

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 7:00 – 9:00PM
VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: Mayor Tommie Pierson, Alderwoman Barbara West, Alderwoman Dinah Tatman, Alderwoman Theresa Reed (7:08pm), 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 7:01pm.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk called the roll and all members were present except Alderwoman Reed arrived at 7:08pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to amend the agenda to remove minutes from 8/20 and 8/27 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for yeas and nays. Mayor stated the **Motion passed.**

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for yeas and nays. Mayor stated the **Motion passed.**

Mayor Pierson read a statement regarding the Fun Time Carnival erected at 367 & Chambers Road.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Meeting was opened to the public to speak 3 minutes each.

APPROVAL OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES: SP. EMERGENCY MTG.-8/12/2020, SPECIAL MTG.- 8/13/2020
Motion to approve Special Emergency Meeting of 8/12/2020 and Special Meeting of 8/13/2020 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **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. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 5-3 vote.**

Motion to amend the agenda to include a second public comment before the closed session made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for yeas and nays. Mayor stated that **Motion passed.**

REPORT OF CITY TREASURER: given by Treasurer Patrick Howard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. **APPROVAL OF STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS - Motion to** remove the legislative standing committee made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Christian. Mayor asked for yeas and nays. Mayor stated the **Motion passed.**

b. **APPROVAL OF SIGNEE OF BOARD APPROVED NOTICES AND COMMUNICATION - Motion for** the board to approve the presiding chair or president of the alderman to approve notifications and actions approved by the board in the absence of the mayor or when non-compliance is a concern made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **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. Mayor stated he is in protest of this action. **Motion passed with 5-3 vote.**

c. **APPROVAL OF CITY ATTORNEY SUBSTITUTES - Motion for Helmut Starr to serve as the substitute attorney in the absence of Susan McFarlan made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. The motion was not recognized by the Mayor, therefore he ordered continuance of the agenda.**

d. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF CONSULTING ATTORNEY – Motion for Helmut Starr to serve as the board of aldermen’s consulting attorney for matters to be determined via ordinance made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. There were no votes to this motion.**

Motion to amend Alderwoman Avant-Elliott’s motion and strike the words via ordinance and add by the majority of the Board made by Alderman Carroll 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. Mayor stated he is not sure of Alderwoman Reed’s vote because he does not see her face. **Motion passed with 5-3 vote.**

Motion to amend prior motion from Alderman Carroll to state for Helmut Starr to serve as the board of aldermen’s consulting attorney for matters to be determined by the Board of Alderpersons made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. 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. Mayor stated he is in protest of this action. **Motion passed with 5-3 vote.**

e. **APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR BARRIERS – There was no action on this matter.**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF TOWNHALL MEETING – Motion that the board cancel the regular scheduled September 17th board meeting made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Motion to amend Alderwoman Avant-Elliott’s motion for the September 17th Regular Board Meeting to meet at 7:00pm to pay the bills made by Alderwoman Tatman 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-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 6-2 vote.**

At this point Alderwoman Reed asked to be excused from the meeting – time is 9:03pm.

b. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL CONCERNING USE OF THE AUDITORIUM FOR INNOVATION SUMMIT – Motion to hold the Innovation Summit in the auditorium on October 3, 2020 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm with approval of COVID-19 plan made by Alderwoman Tatman 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 **Motion passed with 7-0 vote.**

c. **APPROVAL FOR CITY TO GET QUOTES/BID FOR CLEANING SERVICES – Motion that the city draft a RFP for cleaning services and publish accordingly made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for yeas and nays. Mayor stated the Motion passed.**

d. **CARNIVAL INVESTIGATION – Alderwoman Avant-Elliott provided details regarding the carnival.**

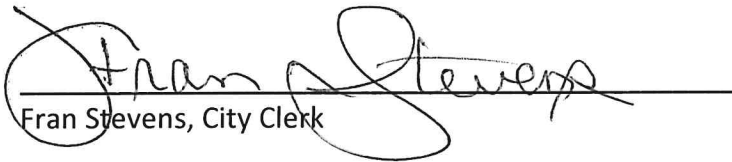
PUBLIC COMMENTS: Meeting was opened to the public to speak 3 minutes each.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion to go into Closed Session for Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting Employees (Sec. 610.021 (3) and Sealed Bids And Related Documents, Until The Bids Are Opened, And Sealed Proposals And Related Documents Or Any Documents Related To A Negotiated Contract Is Executed, Or All Proposals Are Rejected (Sec. 610.021 (12) 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 **Motion passed with 7-0 votes.**

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. Mayor stated Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16pm.

Attest:


Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by Board of Alderpersons 10-1-2020