

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2020 – 7:30PM
VIA ZOOM**

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

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

SWEARING IN AND SEATING OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS: City Clerk swore in new and re-elected City Officials: Ward 1-Dinah Tatman-re-elected, Ward 2-James Carroll-newly elected, Ward 3-James Thomas-newly elected (un-opposed) and Ward 4-Alease Dailes-re-elected (un-opposed).

ROLL CALL: City Clerk called the roll and all members were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to amend agenda to **(1)** change agenda item #6 to read - open to the public with a 3-minute time limit – **eliminate “or as long as the Mayor deems necessary”**, made by Alderwoman West seconded by Alderman Christian.

Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion carries.**

(2) remove approval of over \$500.00 as the BOA has not received the invoices to review made by Alderwoman West seconded by Alderman Christian. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion carries.**

Alderwoman Reed inquired if the over \$500 invoices could be sent electronically now and Alderwoman Avant-Elliott stated that there will be a special meeting scheduled to approve the over \$500 invoices and to pass the budget as time would not permit reviewing the invoices tonight.

(3) Motion for Emergency Closed Session following tonight's regular meeting for the purpose to discuss: 610.021 (1) Legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the city's representatives and its attorney and 610.021 (3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees made by Alderwoman West seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion carries.**

Motion to amend agenda to change agenda item #15 – to read Report of Aldermen **“with a 3-minute time limit”** made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderwoman West. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion carries.**

Motion to approve agenda as amended made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Christian. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion carries.**

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES:

Motion to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2020 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-abstain because he was not elected at this time, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion carries.**

Motion to approve Special Board Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2020 made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Christian. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-abstain as she was not present, Alderman Carroll-abstain because he was not elected at this time, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-abstain. **Motion carries.**

Motion to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2020 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Christian. Alderwoman Reed requested to change and correct her "yes" vote to "no" to pass Bill No. 2579 and this change should be made before posting to the web site.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott made a motion and seconded by Alderwoman Reed to rescind the previous motion and made a motion to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2020 as amended to include the correction noted by Alderwoman Reed and also that Alderwoman Avant-Elliott congratulated Alderman Carroll - not Alderman Wiese in the win of Ward 2 Alderman in the 6/2/2020 general election.

Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-abstain because he was not elected at this time, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion carries.**

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

Wanda Lane – 99XX Martingale Lane – Read what she said was Ordinance No. 1438 paragraph C, which she says the ordinance states duties of the president of the board as it relates to preparation or monitoring of the annual budget. She then stated that on 5-14-2020 and 6-11-2020 the board president did indeed hold a meeting discussing the budget under the guise of Strategic Planning Meeting. [At this point the audio recording faded out] and when the voice came back Ms. Lane was saying, "according to Ordinance No. 2418 paragraph B, regarding City Administrator being appointed by the Mayor with BOA approval. She stated that it is confusing and misleading that this discussion is continued, independent of the Mayor. She discussed previous City Attorney, Mo. Attorney General's office and written communication of a citizen's complaint regarding inconsistency of public documents and public meetings cause confusion and raise concern about how the city conducts business, dated August 7, 2017. She asked the BOA to carefully consider who is voted in as board president.

Felicia Bishop – 6XX Marshfield – Wants to know if consideration has been given to diversify the police department for more safety. Stated the PD is only visible in certain areas. [At this point the recording was breaking up badly], I heard her say "to keep it from spilling over into our community and how will we get things to be better" I had difficulty understanding. Mayor Pierson stated the Chief will address this in his report.

Askew Taylor – 97XX Birch Manor Ct. – Commended the PD for responding to the shooting at the gas station on Chambers and Bellefontaine Roads. The police officers were very polite and informative.

D. C. Elliott – BNPD Chaplain – Discussed the comments regarding the upcoming election of BOA President saying the choice should not be made based on popularity but, competency of the laws and ordinances of the city. The chosen person should have accountability for the processes to be upheld. Currently the processes being followed represents flaws. Individuals trying to correct the process of operating according to laws and ordinances should be commended. He feels the BOA falls into the category of jockeying for positions and not working together consistently for the betterment of the city. When the city is put first, upholding the ordinances of the city protects the city from sunshine request violations, lawsuits, and other negative reactions. Consider the competency when voting for the BOA President. Relating the police, the Chief is still firmly committed to city community outreach and education. Anyone desiring to have a discussion, feel free to contact the Chief as he operates with an open-door policy. Bellefontaine Neighbors has a lower level of crime than surrounding areas and this is contributed to the Police Department.

