

HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL INSTEAD OF AN IN-PERSON MEETING,
FOR GOOD CAUSE, DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 19, 2020 – 7:30PM

PRESENT: Mayor Tommie Pierson, Sr., Alderwoman Barbara West, Alderwoman Theresa Reed, Alderman Michael Wiese, Alderman James Thomas, Alderman Jim Christian, Alderwoman Alease Dailes, Alderwoman Miranda Avant-Elliott, City Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman, Police Chief Jeremy Ihler and City Clerk Fran Stevens.

ABSENT: Alderwoman Dinah Tatman

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 7:30 p.m.

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES:

Motion to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2020 after corrections of (1) removal of motion to swear in Dorothy White Coleman (2) remove Alderman Wiese from vote on Bill No. 2568 as he was ill and had left the meeting, made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman West. Motion carries. Alderwoman Dailes abstained.

At this point Mayor Pierson read a statement regarding the reason for the telephone conference meeting which was due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Wanda Lane - XX Martingale – Wanted clarification regarding the April 7, 2020 election moving to June 2, 2020. Mayor Pierson confirmed that the election has indeed moved to 6/2/2020.

Ricky L. Hopkins – 11XX Darr – Expressed his displeasure with the driveway basketball hoops. Stated that the bouncing of the balls day and night disrupts rest and sleep. Inquired to the BOA if there is something that can be done.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER \$500.00 – Motion to pay invoices over \$500.00 in the amount of \$52,465.07 made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Motion carries.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT – Chief Ihler discussed the COVID-19 virus and gave pointers on how to stay safe. He discussed the M.O.U. Bill on tonight's agenda and Alderwoman Avant-Elliott questioned the changes to the plan. Chief Ihler explained that the changes were made by FEMA but Bellefontaine never adopted the plan. City Attorney White-Coleman explained that Bellefontaine Neighbors would be adopting the plan as presented.

CITY ATTORNEY – NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. BILL NO. 2569, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 5-7, 23-17, 23-47, 29-95, 29-112 AND 29-118 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, TO ESTABLISH USER FEES FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT SERVICES, STREET AND SIDEWALK USE AND LAND USE APPLICATIONS THAT REFLECT THE COST OF SUCH SERVICES.**

Motion to table Bill No. 2569 until there is a Public Hearing made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Alderman Christian suggested that the Public Hearing is canceled until further notice. Motion carries.

- B. BILL NO. 2570, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR EQUITABLE SHARING OF FUNDS FROM FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURES.**

Motion to read Bill No. 2570 for 1st and 2nd reading made by Alderman Christian seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carries. **Bill No. 2570 becomes Ordinance No. 2565** if and when signed by the Mayor.

- C. BILL NO. 2571, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS OR OTHER STATE OF EMERGENCY. Exhibit A - CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN.**

Motion to read Bill No. 2571 for 1st and 2nd reading made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderwoman West. Motion carries. Alderwoman Reed voted no. **Bill No. 2571 becomes Ordinance No. 2566** if and when signed by the Mayor.

- D. BILL NO. 2572, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH IDEMIA IDENTITY AND SECURITY USA, LLC LEASING BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE TO READ FINGER AND PALM PRINTS.**

There was discussion regarding the bidding process and Chief Ihler stated that the vendor was approved by the state. **Alderman Thomas made motion to table Bill No. 2572** to next BOA meeting seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Motion carries.

- E. RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01 - EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT PROCLAMATION AND/OR RESOLUTION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS**

Resolution No. 2020-01 read by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Motion to pass Resolution No. 2020-01 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman West. Motion carries.

REPORT OF MAYOR: Mayor Pierson reported that he participated in a conference call with County Executor Sam Page and City Mayor Lyda Krewson regarding COVID-19. BN Rec Center will close to the public, BN has food that was donated to the residents, everyone should practice good hygiene by washing hands often and practice social distancing. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott questioned if the Rec Center close to the public, will the workers be paid? Mayor answered yes and the employees will clean and sanitize the Rec Center.

REPORT OF ALDERMEN:

Alderwoman West – No report.

Alderwoman Reed – PSA – Let's Get Kids Counted-visit 2020 Census.gov. 2020 Census can also be completed by phone, mail or on line. She will review basketball ordinance.

Alderman Wiese – No report. Thanks to everyone.

Alderman Thomas – No report. Thanks to BOA and Mayor

Alderman Christian – No report. Everyone be safe and use common sense.


Alderwoman Dailes – Volunteers will deliver food tomorrow and give resident's list of names to her. Need BOA to help deliver to their wards. She will order US Census Count signs for BN.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott – March Madness on 3/14 canceled.

Motion to adjourn made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Thomas. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

ATTEST:



Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on May 7, 2020