

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 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 Avant-Elliott, City Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman, Police Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk Fran Stevens

ABSENT: Alderwoman Tatman, Ward 1

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY Mayor Pierson. 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: City Clerk called the roll and all members were present except Alderwoman Tatman, Ward 1.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to amend agenda to remove line item 16(B) and 16(C) made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman West.

SWEAR IN CITY ATTORNEY DOROTHY WHITE-COLEMAN – Dorothy White-Coleman was sworn in as City Attorney by City Clerk.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: REGULAR BOA MINUTES 2/20/2020

Motion to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 20, 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.

Chief Goldstein RFPD - explained and discussed many items including the Future 2020 Plan, Proportion I Bond Issue, tax increase which will update the fire houses, and mentioned scheduled town hall meetings; Mayor Pierson mentioned that he has a meeting with Dr. Beckwith on April 6 2020.

Wanda Lane – 99XX Martingale - shared her thoughts regarding the tax increase to support the fire houses which is dire need of upgrading, inquired if the Conoco Gas Station located at Bellefontaine Road and Chambers is code compliant.

Anthony Green – 94XX Duenke – discussed the littered city streets and asked if there can be trash receptacles placed in various locations in the city and inquired of the treasurer if he is up to date. The treasurer replied that he is current.

Carnell Jones, 11XX Wentworth – discussed his views of exercising voting rights and reminded everyone to be cognizant of their surroundings at all times.

Willie Williams – 10XXX Hopedale – discussed St. Cyr Park and the lack of patrons following park rules relating to parking, loud music, etc.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

- A. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** – None
- B. **YOUTH COMMISSION** – Alderwoman Avant-Elliott – Volunteers are needed for March Madness Event which is March 14, 2020 - please sign up by 2/11/2020 at the Rec Center.
- C. **IMAGE AND BEAUTIFICATION** – Alderman Christian stated that the meetings will begin again on March 10, 2020 at 7:00pm.
- D. **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD** – NONE

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott inquired of the gym roof and was told that the roof has been repaired. Also, she asked about the status of any new hires in the Parks and Rec Department and was told there are no new hires.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Drury Tree service has completed removal of specified trees.

Alderwoman Reed stated that there has not been a representative from the street department attending the BOA meetings, she also inquired about the salt shed’s condition, update of the trees. Clayton Klein stated that the salt shed base is in place but the roof structure and the electric door is not done.

PLANNING AND ZONING - Pat Barrett reported their monthly meeting is March 9, 2020 at City Hall.

BUILDING INSPECTOR - Joe Raben – reported that February was a short month, not much happened. Visited the Family Dollar store owner to discuss issues to bring the business up to code. After discussion regarding Express Gas Station, it was decided to request the owner to appear before the BOA Meeting on 3/19/2020. **At this point Alderman Weise left the meeting.**

CITY ENGINEER - Clayton Klein – discussed his monthly report. Alderwoman Reed inquired to the City Attorney regarding the ordinance for the building fees and City Attorney commented that it will be ready for the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER \$500.00

Motion to approve over \$500.00 invoices in the amount of \$29,786.09 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carries.

CHIEF OF POLICE - Chief Ihler – after discussion regarding upgrading the PD cameras fire wall; Motion was made to upgrade fire wall which cost \$728.39 by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Motion carries. Encouraged everyone to be aware of scam regarding the coronavirus and everyone should file taxes early to avoid fraud. There has been an increase in stolen vehicles. The Presidential Primary is 3/10/2020 and urged the BOA to refresh the sign ordinance.

CITY ATTORNEY - Dorothy White-Coleman –Thanked the Elected Officials for the opportunity to serve, introduced her senior associate and is looking forward to working with Bellefontaine Neighbors to continue to move the city forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. BILL NO. 2568, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A HOME DAY CARE AT 1214 FOREST HOME DRIVE D/B/A BLESSING HANDS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER TO KEONA PORTER**

Motion to read Bill No. 2568 for the 1st reading and move on to the 2nd reading made by Alderwoman Dailes, seconded by Alderwoman West. Motion carries.

After 1st and 2nd reading of Bill No. 2568 votes are as follows to become an ordinance: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Motion passes.

Bill No. 2568 will become Ordinance No. 2564 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF MAYOR: Mayor Pierson reported that MoDOT will meet from 4:00 to 8:00pm on 3/12/2020 at Florissant Valley Community College and again at Greater St. Mark Family Church on 3/14/2020 at 11:00am to discuss the I-270/367 development; everyone be sure to participate in Census 2020 and the Presidential Primary is March 10th. Rodney Crim, CEO of STLPartnership and his team along with BN Mayor and others toured the vacant land on March 4th to discuss economic development in Bellefontaine Neighbors.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott asked for an update on vacant positions (Court Clerk, Park Ranger, Rec Center Office Manager, Asst. Aquatics Director) City Clerk answered that Judge Draper is working on the job description for the Court Clerk, Mayor have interviews next week for the Director of Parks and Rec, there was someone hired for Rec. Center Office Manager. It was pointed out that before new hires are finalized, the Mayor and City Clerk should sign appropriate paper

work in order for the Finance Clerk to add them to payroll. Alderwoman West made the suggestion to eliminate the Rec Center Office Manager and Chief Ihler stated that the Police Department has taken on the Park Ranger's duties.

REPORT OF ALDERMEN:

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott – This is Women's History Month and BN just made history by hiring first female attorney, Census Ambassador Training is 3/9/2020 from 7:00 to 8:00pm., Vote on 3/10/2020 and March Madness is 3/14/2020.

Alderwoman Dailes – Attended the special Olympics which was great, No Parking Signs should be installed around homes surrounding St. Cyr Park in an effort to abate the situation of non-compliance to park rules. The situation regarding the trash receptacles around the bus stops is responsibility of Metro Bus Company. Please comply with Census 2020.

Alderman Christian – Image and Beautification Committee have vacancies in Wards 1, 2 and 3, encouraged everyone to wash hands often, vote on 3/10 and set clocks to spring forward this weekend.

Alderman Thomas – Metro Bus stopped putting trash receptacles on bus stops because there was no one to keep them emptied and then Metro created an adopt-a-stop program which offers incentives, enjoyed going on the vacant land tour, he is enjoying and learning a lot as Alderman.

Alderwoman Reed – 15 citizens have been trained as Census Ambassadors, Board of Adjustments is down 1 person, Strategic Planning Meeting is 3/12/2020 from 7:00 to 9:00pm, Shepley Drive residents would like to have the bridge widened, street stripes are missing on Coburg Lands, Cabot and Shepley, 2020 Census can be completed on line, encouraged everyone to participate in 2020 Census. Motion to have owner of Express Gas, 10320 Bellefontaine Road appear before the BOA at 3/19/2020 meeting made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carries.

Alderwoman West – Look forward to working with City Attorney, Dorothy White-Coleman.

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

Matthew McWilliams – 1X Green Acres – shared his ideas regarding implementation of stem program with Riverview Gardens School District, indoor farming, etc.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn BOA meeting made by Alderwoman West seconded by Alderman Thomas. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40PM.

ATTEST:


Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on March 19, 2020