Wanda Lane – 99XX Martingale Lane – Stated that according to Ordinance No. 1413, the responsibility of the BOA President is to be present in the absence of the Mayor.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion for Special Board Meeting for discussion of the budget and approval of invoices over \$500.00 to be held Thursday June 25, 2020 at 7:00pm made by Alderperson Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-no, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Motion carries.

Alderwoman Reed requested an updated report from Treasurer and Mayor stated one will be sent out.

CITY COLLECTOR – Cathy Broussard read the monthly report for May 2020. Alderwoman Reed inquired to the collector regarding information about interest to Bellefontaine Neighbors from Green Acres Subdivision and collection of fees from other municipalities. City Collector explained that with everything going on, she did not have answers but stated she would have the answers at next BOA Meeting.

PLANNING AND ZONING – NONE

Alderman Carroll inquired about the difference between Planning and Zoning Master Plan and Comprehensive Plan. Chairman Barrett explained that the two are basically the same but both terms are used to catch all loopholes. Alderman Carroll stated that he has seen a lot of zoning issues, but no planning and Barrett explained that there were meetings and conversations

regarding ideas, but everything has been on hold since COVID-19. Alderman Carroll is interested in putting a long-term master plan together. Barrett explained that the immediate plan is for commercial development.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Chief Ihler reported on the shooting on Bellefontaine and Chambers Road. He stated that there is reason to believe that this shooting was targeted and not random. Two by-standers were hit by crossfire with nonlife-threatening wounds. These types of violent crimes are difficult to deter because the occurrence is between family, acquaintances, and friends. Regarding police patrol, the police resources are sent where needed the most. The officers are on the lookout for firework violations. Anyone can call the police department regarding firework violations and there will be an investigation. Discussion around blocking of entrance at Bissell Hills Shopping Center – Mike Wiese has been working on bids for barrier quotes.

Wiese explained the quotes he received and gave an estimation of cost, etc. Alderwoman Dailes stated that residents of Ward 4 have been complaining about issues and would like the same barriers in Ward 4.

Alderwoman West stated that there was a barrier at one time in Ward 4 and the citizens came to a board meeting to complain about said barrier. There is a meeting Monday with the risk and liability company. Bellefontaine Neighbors is a certified policing agency. Body worn cameras is finally coming to fruition and should be ready by August 2020. Call the Police Department if anyone is interested in hosting block units. Encourage BOA to ride with the police. Ameren is planning to resume disconnect policy for residential customers on August 3, 2020.

Alderwoman Dailes asked the Chief to clarify his statement regarding the police are stationed where most needed. She expressed that everyone pays the same amount of taxes and she says she has letters, emails, phone calls etc. along with conversations stating the police is not visible. She says it is unfair that Ward 4 does not see the police. They want to see the police more often and wants them to be friendly; she will form an organization and come to the police department, if necessary, to pose questions about patrolling Ward 4. Wants the Chief to ask the officers in Ward 4 sector to be more visible. Also, she stated that the speeding is becoming ridiculous. She asked the Chief if he gets out and patrol and inquired about the 8 supervisors for 16 police officers. The Chief stated he does not have time to patrol because of staffing issues and explained the working of hierarchy. Chief stated that Ward 4 does get patrolled.

Alderman Thomas asked when the use of force policy was last reviewed or updated by the board and questioned if all BN Officers have C.I.T. Training. Chief explained that the use of police policy is not updated by the board; but the best practices are presented; the vast majority of BN Officers have C.I.T. Training.

