

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 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, City Attorney Helmut Starr, Police Chief Jeremy Ihler and City Clerk Fran Stevens.

ABSENT: Alderwoman Barbara West, Ward 1 and Alderman Samuel Simril, Ward 2.

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. Mayor Pierson called for a moment of silence for former Alderman Allen Herl, Alderwoman Barbara West's Brother and City Clerk Fran Stevens' Sister.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk called the roll and all members were present except Alderwoman West, Ward 1 and Alderman Simril, Ward 2.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to approve agenda made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carries.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES:

There was discussion from Alderwoman Dailes to table approval of minutes until next meeting because she has not had a chance to review them. After consulting with the City Attorney, it was decided to take roll call vote.

Motion to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2019 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Jordan. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-absent, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Simril-absent, Alderman Jordan-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Motion passed.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: The meeting was opened to the public to speak 3 minutes each. **Pat Barrett – 7XX Kelvin Dr.** – Inquired if the boundary adjustments approval for the shopping center is on the agenda. City Attorney answered that the only thing submitted was a boundary survey and there was no plat submitted to be approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Patrick Howard read the treasurer's report and there was discussion. Alderman Jordan gave synopsis of projects still pending, bank balances and made himself available if treasurer had additional questions. Alderwoman Reed stated that she and Treasurer Howard are working together with the auditor to complete the 2018-2019 audit which needs to be ready and passed at the 12/5/2019 meeting in order to meet 12/31/2019 deadline.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER \$500.00

Motion to pay (18) bills over \$500.00 in the amount of \$72,496.55 made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderman Jordan. Alderwoman Reed had a question regarding the \$248.85 which was discussed at the November 7, 2019 meeting. It was stated that the amount should not have been paid and that the Mayor should refund this amount back to the city. Discussion ensued and Alderwoman Avant-Elliott suggested to bring matter back to approval of current list of bills. Motion carries to approve current list of bills.

There was further discussion regarding the amount in question of \$248.85 and the City Attorney explained the Mayor's position in approving ticket items of \$500.00 and under. In conclusion, it was stated that a written notation regarding this payment should accompany the invoice amount of \$248.85.

CITY COLLECTOR – Mayor's request was granted to move appointment of City Collector up from Mayor's report. The applicant for City Collector was presented and BOA interviewed her. There was no decision made to employ Selena Melton at this time as this will be on the next meeting agenda.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Alderman Jordan wanted to know about the pay loader and Mark from street department answered that it is coming on Wednesday.

The City Attorney explained the bidding procedure for the salt shed. It was explained that the bid was only for the materials for the roof of the shed and the city workers will do the installation.

Motion to approve Clear Span to install roof on salt shed made by Alderman Jordan seconded by Alderman Christian. Alderwoman Tatman made a motion to amend initial motion to add emergency clause to approve Clear Span to install roof on salt shed seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carries. There was no discussion on the original motion therefore motion carries.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Sgt. D. Schack was the officer sitting in the car which was side swiped on east bound 270 between 367 and Bellefontaine Road. Driver was arrested under suspicion of DWI. There was a total loss house fire on 1200 block of Roxton. As we approach the holiday season, cover up valuables in automobiles, cut up boxes of items purchased and discard in closed trash container. Invited the BOA to ride along with an officer. Motion for Police Chief to attend Police Chief's Winter Conference 12/9/2019 thru 12/12/2019 made by Alderwoman Tatman seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Motion carries.

Chaplain Elliott – Good evening to everyone. Gave an overview of Chaplain's duties and responsibilities. Reiterated situations discussed earlier by Chief Ihler. Expressed his honor to serve. Invited anyone to reach out to the Chaplains if needed.

CITY ATTORNEY: None

Motion to go into closed session after adjournment of regular meeting pursuant to Mo. State Statue Sec. 610.012 (3) Personnel, made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion passed with the following votes: Alderwoman West-absent, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Simril-absent, Alderman Jordan-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. **Resolution No. 2019-03. A Resolution Urging The County Executive and County Council To Restore Accountability And Responsibility Among Count Appointees**

Motion to pass Resolution No. 2019-03 made by Alderwoman Reed removing whereas 3 and whereas 4 seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carries.

