

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY – OCTOBER 1, 2020 – 7:30 – 9:30PM**

**BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS  
WILL CONVENE FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED MEETING  
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, Police Chief Jeremy Ihler (7:46pm), City Clerk Fran Stevens.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to** amend the agenda to add the bid for green acres for tree removal made by Alderwoman West seconded by Alderman Thomas. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Alderwoman Dailes opposed. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

**Motion to** add a just cause statement to indicate that the bid for the green acres is being added to the agenda because the Green Acres tree is on the city property made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Alderwoman Dailes opposed. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

**Motion to** approve the agenda as amended with bids for #4 Green Acres tree removal placed under unfinished business made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

**PRESENTATION OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES: REGULAR MTG.-8/20/2020, SPECIAL MTG.-8/27/2020  
REGULAR MEETING 9/3/2020, REGULAR MEETING 9/10/2020 & SPECIAL MEETING 9/17/2020**

**Motion to** approve Regular BOA Minutes of August 20, 2020 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Christian. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

**Motion to** approve Regular BOA Minutes of August 27, 2020 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Christian. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

**Motion to** amend Regular BOA Minutes of September 3, 2020 to reflect Alderwoman Reed as being excused and add the statement of Mayor asked for yeas and nays where there are no roll call votes made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

**Motion to** approve September 3, 2020 Regular Minutes as amended made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

**Motion to** amend Regular BOA Minutes of September 10, 2020 to add the statement of Mayor asked for yeas and nays where there are no roll call votes made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Alderwoman Dailes opposed. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

**Motion to** approve Special BOA Minutes of September 17, 2020 as presented made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Christian. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

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

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:**

- A. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** - Report read by Alderman Carroll.
- B. **YOUTH COMMISSION** – Report read by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.
- C. **IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION** – Report read by Alderman Christian.
- D. **PARKS & RECREATION BOARD** – None

**PLANNING & ZONING REPORT – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR AN IN-HOME CHILD CARE AS A HOME OCCUPATION-MS. TOYA STEED-9961 NORTHAMPTON DRIVE** – Report given by Pat Barrett.

**Motion** to hold a public hearing at the first November meeting for CUP for an in home child care for Ms. Toya Steed at 9961 North Hampton Drive made by Jim Christian seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

**APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER \$500** – **Motion** to pay 13 items for \$51,282.45 and 1 item \$2128.98 made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Christian. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

**CHIEF OF POLICE** – Report given by Chief Ihler.

**CITY ATTORNEY** - No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **FAMILY DOLLAR LIQUOR LICENSE** – Represented by Chris Basler, District Manager.

**B. CARNIVAL INVESTIGATION:**

1. **FORGERY CASE** - **Motion** that the board submit complaints to local, state, and or federal agencies to investigate the alleged forged signature on the special permit for the carnival made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman West. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-no, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **With vote of 4-4 Mayor breaks the tie with no vote. Motion failed.**

2. **ORDINANCE VIOLATION** - **Motion** for the Ways and Means and Human Resources committee members investigate the ordinance violation of the special permit, share findings and render recommendations for board approval 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-abstain, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed** with 4-3 vote.

C. **BID FOR TREE REMOVAL AT #4 GREEN ACRES** – **Motion** to have the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors take the lowest bid which is Drury Tree Service to have the tree removed from Wilderness Park made by Alderwoman West seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. **BILL NO. 2020-2598, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH PREFERRED RESOURCE NETWORK, INC d/b/a PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN CARROLL**

**Motion** to do the first and second readings of Bill No. 2020-2598 made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**. **Motion** to read Bill No. 2020-2598 for second time made by Alderman Carroll. 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. **Motion passed with 8-0 votes.**

**Bill No. 2020-2598 will become Ordinance No. 2591 if and when signed by the Mayor.**

**B. INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINT AGAINST AN ELECTED OFFICIAL:**

**Motion** for the Ways and Means committee and Human Resources committee members investigate the complaint against Alderwoman as requested by the National Police Department Union and along with other findings related to misconduct 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 **Motion passed with 5-3 vote.**

**C. ORDINANCE VIOLATION OF OVER \$500:**

**Motion** to file a complaint with State/Local authority to investigate the mailing of the unapproved check number 43016 in the amount of \$675 made by Alderwoman Reed 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-no, Alderman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **With vote of 4-4 Mayor breaks the tie with no vote. Motion failed.**

**D. CARESSTL AND FAITH FOR THE SAKE OF ALL - FREE COVID19 – ALDERWOMAN TATMAN**

**Motion** for Bellefontaine Neighbors to enter into a partnership with CaresSTL and For The Faith of All to offer COVID19 19 testing on Tuesday's in October made by Alderwoman Tatman seconded by Alderman Thomas. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-no answer, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-abstain. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 5-1 vote.**

**REPORT OF MAYOR**

**A. APPOINTMENT – PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION – BRUNETTE WATSON**

**Motion** to approve the Mayor's appointment of Brunette Watson to the Public Safety Commission made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed.**

**REPORT OF ALDERMEN:**

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

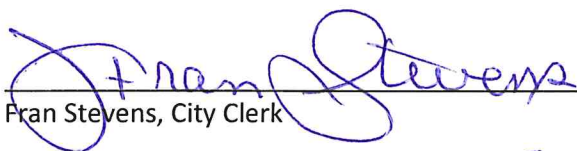
**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:** Meeting was opened to the public to speak 3 minutes each.

**CLOSED SESSION – Motion to go into Closed Session at the end of the Regular Meeting for State Statue 610.021(1) made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. 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 the **Motion passed.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:10pm

Attest:

  
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Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderpersons: Oct. 15, 2020