Alderwoman West explained that the safety board reviewed the use of force policy about 6 years ago. Alderman Christian was also on the public safety board and reviewed the use of force policy.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott asked about the purchase of automobiles, how many cars will be auctioned, where does the funds go and can streets needing speed bumps be identified by next meeting. Chief explained that the new automobiles are still in the building stage, no vehicles are decommissioned, and funds go back into general funds. Streets can possibly be identified by next meeting that need speed bumps based on data. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott expressed that speed bumps were budgeted and was uncertain why it was taking so long to identify speedbumps especially when there were already streets identified as having speeding concerns.

Alderwoman Tatman explained the process of street repairing, speed bumps etc. Alderwoman West commented that the safety committee has been working on the speed bumps for years, but the slow accomplishment was due to disagreement of where to place the traffic monitoring machine.

Alderman Carroll inquired if the police department report included the building department report as well. Chief answered that this report is relating to the police department only.

Alderman Carroll asked if the strategic plan is available to the BOA and Chief stated he would post the assessment fee to the web site. Attorney General has released data for the index and BN continue to rise and questioned if there is a plan for this year. Chief explained that he will have to examine this issue further.

CITY ATTORNEY: Dorothy White-Coleman reported that we are waiting for additional information from prior city attorney to complete the nuisance ordinance requested by Alderwoman West.

Alderman Carroll stated that the Supreme Court confirmed that sexual orientation and gender identity is protected under Civil Rights Act. Regarding BN's notice of public hearing - there is an ordinance prohibiting discrimination regarding race, sex, color but nothing that mention sexual orientation or gender identity, does BN need a policy in place when we put out public notice. Attorney White-Coleman answered that guidance is anticipated for revision on this subject soon by the EEOC and the Mo. Commission on Human Rights.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott asked for clarifications regarding who the donations for the COVID-19 testing were going to. Alderwoman Tatman stated that there was no cost to the City of BN for COVID-19 testing and the donations received were made directly to Dr. Secil Schrodski. The funds were used for the nurses and nurse practitioners. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott then responded if Affinia did not need donations why was a company selected that would need funds to pay staff. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott asked if the donations were enough to clear staff expenses. Alderwoman Tatman indicated that the donation was enough to pay the staff from June 12th to June 30, 2020.

Alderwoman Tatman replied that Affinia is a multimillion-dollar entity and they received COVID money and grants to do testing. We were only able to capture one day of testing with Affinia; Home Docs and Health Wellness Centers owned by Dr. Secil Schrodski did not receive funds. In order to set up testing in the most vulnerable areas, BN being one of those areas, donations were sent to assist in paying the staff. There were donations to provide lunch for the staff.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott shared that an alderwoman brought up the purchase of items on the Rec Center credit card. Alderwoman Tatman answered that there was a purchase of \$23.67 for Ziploc bags to separate masks and gloves given to citizens as they came to get tested. She was \$126.32 in total spent by City of Bellefontaine Neighbors which she thought was the least they could do given the other donations.

Alderwoman West stated that credit cards should not be used to purchase items for Alderpersons and their functions as this would utilize that department's budget. She offered to purchase lunch for the staff doing COVID-19 testing and further stated that her preference would be to ask the BOA for donations instead of utilizing departments budgets.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. ALLOCATION OF C.D.B.G. FUNDS

Motion to allocate Community Development Block Grant Funds of \$29,500.00 to be used for City of Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center infrastructure made by Alderperson Reed seconded by Alderman Thomas.

Question: Alderwoman Dailes asked if the city would lose the funds if the infrastructure is not accepted by the state and Rodney Robinson stated that the funds would not be lost, allocation would have to be made to an acceptable area.

Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-no, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. *Motion carries.*

B. M. O. A. FOR CHURCH IN ACTION d/b/a/ INFLUENCE CHURCH AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT – ALDERWOMAN DAILES.

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Thomas.

Question: Alderwoman West asked if there is a reason that the Rec Center parking lot is being used instead of the City Hall parking lot. Alderwoman Dailes answered because the City Hall is still open during this time and it is easier to drive in and out at the Rec Center. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott asked of the start and end date for food distribution. Attorney White-Coleman stated that the BOA can include a start and end date if desired. Alderwoman West stated that Alderwoman Dailes should be given opportunity to give dates.

