

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 7:30PM  
VIA ZOOM**

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

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pierson at 7:30p.

**ROLL CALL:** City Clerk Fran Stevens called the roll and all members were present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to** approve the agenda, with an amendment to add US Bank to pay before the due date of Thursday, October 1, 2020 in the total amount of \$560.24 made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Thomas. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-no, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. **With the vote of 4-4 Mayor breaks the tie with yes vote and stated the Motion passed.**

**Motion to** amend the prior motion on the agenda for the board to accept the original agenda with items b. under unfinished business, carnival investigation and B. and C. under new business, Investigation of complaint against an elected official and the ordinance violation of over \$500 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Mayor stated the amendment is not recognized and to move on with the agenda.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**a. FINAL APPROVAL OF STANDING COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS AND MEMBERS**

**Motion to** combine the Human Resources and Ways and Means standings committees and recently appointed members made by Alderman Christian seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **There were no votes to this motion.**

**Motion made by Alderman Christian** - should the Mayor entertain meeting with me about the Ways and Means Committee before the Oct. 15 meeting, then I will remove my motion from the floor.

**At the request of the Mayor I am to include the next two statements in the minutes.**

**Alderwoman Avant-Elliott** read Section 2-16, article 2 Board of Alderman - BN Ordinance stating that all meetings should be conducted following Robert's Rule of Order.

**Alderwoman Reed** stated that if a motion is made, seconded and votes are started, then the votes can not stop and the process must continue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. BILL NO. 2020-2597 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL RATE OF AD VALOREM TAX LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2020 FOR DEBT**

**SERVICE AND GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES ON ALL REAL  
AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE  
NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI - INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN REED**

**Motion to** do the first and second readings of Bill No. 2020-2597 made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderman Christian. Mayor asked for yeas and nays. Mayor stated **Motion passed**. **Motion to** read Bill No. 2020-2597 for second time made by Alderwoman Reed. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded 2<sup>nd</sup> read.

**Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 8-0 vote**.

**Bill No. 2020-2597 will become Ordinance No. 2590 if and when signed by the Mayor.**

**Motion that** the following items be place on Thursday's Regular Agenda - b. under unfinished business carnival investigation and B. and C. under New business, Investigation of complaint against an elected official and the ordinance violation of over \$500 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott 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 the **Motion passed with 5-3 vote**.

**BIDS FOR TREE REMOVAL - #4 GREEN ACRES**

Alderwoman Tatman stated that the removal of the tree at #4 Green Acres is the responsibility of the home owner.

**At 8:31pm Alderwoman Tatman asked to be excused.**

**Motion to** add Public Comment after the discussion of US Bank invoice made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for yeas and nays. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

**Motion to** pay US Bank invoice in the amount of \$560.24 before due date of October 1, 2020 made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 6-0 vote**.

**Motion to** add a just cause statement to add the US Bank invoice approval of over \$500 to agenda for emergency purposes made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for yeas and nays. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

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

**Motion to** remove the approval of the bid for tree removal for #4 Green acres due to the responsibility of the resident to pay made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for yeas and nays. Alderman Christian opposed. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

**CLOSED SESSION – SECTION 610.021 (3) HIRING, FIRING, DISCIPLING OR PROMOTING EMPLOYEES**

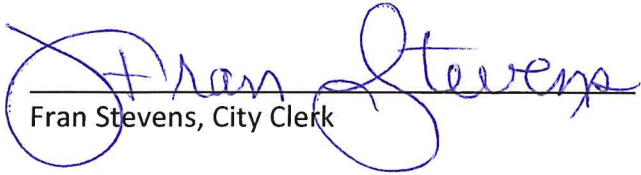
**Motion that** the board go into closed session per section 610.021 (3) Hiring, firing discipline or promoting employees made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for yeas and nays. Alderman Christian opposed. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:07pm.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fran Stevens". The signature is written over a horizontal line. The first letter "F" is large and loops around the start of the name.

Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by Board of Alderpersons: Oct, 15, 2020