

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 – 7:30PM  
VIA ZOOM**

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

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk called the roll and all members were present except Alderwoman Reed, Ward 2.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion to** amend the agenda to place Approval of Candidate to the Police Academy under New Business, move comments of Michael Wiese under Mayor's Report, remove approval of additional expenses due to vagueness of the agenda item, and to remove the second public comment made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll.

**Motion to** amend Alderwoman Avant-Elliott's motion and to allow the second public comments made by Alderman Thomas seconded by Alderman Christian. Mayor asked for yeas and nays. Mayor stated the **Motion passed.**

**Motion to** amend the agenda for the Candidate to the Police Academy, Comments of Michael Wiese, Approval of Additional Expenses to remain on the agenda in the order that it is in and for the Citizens to speak in the second comments made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Thomas. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. **Motion failed for lack of 2/3 vote.**

**PRESENTATION OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES: SPECIAL EMERGENCY MTG.-8/12/2020, SPECIAL MTG.-8/13/2020, REGULAR MTG.-8/20/2020, AND SPECIAL MTG.-8/27/2020**

**Motion to** amend the August 12, 2020 minutes to reflect only the votes, points of order, and other Roberts Rule of Order formats as previously approved by the board and that it be placed on next Thursday's special meeting agenda made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-no vote, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no vote, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no vote, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with a 4-3 vote.**

**Motion to** table the approval of the minutes of August 13, 2020, to next Special Board Meeting agenda on September 10, at 7pm made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-no, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with a 4-3 vote.**

**Motion to** amend the minutes of August 20, 2020 to remove motions with no second, correct order of motions, and make additional revisions after second review of the audio, and place on the Special Board Meeting agenda September 10, at 7 pm made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-no, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman

Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated that **Motion passed with a 4-3 vote.**

**Motion to** amend the minutes of August 27, 2020 to correct typos and have the adjournment votes added and then placed back on the Special Board Meeting agenda September 10, at 7 pm made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated that **Motion passed with a 6-1 vote.**

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

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:**

**A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - NONE**

**B. YOUTH COMMISSION** – Report given by Chair, Alicia Smith. Last meeting was August 17, 2020 outside next to the pool gazebo and social distancing is practiced.

**C. IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION** – Report given by Alderman Christian. City Wide Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 9am, meet at the Rec Center.

**D. PARKS & RECREATION BOARD** – Report given by Martha Snead. Registration has started for the Fall Programs. Martha Snead is certified as the Aquatic Pool Operator.

**PLANNING & ZONING REPORT** – Report given by Chair, Pat Barrett. Next meeting is 7pm - Monday, September 14, 2020 at City Hall practicing social distancing.

**APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER \$500** – **Motion to** approve invoices in the amount of \$6,191.28 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with a 7-0 vote**

**CHIEF OF POLICE** –Chief Ihler reported about the department’s body worn cameras, Bellefontaine Road at I-270 will close for about 2 months, etc. Waldolf and Duenke will be added to the extra patrol list.

**CITY ATTORNEY** – Attorney White-Coleman discussed board committees and/or commissions in relation to the Sunshine Law - Section 610.020 with respect to how meetings are conducted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. APPROVAL OF INTEREST TO SPONSOR A CANDIDATE TO THE POLICE ACADEMY**

**Motion for** Chief of Police to be given approval to extend a letter of interest to sponsor candidate(s) to the police academy made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated that **Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.**

**B. BILL NO. 2020-2595, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN DAILES**

**Motion to** do the first and second readings and adoption of Bill No. 2020-2595 made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes,

Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 7-0 votes. Motion to** read Bill No. 2020-2595 for second time made by Alderwoman Dailes. Alderman Carroll seconded 2<sup>nd</sup> read. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes Alderwoman, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 7-0 votes.**

**Bill No. 2020-2595 will become Ordinance No. 2588 if and when signed by the Mayor.**

### **C. REDUNDANT DATA BACK-UP STORAGE DEVICE REPLACEMENT**

**Motion to** approve the purchase from Paragon Micro for a total of 1009.99 for a Terastation made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with a vote of 7-0.**

**REPORT OF MAYOR** – Mayor Pierson gave his report.

**APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL EXPENSES** – **Motion to** increase the processing of the barriers for six streets by \$828.32 made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Thomas. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. Mayor stated **Motion failed with a vote of 4-3.**

### **REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:**

**Alderwoman West** – no report

**Alderwoman Tatman** – gave her report with no motions.

**Alderwoman Reed** – absent

**Alderman Carroll** – no report

**Alderman Thomas** – no report

**Alderman Christian** – no report

**Alderwoman Dailes** – gave her report with no motions

**Alderwoman Avant-Elliott** – gave her report with no motions.

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

### **CLOSED SESSION – HIRING, FIRING, DISCIPLINING OR PROMOTING EMPLOYEES (SEC. 610.021(3))**

**Motion to** not hold a closed session and adjourn this meeting made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderman Thomas. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-left, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with a vote of 6-0.**

**Motion to** amend the motion to place the closed session on next Thursday's meeting made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-left, Alderwoman Tatman-no, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion failed with a vote of 4-2.**

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Christian. Mayor asked for yeas and nays. Mayor stated the **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 pm

Attest:

  
Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderpersons: 10-1-2020