Alderwoman Dailes stated the dates should be June 18, 2020 thru December 31, 2022. Attorney stated the motion should be revised to include the start and end dates. Mayor asked for roll call. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. *Motion carries.*

C. BOARD OF ALDERMAN APPOINTMENTS

A. PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS

Alderwoman Reed nominated Alderwoman Avant-Elliott as President of Alderpersons – accepted by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Alderman Thomas nominated Alderwoman Tatman to President of Alderpersons – accepted by Alderwoman Tatman

There being two nominations the votes are as follows: Alderwoman Avant Elliott received votes from West, Reed, Carroll, Christian, and Avant Elliott – Alderwoman Tatman received votes from Tatman, Thomas and Dailes. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott remains Board of Alderman President.

B. PLANNING & ZONING - ALDERMAN REP

Alderman Carroll nominated and seconded by Alderwoman West for Alderman Christian as Planning & Zoning - accepted by Alderman Christian. Alderwoman Tatman nominated Alderwoman Dailes as Planning & Zoning - accepted by Alderwoman Dailes

There being two nominations the votes are as follows: Alderman Christian received votes from West, Reed, Carroll, Christian and Avant-Elliott – Alderwoman Dailes received votes from Tatman, Thomas, and Dailes. Alderman Christian become Planning and Zoning Alderman Rep.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY - ALDERMAN REP

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott nominated Alderman Carroll as Public Safety Alderman Rep – accepted by Alderman Carroll. Alderwoman Dailes nominated Alderwoman Tatman as Public Safety Alderman Rep – accepted by Alderwoman Tatman.

There being two nominations the votes are as follows: Alderman Carroll received votes from West, Reed, Carroll, Christian and Avant-Elliott – Alderwoman Tatman received votes from Tatman, Thomas and Dailes. Alderman Carroll become Public Safety Alderman Rep.

D. BILL NO. 2580, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 29-90 (C) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, AND ADDING TWO NEW SECTIONS RELATING TO SIGN REGULATIONS INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN AVANT-ELLIOTT.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2580 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott then read Bill No. 2580 for a second time and thereafter made a motion that the Bill No. 2580 be approved by the Board of Aldermen for enactment as an Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Carroll.

Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. With a 7-0 vote motion passed.

Bill No. 2580 was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2573 when and if signed by the Mayor.

E. BILL NO. 2581, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 29-95, 29-112 AND 29-118 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, TO ESTABLISH AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING REGULATIONS TO CONFORM TO INCREASES IN USER FEES FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT SERVICES, STREET AND SIDEWALK USE AND LAND USE APPLICATIONS INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN CARROLL

Alderman Carroll read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2581 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Reed. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Alderman Carroll then read Bill No. 2581 for a second time and thereafter made a motion that the Bill be approved by the Board of Aldermen for enactment as an Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Avant-Elliott.

Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. With a 7-0 vote bill passed.

Bill No. 2581 was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2574 when and if signed by the Mayor.

F. BILL NO. 2582, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-46 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, RELATING TO

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSEES' WINDOW DISPLAYS IN THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN TATMAN

Alderman Tatman read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2582 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Carroll. Alderman West opposed. Motion carried.

Alderman Tatman then read Bill No. 2582 for a second time and thereafter made a motion that the Bill be approved by the Board of Aldermen for enactment as an Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Avant-Elliott.

Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows: Alderman West-no, Alderman Tatman-yes, Alderman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-no, Alderman Dailes-absent, Alderman Avant-Elliott-yes. With a 5-3 vote motion carries.

Bill No. 2582 was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2575 when and if signed by the Mayor.

G. BILL NO. 2583, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 5-7, 23-17 AND 23-47 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI TO ESTABLISH INCREASES IN USER FEES FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT SERVICES, STREET AND SIDEWALK USE AND LAND USE APPLICATIONS THAT REFLECT THE COST OF SUCH SERVICES INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN REED

Alderman Reed read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2583 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Tatman. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Alderman Reed then read Bill No. 2583 for a second time and thereafter made a motion that the Bill be approved by the Board of Aldermen for enactment as an Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Avant-Elliott.

Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows: Alderman West-yes, Alderman Tatman-yes, Alderman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderman Dailes-yes, Alderman Avant-Elliott-yes. With a 7-0 vote bill passed.

