified to Wanda Lane that the Mayor is over all of the staff and the BOA is not staff they are legislators and shared the responsibilities of the Aldermen as outlined in the Mo. State Statues. Attended the event for the Superintendent and the RGSD will have an article in the next newsletter. Kwanzaa event is on 12/28/19 from 2-6pm. Invited women to Christmas event on 12/7/19 where she is a guest speaker. Looks forward to the hiring of a Parks and Rec Director.

**Alderwoman Dailes** – Greeted everyone. Enjoyed the Town Hall Meeting, learned a lot of information and working on another Town Hall Meeting scheduled for 1/2020. Sending invitation to churches to speak on the Census 2020. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

**Alderman Christian** – Asked if the Treasurer will be making regular reports. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott shared that the City Clerk indicated that the Treasurer reports on second meeting of the month. Welcomed Sheron to the Image and Beautification Committee. Thanked all Veterans. It was pointed out by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott gave a report on the events for Veterans Day at the Missouri Veterans Home.

**Alderman Jordan** – Thanked all the Veterans for their time and sacrifices. The Ashbrook project is being finalized with MoDOT. Welcomed Sheron Harris and thanked everyone who works on the committee. Would like individuals to fill out applications and submit resumes to serve on the committees before appointment. Family Dollar wants to put in a liquor section and in the prior years this was not allowed by the complex owners. His personal opinion on BOA obtaining badges is negative. Stated that a City Administrator is needed.

**Alderman Simril** – Thanked everyone for coming out and stated he will be more transparent and participate in more functions.

**Alderwoman Reed** – Inquired about the fees discussed with Alderman Christian. Stated to the Mayor that the City still needs a Collector. Welcome to Treasurer Howard and Sheron Harris to Image and Beautification. There is not a school zone indicated on our roads. Asked Mayor if there was RFP sent out for the trees. Mayor answered that there was no response therefore the street department is in the process of contacting companies. Congratulated Alderwoman Avant-Elliott on the speaking engagement. Thanked everyone for participation with the bonfire and park dedication.

**Alderwoman Tatman** – Thanked Ward 1 citizens for coming out and expressing their concerns. Made reference to the upcoming weather changes. Welcome to new Treasurer. Thanks to all Veterans.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott asked the City Attorney whether there is an ordinance needed for the upcoming election and the Attorney answered no.

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

**Wanda Lane – 99XX Martingale** – Attended a Census Training Session and explained that individuals can complete an on-line statement for census. Made statement that she was not aware of requirements of citizens to complete applications to serve on committees. Stated that private information should not be discussed about individual's medical conditions. City Attorney provided explanation regarding HIPPA law and conversation around outstanding invoice.

**Carnell Jones – 11XX Wentworth** – Shared concerns about calamity and division among Elected Officials and the impact on the community.

**Martha Sneed** – Rec Center employee – Discussed the Park and Rec Center Director and asked if the employees could be consulted regarding the person hired and commented on the BOA discussion. Encouraged meetings to be held during the daytime for Census 2020.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott pointed out that the ultimate decision for hiring the Parks and Rec Director lies with the Mayor.

Alderwoman Tatman stated the compliance as it related to ordinance and clarified the required hiring process.

**Pat Barrett – Planning and Zoning Committee – 7XX Kelvin Dr.** - Thanked City Attorney for work concerning medical marijuana and the sale of liquor at Family Dollar. The Family Dollar liquor sales will be removed from Planning and Zoning next meeting agenda. He requested that the BOA hold a Public Hearing on Medical Marijuana and was told that there is one already scheduled.

Motion to go into closed session made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Motion passed with the following votes: Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Simril-yes, Alderman Jordan-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 PM.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on 11-21-2019