

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 2020 – 7:30PM
VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: Mayor Tommie Pierson, Sr., Alderwoman Barbara West, Alderwoman Dinah Tatman, Alderwoman Theresa Reed, Alderman James Carroll, 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 7:30 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.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to amend agenda to strike out the words “Bellefontaine Neighbors Mayor” from the minutes notice and remove “The Link Market” (line item 12(a) from the agenda made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderman Christian and Alderwoman Avant-Elliott made a counter-motion to amend the agenda to move up the “Proclamation” (line item 12(d) to before line item (5) Public Comments seconded by Alderman Carroll.

Alderwoman Tatman made an additional amendment to the motion that reconsideration is made regarding “The Link Market” because the professional bringing the market Dr. Goss is present seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-no, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-yes. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. **Motion failed with 5-2 vote.**

Votes are as follows for 1st motion: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-no, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 6-1 vote.**

PROCLAMATION – 2 LT MICHAEL CLARK

Alderman Carroll introduced 2 Lt. Michael Clark and Proclamation was read by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES:

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott made a motion to amend the minutes to only reflect the motion, votes and other titles related Sunshine Law and Roberts Rule of Order seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows for 1st motion:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-stepped away, Alderwoman Dailes-no. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 5-1 vote.**

Alderman Carroll made an amendment to strike “Mayor” from the heading on the meeting minutes seconded by Alderman Christian. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-no, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 6-1 vote.**

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

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT: City Treasurer Howard discussed his report.

Motion to approve invoices over \$500.00 made by Alderwoman West 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-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 7-0 vote.**

CITY COLLECTOR – Cathy Brossuard read the monthly report for June 2020

PLANNING AND ZONING – Pat Barrett gave a monthly report.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Chief Ihler reported on House Bill 1963-Motorcycle Helmets, gave pointers on protection from vehicular theft, working with diversion unit of St. Louis County Prosecutor's office regarding permanent health resources, and violent crime activities.

CITY ATTORNEY: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

A. ALDERWOMAN DAILES – THE LINK MARKET This line item was removed in the agenda amendment.

B. ALDERMAN CARROLL - DISCUSSIONS:

I. Motion that the Board of Alderpersons refer to the Public Safety Commission to develop a public safety plan for the city to include short, medium, and long-term goals, to put this plan in writing and present it to the Mayor and Board at the last Board meeting in March 2021 made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderman Christian. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 7-0 vote.**

II. Motion that the Board of Alderpersons refer to the Public Safety Commission to develop a calendar of community policing events for the 20-21 fiscal year and to present this calendar to the Mayor and the Board by the last Board meeting in September 2020 made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderman Christian. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 7-0 vote.**

III. Motion that the Board of Alderpersons refer to the Human Relations Commission to study our Disparity Index rating and to make a written report and present this report to the Mayor and the Board within six months regarding the disparity index for the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors as reported by the Missouri Attorney General's office to identify any issues and to make any recommendations to correct those issues made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderman Christian. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-no

answer Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 6-1 vote.**

IV. Motion that the Board of Alderpersons refer to the Parks and Recreation Board to study how individuals of various ages access the Rec Center and provide a written report to include age of the individual(s), the method of transportation (e.g., walk, bicycle, bus, Call-A-Ride, car, or other) that the individual(s) used to access the Rec Center, and the address (or general location) of the individual and make a written report and present this report to the Mayor and the Board at the end of the 2020 calendar year made by Alderman Carroll 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-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 7-0 vote.**

V. Motion that the Board form a committee of four Alderpersons, with an Aldermanic representative from each ward, to investigate and provide a written report to the Mayor and the Board regarding enforcement of the Property Maintenance, issues with enforcement, and any recommendations within six months made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman West. Motion amended by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott to add one representative from each ward 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-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 7-0 vote.**

Alderwoman Dailes amended the motion to add the words that the Mayor appoint the four individuals to be on the committee seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-no, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-yes. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. **Motion failed with 5-2 vote.**

VI. Motion to have a discussion of a Code of Conduct for residents attending open meetings of the City with a 10-minute time limit made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderman Christian. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 7-0 vote.**

VII. Motion to have a discussion of a draft version of a social media policy for finalization and to be forwarded to the City Attorney to write the bill with a 10-minute time limit made by Alderman Carroll 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-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 7-0 vote.**

VIII. Motion to have a discussion of a draft version of a Code of Ethics for finalization and to be forwarded to the City Attorney to write the bill with a 10-minute time limit made by Alderman Carroll 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-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes.
Motion passed with 7-0 vote.

IX. Motion for the Board of Alderpersons adopting "Standing Orders" made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderman Christian. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-abstain, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes.
Motion passed with 6-1 vote.

C. ALDERMAN CHRISTIAN – CREATING INTERNAL COMMITTEES OF THE BOA
Motion for the BOA to entertain the creation and inclusion thereof in the possible standing orders of the BOA of the internal committees of Finance (Ways and Means or Budget to discuss budget topics and budgetary means), Legislative (for discussion of potential ordinances), Public Works (for discussion of public works projects) and Personnel (for discussion of hiring/firing, human resources, etc.) for discussions related to those topics mentioned above to be made of members of the Board of Alderman (one from each ward) elected by the Board of Aldermen with the Mayor breaking any tie vote for membership on said committee. Others topics/ordinances/recommendations would be referred to the boards already created by the City Code (Parks & Recreation, Public Safety, Planning & Zoning, Human Relations and Image & Beautification) made by Alderman Christian 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-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 7-0 vote.**

D. BILL NO. 2588, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17-23 OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS CODE OF ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF CITY STREET BY POLICE DEPARTMENT INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN CARROLL.

Motion made by Alderman Carroll to read Bill No. 2588 for 1st and 2nd time 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-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 7-0 vote.**
Alderwoman West seconded 2nd read. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 7-0 vote.**

Bill No. 2588 will become Ordinance No. 2581 if and when signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF MAYOR: Mayor Pierson gave his report.

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

Alderwoman West – gave her report. **Motion** for the Boards approval in making a standing and ongoing committee examining the Use of Force Policy and to add this committee to the Standing Orders 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-absent, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 7-0 vote.**

Alderman Carroll – gave his report with no motions.

Alderwoman Dailes – gave her report with no motions.

Alderwoman Tatman – gave her report with no motions.

Alderman Christian – gave his report with no motions.

Alderwoman Reed – gave her report with no motions.

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

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn Regular BOA Meeting made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderman Christian. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:21pm

ATTEST:


Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on

Aug 6, 2020