Bill No. 2583 was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2576 when and if signed by the Mayor.

H. BILL NO. 2584, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19-48 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, RELATING TO ILLUMINATION OFFENSES INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN DAILES

Alderman Dailes read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2584 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Avant-Elliott.

Question: Alderman Carroll inquired about the meaning of sale pole flags statement. Pat Barrett answered that this was relating to sale flags displayed at businesses. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Alderman Dailes then read Bill No. 2584 for a second time and thereafter made a motion that the Bill be approved by the Board of Aldermen for enactment as an Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Avant-Elliott.

Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows: Alderman West-yes, Alderman Tatman-yes, Alderman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderman Dailes-yes, Alderman Avant-Elliott-yes. With a 7-0 vote bill passed.

Bill No. 2584 was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2577 when and if signed by the Mayor.

I. BILL NO. 2585, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-16 OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE MANNER OF PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN CHRISTIAN

Alderman Christian read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2585 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Reed.

Question: Alderman Carroll asked the City Attorney clarification about section 2. Attorney White-Coleman answered that this means if for any reason any part of the ordinance is found to be unconstitutional, it can be severed from the ordinance.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott asked about the language in the roll call ordinance and Attorney White-Coleman explained that this ordinance was amended to include language from the 2014 amended ordinance. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Alderman Christian then read Bill No. 2585 for a second time and thereafter made a motion that the Bill be approved by the Board of Aldermen for enactment as an Ordinance, seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.

Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. With a 7-1 vote bill passes.

Bill No. 2585 was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2578 when and if signed by the Mayor.

J. BILL NO. 2586, AN ORDINANCE DECLARING RESULTS OF THE GENERAL CITY ELECTION HELD BY THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHNBORS, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020 INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN AVANT-ELLIOTT.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2586 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Carroll.

Question: Alderwoman Reed asked the City Clerk if these are the certified election numbers and the City Clerk answered yes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott then read Bill No. 2586 for a second time and thereafter made a motion that the Bill be approved by the Board of Aldermen for enactment as an Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Thomas.

Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. With a 7-0 vote bill passes.

Bill No. 2586 was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2579 when and if signed by the Mayor.

K. CARES FUNDING – ALDERMAN CARROLL

Alderman Carroll discussed the Cares Funding and made a motion to reach out to department heads regarding funds used during the COVID-19 Pandemic, and the Mayor stated that it is his understanding that we have been approved for the cares act fund.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott mentioned that the Municipal League had been advocated for municipalities to get Cares Act funds and City of BN was not among the cities mentioned in the proposal that the Municipal League was turning in to St. Louis County. She also mentioned that she was on a Zoom meeting where. Louis County committee mentioned municipalities applying for Cares Act funds through a grant process.

Alderwoman Tatman added information regarding her working with several organizations setting up testing sites. She said reimbursement will be distributed by grants, receipts, etc. Chief stated aside from PPE purchased by the city the grant also covers salaries of first responders. The first step is to apply for reimbursement from the cares act and then 80% of the remainder not covered can be sent to FEMA.

Board Training:

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott discussed a training session on Sunshine Law for the BOA to be held in place of the Strategic Planning Meeting on 7/9/2020.

Mayor Pierson stated that although he is not against strategic planning, he would like to lead the strategic planning meeting and not a board member. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott expressed that he had not attended the strategic planning meetings and these meetings were intended for him and the rest of the board to be present.

She then asked what date he would like to meet. The mayor indicated that he would get back to the board with a date. Alderwoman Tatman discussed the governmental body, its functions and the Mayor's position.

Alderman Thomas questioned if everyone needs to be present at the training. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott expressed that would be a good ideal as the training would be helpful to the BOA.

After discussion Alderwoman Avant-Elliott made a motion to hold a BOA training session on July 9, 2020 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-no, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion carries.**

Amendment to the Agenda: Motion to amend the agenda to reflect the meeting is now open to the public and the Mayor and Aldermen report thereafter made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman West(What was the vote of the members?) Motion carries.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITH A 3-MINUTE TIME LIMIT:

Askew Taylor –97XX Birch Manor Ct. – Congratulated all the appointees, boards, and commissions. Thanked Alderwoman Avant-Elliott for setting up the BOA training. Thanked the Chief for the information regarding the shooting.

