

**SPECIAL EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 12, 2020 - 7:00 – 9:00PM**

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

PRESENT: Alderwoman Barbara West, Alderwoman Theresa Reed, Alderman Carroll, Alderman Thomas, Alderman Christian, Alderwoman Dailes (present but did not acknowledge presence), Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, City Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman, City Clerk Fran Stevens.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, Board President, at 7:01pm in absence of Mayor Pierson.

ROLL CALL – City Clerk Stevens called the roll and all members were present except Mayor Pierson and Alderwoman Tatman, Ward 1.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion made by Alderman Carroll that the BOA have a finding for good cause per Chapter 610.020 (2) Revised Statute of Missouri seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Board President stated the **Motion passed with 5-1 vote.**

Motion made to approve the agenda by Alderwoman West seconded by Alderman Christian. Board President stated the **Motion passed with 5-1 vote.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS - The meeting was opened to the public to speak 3 minutes each.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2020-03: “ST. LOUIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL PARK GRANT RESOLUTION” introduced by Alderwoman West. **Motion to** enter into Resolution No 2020-03 made by Alderwoman West seconded by Alderman Christian. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-absent, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no answer, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Chair stated that **Resolution 2020-03 passed with 5-1 vote.**

RESOLUTION 2020-04: “CODE OF CONDUCT RESOLUTION” introduced by Alderman Carroll. **Motion to** enter into Resolution No. 2020-04 made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Reed. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-absent, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no answer, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Chair stated that **Resolution 2020-04 passed with 5-1 vote.**

RESOLUTION 2020-05: “CENSURING OF ELECTED OFFICIALS” introduced by Alderman Carroll. **Motion to** enter into Resolution No. 2020-05 made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman West.

**At this point Alderwoman Avant-Elliott stepped down as chair to
engage in debate and Alderman Christian took over as chair.**

Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-absent, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no answer, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Chair stated that **Resolution 2020-05 passed with 5-1 vote.**

PERSONNEL AND SERVICE CONTRACTS

CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES AND CONTRACT

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott read a statement regarding the City Attorney and her services. **Motion to provide** the attorney a notice of termination effective August 13, 2020 with services ending 60 days from this date which is Monday October 12, 2020, per ordinance number 2563 for failure to properly advise the City of Bellefontaine and its officials in legal matters made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman Reed. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-absent, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no answer, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Chair stated that **Motion passed with 5-1.**

At this point Alderman Christian relinquished chair, turned over to Alderwoman Avant-Elliott and she asked Alderman Carroll to step in as chair as she has a second motion. Alderman Carroll accepted chair.

Motion for Attorney Susan McFarlan from White Coleman & Associates, LLC to serve as the substitute attorney for Dorothy White-Coleman by attending all regular and special board meetings, serving as the direct contact for the board of aldermen for communication, and providing assistance to the board of aldermen on drafting legal opinions, ordinances and resolutions and other items requested by the majority of the Board of Aldermen until termination of the contract made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman West. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-absent, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no answer, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Chair stated that **Motion passed with 5-1 vote.**

UPDATE ON PERSONNEL VACANCIES

There was discussion regarding vacant city positions.

At this point Alderman Carroll relinquished chair and turned over to Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.

APPROVAL OF STANDING ORDERS

FOR AGENDA PROCEDURES – Motion to adopt Standing Orders 3.5 and 3.6 regarding agenda procedures made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman West. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-absent, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-no answer, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Chair stated that **Motion passed with 4-1 vote.**

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ASSIGNMENT – Motion to table the sergeant-at-arms standing order for the August 20th Board of Alderperson’s meeting seconded by Alderwoman West. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-absent, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-no answer, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Chair stated that **Motion passed with 4-1 vote.**

Alderman Christian exited at 9:39pm due to losing connection.

COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS

NAMING OF AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO “BEST PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES ACCOUNTABILITY

COMMITTEE”. **Motion to** adopt “BEST PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE” made by Alderwoman West seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-absent, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-no answer, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Chair stated that **Motion passed with 4-1 vote.**

B. COMMISSION VACANCIES AND RENEWAL

Parks and Rec Board –Motion for Alderwoman West to serve as Aldermanic Rep and as temporary chair until someone is appointed for the Parks and Rec Board made by Alderwoman West seconded by Alderman Carroll.

Motion to amend the motion for Alderwoman West to serve as the non-commissioned temporary chair and aldermanic rep for P&R Board made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-absent, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-no answer, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Chair stated that **Motion passed with 4-1 vote.**

At this point Alderwoman Avant-Elliott stepped down as chair to speak on line item (c) and Alderman Carroll took over as chair.

REMOVAL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS - Motion to remove Alicia Smith as Chair of the Youth Commission for misconduct and failure to fulfill information request of the Board of Aldermen made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman West. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-absent, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-abstain, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-no answer, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Chair stated that **Motion passed with 3-1 vote.**

Motion that the position of Youth Commission temporary chair recommendations be submitted directly to the city clerk and forwarded to the board for review and approval at the next general board meeting made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman Reed. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-absent, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-abstain, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-no answer, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Chair stated that **Motion passed with 3-1 vote.**

At this point Alderman Carroll relinquished chair and turned over to Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.

STANDING COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS – Motion to make recommendations and appointments to the four standing committees of the Board of Alderpersons made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman West. **Motion to nominate for committees:** made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman West:

Ways and Means (Finance) – Alderwoman Reed, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott and Alderman Christian
Personnel – Alderwoman Reed, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott and Alderwoman West
Legislative – Alderman Carroll, Alderman Christian and Alderwoman West
Public Works – Alderman Carroll

Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-absent, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-no answer, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Chair stated that **Motion passed with 4-1 vote.**

NOMINATION AND APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ISSUES


Motion to informally discuss nominations for Property Maintenance issues made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman West. Nominations: Alderwoman West, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott and Alderman Carroll. **Motion to** appoint Alderwoman West, Alderman Carroll, and Alderwoman Avant-Elliott to serve on the Property Maintenance Committee made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman West.

Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-absent, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-no answer, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Chair stated that **Motion passed with 4-1 vote.**

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn made by Alderwoman West seconded by Alderman Carroll. Chair stated **Motion carries unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:52pm.

ATTEST:



Fran Stevens, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN ON: Sept. 10, 2020