

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY – MAY 13, 2020 -6:00PM**

**BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS  
WILL CONVENE FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED MEETING  
VIA ZOOM.**

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

**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY** BOA President, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott at 6:11 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** City Clerk called the roll and all members were present except Alderwoman Alease Dailes, Ward 4. Mayor Pierson arrived at 6:18 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** It was mentioned that the word “REGULAR” would be changed to “SPECIAL” before posting minutes to the website. Motion to approve agenda made by Alderman Christian seconded by Alderman Wiese. Motion carries.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. ALDERWOMAN TATMAN PRESENTED A POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR CITY TO BECOME A COVID-19 TESTING CENTER.**

Alderwoman Tatman discussed and explained the ramifications of Affinia Health Care utilizing the city’s parking lots as a COVID-19 testing site for approximately 2 weeks. After question and answer session Alderwoman Tatman made a motion to allow the testing site seconded by Alderman Thomas. Motion carries. Alderwoman Reed abstained.

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

Motion to read Bill No. 2572 for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adding that this is a “sole source agreement” made by Alderman Thomas seconded by Alderman Wiese. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Wiese-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-absent, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Motion passed.

**Bill No. 2572 become Ordinance No. 2567 if and when signed by the Mayor.**

**C. BILL NO. 2573, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY PURCHASING PROCEDURE FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS OR OTHER STATE OF EMERGENCY.**

Motion to read Bill No. 2573 for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> time made by Alderman Christian seconded by Alderman West. Questions – Alderwoman Avant-Elliott inquired as to the difference from the other emergency ordinance and this emergency bill. Attorney White-Coleman answered that the current ordinance is for handling routine emergency(s) and this bill is because a State of Emergency has been declared; this bill will be a part of the emergency operation plan. Alderwoman West asked who is the director of purchasing and City Attorney answered that would be the Mayor. Alderwoman Reed inquired as to the length of this bill effectiveness. City Attorney answered until it is lifted by Resolution. Alderwoman Tatman added that Bill No. 2573 would be utilized under state of emergencies. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-no, Alderman Wiese-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-absent, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. Bill No. 2573 failed with 3-no votes to 4-yes votes.

**D. BILL NO. 2574, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1-26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, TO PROVIDE FOR MEETINGS VIA VIDEO-CONFERENCE AND ADOPTING A VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING POLICY TO SUPPLEMENT THE OPEN METINGS AND RECORDS POLICY OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI.**

Motion to read Bill No. 2574 for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> time made by Alderman Wiese seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.

Question – Alderwoman Reed inquired as to the reason for this bill and City Attorney White-Coleman answered that this bill would update the code and put procedures in place. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Wiese-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-absent, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes,

**Bill No. 2574 become Ordinance No. 2568 if and when signed by the Mayor.**

**E. REJIS/ATT PROPOSAL**

Alderwoman Reed stated that in the past this proposal was in the form of a bill and inquired as to the change? Motion to present this proposal in bill form made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman West. Motion carries.

**F. POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASE**

Chief Ihler explained the police vehicle purchases and there was discussion regarding the purchases. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott made a motion to approve the purchase of 3 cars and 1 sedan in the amount of \$168,444 seconded by Alderman Thomas. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn Special Meeting made by Alderman Thomas seconded by Alderwoman West. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on May 21, 2020.