Anthony Green – 94XX Duenke – Congratulated the BOA with the election. Looking forward to the Public Safety Committee and the Police Department working together on the speed bumps as Ward 4 speeding has become outrageous, i.e. running stop signs, speeding and total disregard for citizen safety.

Paula Battle – 10XXX Foxlair Dr.– Congratulated everyone on the election. Wants to stress that the budget should be finalized before the deadline. Commended Alderwoman Tatman for the COVID-19 testing.

REPORT OF MAYOR: Mayor Pierson thanked Alderwoman Tatman for spearheading the COVID-19, shared that the undeveloped land is 175 acres and not 93 acres which changes the dynamics, the developer shared that they will not work with a divided board or divided city. It is imperative that we work together. He will do all he can to bring the board and city together. Revenue is needed for the progression of the city. He was elected not to maintain but to move this city forward.

Alderman Carroll asked when will the parks open and when will commission begin to meet – Mayor answered that the parks are open and the opening of the commission is up to the chairs, city hall is open but please remember to wear mask and practice safe distancing.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott – Juneteenth is declared a holiday in St. Louis Co by Sam Page and questioned Mayor Pierson about recognizing this holiday and closing city hall. The Mayor said that City of Bellefontaine would be open on Juneteenth.

REPORT OF ALDERMEN:

Alderman Carroll – submitted his statement in writing.

Alderman Thomas – No report.

Alderman Christian – No report.

Alderwoman West – She stated to the Mayor that the board will work with him if he shares his thoughts. She made a motion for a special meeting with the BOA, Rec Center staff and patrons of the Rec Center to discuss their points of view of the Rec Center and pool seconded by Alderman Christian.

There was discussion of a date for the special meeting, the meeting should be open, and the city's budget deficient during this global pandemic.

Alderwoman Tatman amended the motion to include items concerning the Rec Center to include having a public hearing for the entire public, the Rec Center staff, and the Board of Alderpersons seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion carries.**

Alderwoman Dailes – Congratulated everyone except Jamie and stated that is a personal thing.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott – Congratulated everyone appointed to a position, thanked peers for nominating and voting her back as President of BOA and she will continue to work for the BOA to be productive, congratulated Madam Mayor Ella Jones for her historic win as first African American female Mayor of City of Ferguson. Tomorrow is Juneteenth which is a celebration

often overlooked – which is the actual date the African American slaves were freed. She thanked Chief Goldstein, Major Williss and Treasurer Howard for serving as panelists on the virtual town hall meeting and thanked the Mayor for agreeing to be on the next virtual town hall meeting and Alderwoman Dailes acceptance is pending for July 11, 2020. Encouraged everyone to complete Census 2020. Mentioned to the BOA that there will a proclamation presented to 2LT Michael Clark for his honor as a West Point graduate. Mentioned some calendar items - a potential drive through for back to school event that she would like to host at the Rec Center and the only expense to the city would be yard signs and flyers.

Alderwoman Tatman – congratulated everyone for their appointments, she is excited that Alderman Carroll will be taking over as Public Safety Alderman Rep, she will still work closely with that board. Thanked the Mayor and those who voted for the COVID-19 testing, it has been successful. Thanks to the citizens as she is committed to working for those who elected her and continue the progress.

Alderwoman Reed – will distribute Census 2020 signs upon arrival, BN topped off at 63%, but would love to have 100% reporting. Hope that the budget can be approved by June 30, 2020. Asked Mayor if there will be a final salt shed bill presented next week in order to close out that item in this budget year. Asked about our City Engineer as it relates to the reason that Rodney Robinson is being utilized. Questioned the trailer sitting at the Rec Center parking lot and the Mayor informed her that the trailer is no longer there.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott made motion to go into closed session at this time (11:10 pm) seconded by Alderman Carroll. Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman. Motion carried *unanimously*.

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn Regular BOA Meeting made by Alderwoman Avant seconded by Alderwoman West. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. ***Motion carries.***

Meeting adjourned at 12:09 am

ATTEST:


Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on 7-2-2020