

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2020 – 7:30PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Tommie Pierson, Sr., Alderwoman Barbara West, Alderwoman Theresa Reed, Alderman James Thomas, Alderman Jim Christian, Alderwoman Alease Dailes, Alderwoman Miranda Avant-Elliott, Andy Bramman City Attorney (sit in for Helmut Starr), Police Chief Jeremy Ihler and City Clerk Fran Stevens.

ABSENT: Alderwoman Dinah Tatman, Ward 1.

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 Tatman, Ward 1.

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY Mayor Pierson at 7:40 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.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to amend agenda to switch item 12.A under unfinished business to New Business 13.A and replace word "bid" with "quotes for the gymnasium roof" made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman West. Motion carries.

PUBLIC HEARING was called to order by Mayor Pierson. Chairman Pat Barrett explained that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to grant a conditional use permit to operate a child care home at 1214 Forest Home Drive in Bellefontaine Neighbors and the floor was opened for discussion and comments. There being none, Alderman Wiese made the motion to approve the conditional use permit to operate Blessed Hands LLC/Keona Porter with a maximal of 4 children seconded by Alderman Thomas.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES:

Motion to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2020 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carries.

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

Carnell Jones, 11XX Wentworth Dr. – stated that he truly enjoyed attending the Black History Event and mentioned that everyone should always strive to enjoy themselves.

At this point – Alderwoman Dailes presented Mayor Pierson with a plaque honoring him as First Black Mayor of Bellefontaine Neighbors elected by the power of the people vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT – City Treasurer Howard gave an overview of his monthly report and stated that it is time for annual budget preparation and need cooperation of the department heads. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott inquired about the process of staying abreast of the budget to avoid year end amendments and the treasurer stated that department heads must stay on top of the budget to not over extend and cause amendments.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER \$500.00 – Motion to pay invoices over \$500.00 in the amount of \$37,672.21 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman West. Motion carries.

CITY COLLECTOR'S REPORT – City Collector Brossard read the monthly report and opened the floor for questions and discussion. There was discussion regarding fees paid for flea markets, food trucks, etc.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT – Chief Ihler gave a report on the incidents and upcoming events; (flyers on the table), Red vs Blue Chili & Brew Event-February 29, 2020 from 12 noon to 4pm at Knights of Columbus Hall Chief Ihler will attend the I-270 North Highway Project Meeting at Florissant Valley Community College on March 12, 2020 from 4 to 8pm. He encouraged everyone to file taxes as soon as possible in an effort to offset

tax fraud and identity theft. Contact Internal Revenue Service and/or Missouri Department of Revenue if you think you are a victim of tax fraud.

CITY ATTORNEY – NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

A. GYMNASIUM ROOF QUOTE

There were two quotes received (under \$5000.00). Roof will be repaired as soon as possible.

REPORT OF MAYOR: Mayor Pierson reported that he was in Jefferson City at the Missouri Municipal League Meeting and the push was for on-line sales taxes, March 4, 2020 at 4 pm the Mayor will meet with President and CEO of Economic Development for St. Louis City and County, Rodney Crim to tour the vacant land and invited interested individuals to join him (meet at City Hall).

A. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint Greg White to the Planning and Zoning Commission made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Wiese.

Questions: Alderwoman West inquired; the cost of a conditional use permit, how many districts are in the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors and what constitutes a dwelling? Greg White stated that he is not sure as he would have to become familiar with all this.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott asked Mr. White to give a synopsis of his related experience to the commission and Mr. White gave his education and experience background of over 20 years in the electrical field. Motion carries. Alderwoman West-nay.

REPORT OF ALDERMEN:

Alderwoman West – Stated that she is withdrawing the “Neighborhood Ownership Model” because this was a committee to form block units and Alderwoman Dailes has decided to form her version of a “block unit”.

Alderwoman Reed – The mammogram bus is here on 3/7/2020 (flyers on the table), Census Ambassadors Barbara West, Theresa Reed, Miranda Avant-Elliott and D. C. Elliott will hold 2020 census ambassador training sessions, the first one is scheduled for 2/29/2020 from 10 to 11am at the Rec Center, (flyers on the table), inquired to attorney about the continuation of Planning and Zoning Committee Members payments, and Alderwoman Reed made a motion seconded by Alderwoman West for an ordinance to approve the suggested increase of the building fee rates. Motion carries.

Alderman Wiese – Thanked the BOA members for the revision of the building fees

Alderman Thomas – Reported that the Black History Event was a blast!

Alderman Christian – Stated that the “help wanted advertising” should be expanded in order to reach more individuals.

Alderwoman Dailes – Stated that it is time to begin collecting for items for Christmas Give Away, the city need to move in a different direction with the Police Department, signs need to be installed at Chambers and Bellefontaine Road to alert drivers of the blind in the area, she has a support letter for signatures in favor of Troy Doyle for St. Louis County Police Chief; she read a letter from volunteers directed to Alderwoman Avant-Elliott regarding posting about events and not allowing the involved individuals to reach out first. Welcomed the new attorney Dorothy White-Coleman and thanked everyone for their help.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott – The Reproductive Freedom Listening Tour is 3/4/2020 at 6:30pm at the Lewis and Clark Library, the Census Count is very important and encouraged everyone to participate, Youth Commission will host March Madness on 3/14. Interested individuals interested in joining the Youth Commission, please submit your application to the City Clerk.

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Carnell Jones - 11XX Wentworth Dr. – discussed the street work, holes, etc. in the city streets and stated he is upset with the BNPD.

D.C. Elliott, 11XX Jolene – Encouraged ride a-long with the police in an effort to understand law enforcement. Pay attention to St. Louis City and realize that crime has increased everywhere.

Tommie Pierson Jr. State Rep. – Announced that the Presidential Primary is March 10th, on March 23rd he will host “Pizza with Pierson” Town Hall at the Lewis and Clark Library from 5 to 7pm He explained the “Way Fair Bill” which relates to collecting of on-line sales tax.

Motion to adjourn made by Alderwoman West seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

ATTEST:



Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on 3-5-2020