

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BUDGET DISCUSSION
THURSDAY – JUNE 25, 2020 -7:00PM**

**BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS 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 Carroll, Alderman James Thomas, 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 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk called the roll and all members were present except Alderman Christian, Ward 3 excused.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: **Motion** to approve the agenda made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.

Question: Alderwoman Tatman made motion to amend agenda to move citizen's comments up after line item #3 to give the citizens the opportunity to ask questions before adopting the budget, seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. APPROVAL OF TRAINING COST – ALDERWOMAN AVANT-ELLIOTT

Motion made by Alderwoman Avant Elliott for the approval of \$500.00 for Parliamentary training for the board 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-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 4-3 vote.**

2. APPROVAL OF OVER \$500.00

Motion to approve over \$500.00 invoices in the amount of \$44,566.19 made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. DISCUSS BUDGET FOR APPROVAL

Motion made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott to freeze salaries for 2021 fiscal year seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 7-0 vote.**

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott made a motion to approve all the reflected income for the 2021 fiscal year under general funds seconded by Alderwoman Reed. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 7-0 vote.**

Motion made by Alderwoman Reed to approve changes in general fund expenses to make sure that Prop P Funds are reflected properly and the expenses on 5202.1 and 5224 is reduced by two thousand, 5511 to be moved to capital improvement and Rec Center part time salary of 60,000 be moved to Capital seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-no, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 4-3 vote.**

Motion made by Alderwoman Reed remove line item 5056-\$60,000 (Salt Shed's last bill was paid off), remove line item 5401-\$96,300 (P D autos), and resume purchase of autos in the 2021-2022 budget, line item 5422 increase by \$4,900 (equipment for traffic monitoring devices) seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman

West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-no, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-absent (**Mayor stated that Alderman Thomas excused-as he was not feeling well**), Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-yes Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 4-2 vote.**

Alderwoman Reed amended above motion to read removal of line item 5056 (Salt Shed) and increase line item 5422 (traffic and monitoring devices) seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-stepped away, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-no Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 4-1 vote.**

Motion made by Alderwoman Reed to remove line item 5401 (auto to zero) and increase line item 5424 (vehicle maintenance) by \$3,000 which will become \$15,000 seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-no, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-no Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 4-2 vote.**

Motion made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott include C.D.B.G. Funds in the amount of \$29,500 as a line item under general revenue seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-yes Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.**

Motion made by Alderwoman Reed to pass the debt fund balance as proposed seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-yes Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 6-0 vote.**

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

Meeting turned back over to budget discussions:

Motion made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott to approve the sewer fund incoming expenses for a total of \$24,700 seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-yes Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 6-0 vote.**

Motion made by Alderwoman Reed to reallocate street department salary line item in respect of F.I.C.A/Medicare from general fund to the street bond fund seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-yes Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 6-0 vote.**

Motion made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott to remove Rec Center Office Supervisor and Asst. Aquatics Director positions from the budget and those funds would become part of administrative salaries seconded by Alderwoman Reed. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 5-1 vote.**

4. BILL NO. 2587, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN WEST

Alderwoman West read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2587 and to go on to the second reading. **Motion made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott** to amend Bill No 2587 (to include all the changes voted on) for 1st and 2nd read seconded by Alderwoman West. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.**

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott then read Bill No. 2587 for a second time and thereafter made a motion that the Bill be approved as amended by the Board of Aldermen for enactment as an Ordinance, seconded by Alderwoman West. **Votes are as follows to read Bill No. 2587 for 2nd time on 6/29/2020 from 7:00 to 7:30pm:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 5-1 vote.**

CLOSED SESSION: Motion for closed session for 610.021 (1), 610.021 (2) and 610.021 (3) made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman West. **Votes are as follows** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-absent, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 6-0 vote.**

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55pm.

ATTEST:


Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on Aug 6, 2020