B. **BILL NO. 2558.1, AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR OFFICE OF PARKS AND REC DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.**

Motion to read Bill No 2558.1 for 2nd time as amended by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott and stated for clarification be it known that the salary amount has been adjusted from \$45,000 to \$50,000 per year upwards to \$62,168.72, seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion passed with the following votes: Alderwoman West-absent, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Simril-absent, Alderman Jordan-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes.

Bill No. 2558.1 becomes Ordinance No. 2556 when and if signed by the Mayor.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **BILL NO 2561, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A USER AGREEMENT WITH THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION COMMISSION**

Motion to read Bill No. 2561 for 1st time and move on to the 2nd reading made by Alderman Jordan seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Motion passed with the following votes: Alderwoman West-absent, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Simril-absent, Alderman Jordan-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes.

Bill No. 2561 becomes Ordinance No. 2557 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF MAYOR: Mayor Pierson reported that the Medical Marijuana Public Hearing is scheduled for 12/5/2019 at 7:00pm. This past Thursday and Friday he attended an Economic Development Conference with other Mayors, Elected Officials and Developers and gained a lot of information. Mayor Pierson has been selected to receive the Drum Major Award at Christian Hospital on January 17, 2020. He is asking the City to purchase a table for this event, more information is forthcoming. Alderwoman West Brother's visitation is Sunday at Serenity Funeral Home from 4 to 7pm. Information for services for former Alderman Allen Herl is forthcoming. Clarification was established that the Mayor has the authority to send flowers which is under \$500.00, in the event of past and present City Officials' bereavement.

REPORT OF ALDERMEN:

Alderwoman Tatman – Thanks to everyone for coming. Encouraged the citizens to join committees and boards.

Alderwoman Reed – Thanks to City Attorney for researching the information regarding the Mayor's purchasing for the City. Told Mayor he has full support in sending flowers. Had questions regarding the boiler, lighting update around the Rec Center and City Hall. Thanked Mark and Jeff (street department) for coming out and would like to see them present at least one monthly meeting. Suggested to start early on salt bids and purchasing in the future in order to be ahead of the process. The last Strategic Planning Meeting was productive and next one is scheduled for 2nd Thursday in December from 7-9pm. Congratulated the Mayor on the Drum Major Award.

Alderman Jordan – Read a letter dated November 21, 2019 announcing his resignation effective November 30, 2019. Thanked the citizens of Ward 3 for their support and confidence in the last 19.5 years,

Alderman Christian – Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. Will email everyone information of building permits and fees.

Alderwoman Dailes – Greetings to everyone and Happy Thanksgiving. Ward 4 has had numerous amounts of air conditioners come up missing. Encouraged everyone to be aware of their surroundings and watch out for elderly neighbors. Thanks to everyone for coming out. Asked everyone to keep as many lights on as possible as it gets dark early.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott – Thanks to everyone for coming out. Attended a NAACP Meeting with Census Representatives, learned a lot and have Census 2020 informational packets to share with the BOA. Discussed a lot of insight to the Census 2020 and emphasized the importance of participation and compliance. Congratulated the Mayor on the Drum Major Award. Had inquiry to City Attorney regarding fees relating to legal matters and wanted to know if this is a matter to be discussed in closed session. Attorney answered that this is indeed a closed session matter. Encouraged her to call him for determination. Thanked Alderman Jordan for his expertise and contributions. Have two pending items left for completion of newsletter before sending out draft to the BOA.

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

Pat Barrett, 7XX Kelvin Dr. – Addressed Alderman Jordan and thanked him for his work of 19.5 years.

Chaplain Elliott – 11XX Jolene Dr. – Thanked Alderman Jordan for his services. Made statements to the BOA regarding their attempt at working and trying to get better. In reference to the Census 2020, it is important that individuals state the number in their household in order to have an accurate count.

Alderman John Jordan – Discussed Census 2020; gave overview and stated importance of reporting correct number of people in households.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Jordan seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.

ATTEST:



Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on 12-5-2019