

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 2, 2020 – 7:30PM
VIA ZOOM**

Present: Mayor Tommie Pierson, Alderwoman Barbara West, Alderwoman Dinah Tatman, Alderwoman Theresa Reed, Alderman James Carroll, Alderman James Christian, Alderwoman Alease Dailes, Alderwoman Miranda Avant-Elliott, Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman, Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk Fran Stevens.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Alderman Carroll to approve the agenda with the following amendments; to include under new business: discussion of (1) social media ordinance, (2) signs, (3) muni court ordinance regarding court clerk, (4) code of ethics and (5) approval of online training with Missouri Municipal League seconded by Alderwoman West. Mayor asked for yeas and nays. Alderwoman Dailes opposed. Motion passed.

Motion made by Alderwoman Tatman to amend the agenda to include under unfinished business: April 16, 2020 meeting minutes seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-no, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. **Motion failed with vote of 5-2.**

PRESENTATION OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES: REGULAR B.O.A. 6/18/2020

Motion to approve Regular Board Minutes of June 18, 2020 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Christian. Mayor asked for yeas and nays. **Motion passes unanimously.**

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

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - NONE

B. YOUTH COMMISSION – Alderwoman Avant-Elliott reported that the Youth Commission meet on June 15th and discussed their budget.

C. IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION – Alderman Christian reported that the next meeting is July 14, 2020.

D. PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – Rodney Robinson reported that the C.D.B.G. application was submitted and he was informed by St. Louis County that if the grant is approved there will be some more manpower needed and the process will possibly be 30 to 40 days.

STREET DEPARTMENT- **Jeff Ross** reported that the street department maintained the trees and asphalted on Gardo and Gardo Court, they are in the process of completing the salt shed's electrical work, they maintained city vehicles, did the lay out and cutting of the barriers to be installed at Bissell Hills Center.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT – **Pat Barrett** reported the next meeting is July 13, 2020 at 7pm. Alderman Jim Christian is the new aldermanic rep.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT – **Joe Raben** read his report for the month of June.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT- Clayton Klein explained that City Hall is now open and fully functioning, therefore they are in the catch-up mode. Aldi Grocery Store may be doing remodeling and Clayton is waiting on the drawings and layout.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER \$500

Motion made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott to pay invoices in the amount of \$15,132.85 seconded by Alderman Christian. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with vote of 7-0.**

CHIEF OF POLICE – Chief Ihler: there is no prohibition of tractor trailers traveling on Chain of Rocks and Jennings Station Road and he will get signs installed for trailers to detour to 367, and explained the disparity index.

CITY ATTORNEY – No report but deferred to Alderman Carroll to discuss the project to review the city's code sections relating to signs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS

A. COVID-19 TESTING – ALDERWOMAN DINAH TATMAN (KENNETH GRIFFIN – CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER; PUBLIC HEALTH AND PRIMARY CARE INTEGRATION; ST. LOUIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH)

Alderwoman Tatman made a motion to enter into a partnership with the St. Louis County Department of Health to continue COVID-19 testing on the City's parking lot on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00 to 12 noon seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. **Motion made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott** to amend the prior motion to table until a M.O.A. is provided with specific dates and place on the agenda for next board meeting seconded by Alderwoman Reed.

(At this point City Attorney referred to Ordinance No 1317 and Ordinance No 1320 relating to approval of contract with St. Louis County to provide certain health care for the city). Alderwoman Avant-Elliott rescinded her motion seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Mayor stated this took care of the COVID-19 testing and move on with the agenda.

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

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott made a motion to read Bill No 2587 for the second read and final approval with all the amendments from before in addition to the changes that will be made with the budget message to align with the final budget revisions. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Reed.

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 5-2 vote.

Bill No. 2587 was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2580 when and if signed by the Mayor.

C. SOCIAL MEDIA ORDINANCE

Motion made by Alderman Carroll to adopt a social media ordinance seconded by Alderman Christian.

Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderwoman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with vote of 7-0.**

D. SIGNS

Motion made by Alderman Carroll to have planning and zoning look into ordinances pertaining to signage in City of Bellefontaine Neighbors seconded by Alderman Christian. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderwoman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with vote of 7-0.**

E. MUNI COURT ORDINANCE REGARDING COURT CLERK

Motion made by Alderman Carroll for the City Attorney to review the ordinance regarding the court clerk and the municipal court to ensure conformity with the Mo. Supreme Court rules and state statues seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderwoman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-abstain, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with vote of 6-1.**

F. CODE OF ETHICS

Motion made by Alderman Carroll to write a code of ethics pertaining to elected officials, appointed officials and city employees seconded by Alderman Christian. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderwoman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with vote of 7-0.**

E. APPROVAL OF ONLINE TRAINING WITH THE MISSOURI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

Motion made by Alderman Carroll to get approval to attend an on line course at a cost of \$99.00 to become a Certified Elected Official seconded by Alderwoman West. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderwoman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-abstain, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with vote of 6-1.**

REPORT OF MAYOR – Mayor Pierson gave his report.

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 – gave his report with no motions

Alderwoman Reed was excused and exited at 9:55pm.

Alderman Christian – gave his report with no motions

Alderwoman Dailes – gave her report with no motions

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott – gave her report with no motions

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

Motion made by Alderman Carroll to allow Chief Ihler to attend the MIRMA Conference July 22 -24, 2020 seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-absent, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderwoman Thomas-absent, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with vote of 5 - 1.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:24pm

Attest:


Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by Board of Alderperson; Aug 6, 2020