

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2020 7:30 PM
VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: Mayor Tommie Pierson, Alderwoman Barbara West, Alderwoman Theresa Reed, Alderman James Carroll, Alderman James Thomas, Alderman Jim Christian, Alderwoman Alease Dailes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, City Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman, Police Chief Jeremy Ihler, 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 members were present except Alderwoman Dinah Tatman, Ward 1 was excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion to** amend the agenda to remove 9:30pm from the agenda as the end time in not in ordinance made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 5-2 vote.**

Motion to amend the prior motion to allow the 9:30pm end time to remain and include the public comments and alderpersons comments back on the agenda made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Thomas. **Motion to** rescind this amended motion to read allow the 9:30pm end time to remain made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Thomas. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Reed-no, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. **Motion failed with 5-2 vote.**

Motion to accept agenda as amended made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 7-0 vote.**

PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing was conducted by Pat Barrett, but the applicant Toya Steed was not on the Zoom Meeting call, therefore the public hearing was brought to a close.

PRESENTATION OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES: REG. BOA MTG 11/5/2020, SPECIAL BOA MTG 11/12/2020. **Motion to** amend the November 5, 2020 meeting minutes to add under "Family Dollar Liquor License, "During a discussion among the Alderpersons, it was determined that the Managing Officer was not a taxpayer or voter of St. Louis County as required by state statute (Chapter 311) made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 5-2 vote.**

Motion to add to the unapproved minutes Alderwoman Alease Dailes' response statement and Citizen Wanda Lane emails comments to be added the minutes and be posted with the minutes made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Thomas. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-no, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. Mayor stated **Motion failed with 4-3 vote.**

Motion to approve the 11/5/2020 and 11/12/2020 meeting minutes as amended made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

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

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Howard gave his report.

a. APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER \$500

Motion to pay invoices over \$500 in the amount of \$58,064.38 made by Alderman Thomas seconded by Alderman Christian. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-abstain, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-abstain. Mayor stated **Motion passed with a vote of 5-2**.

CITY COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Cathy Broussard gave her report.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Pat Barrett gave his report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT: Joe Raben gave his report.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT: Clayton Klein gave his report.

Motion to place on the December 3, 2020 agenda to approve a site visit by a structural engineer for \$285 for 1 1/2 hours made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Chief Ihler gave his report.

CITY ATTORNEY: City Attorney gave her report.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. 2ND READ - BILL NO. 2599 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CURTIS, HEINZ, GARRETT & O'KEEFE, PC TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF THE LAW FIRM AND HELMUT STARR TO ACT AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE CITY REGARDING VARIOUS CITY LEGAL ISSUES – ALDERWOMAN AVANT-ELLIOTT

Motion to read Bill No. 2599 for second and final reading made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Bill No. 2599 was voted on and passed by the Board of Alderpersons with a 5-2 vote and will become Ordinance No. 2593 if and when signed by the Mayor.**

b. ZOOM SET-UP PROPOSAL

Motion for REJIS to set-up a general board email address and that the city purchase an additional Zoom package with webinar for use by the city clerk, sub clerk, and president of the aldermen board for use during board meetings and or commission meeting made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Motion to** amend my motion to strike "REJIS to set-up a general board email address and that the city purchase an additional Zoom package" but that the city purchase the additional webinar feature for use by the city clerk, sub clerk, and president of the aldermen board during board meetings and or commission meeting purchased with the city credit card issued to the Mayor made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes,

Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 5-2 vote.**

15. NEW BUSINESS

a. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT-THIS WAS NOT DISCUSSED DUE TO NO SHOW OF APPLICANT.**

b. **WILLIAM SIMMONS – SHERWOOD HILLS SUBDIVISION**

Motion to have the City of BN to take over payments for the Sherwood Estates entrance lights in the amount of approx. \$35.00 a month made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Reed-no, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. **Motion failed with 7-0 vote.**

c. **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL – PURCHASE OF UPS BATTERY - PARAGON MICRO**

Motion to approve the purchase of a UPS battery in the amount of 984.98 from Paragon Micro made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed.**

d. **DISCUSSION OF ESTABLISHING THE BISSELL HILLS SHOPPING CENTER AS A COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (CID) – ALDERMAN CARROLL**

Motion to table this discussion until the Dec 15th, 2020 meeting made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman West. Mayor stated there is not a need to vote, **it has been tabled.**

e. **DISCUSSION OF CITIZEN’S COMMENTS IN THE MINUTES**

Motion to include the citizen’s comments in the minutes from this date forward made by Alderman Thomas seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. **There were no votes to this motion.**

Motion to amend the motion to strike citizen's comment in the minutes and include in the city clerk office for public inspection made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 5-2 vote.**

Motion to accept the motion concerning public comments as amended made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 5-2 vote.**

f. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10 – REC CENTER POOL REPAIR SOLE SOURCE BIDS –**

Motion to accept Resolution No. 2020-10 made by ALDERWOMAN DAILES seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Motion to** amend the resolution and add under Section 1, “These bids will be opened in an open session of a meeting of the Board of Alderpersons.” made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated **Motion passed.** **Motion to** approve Resolution as amended made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated **Motion passed.**

g. **REIMBURSEMENT FOR GRANT WRITER**

Motion to reimburse Alderwoman West \$1700 for the expense for the grant writer in return for the grant documents to be used for further grants made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Christian.

Motion to amend my motion to change from \$1700 and \$1750 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Christian. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-abstain, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman

Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 4-2 vote.**

Motion for the motion for reimbursement for 1750 to be accepted as amended made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Christian. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-abstain, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with 4-2 vote.**

h. APPROVAL OF RECREATION SPACE FOR TOYS FOR TOTS EVENT

Motion to approve use of Recreation Space for Toys for Tots event made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderman Thomas. Mayor asked for yeas and nays. Mayor stated **Motion passed.**

i. BILL NO. 2600 - AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING TODD HAMBY AND THE FIRM OF CARMODY MACDONALD AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR CERTAIN PENDING MATTERS – ALDERWOMAN WEST

Motion to do the first and seconding reading of and approve Bill No. 2600 made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderman Thomas. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-no, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no.

Bill No. 2600 was voted on and failed by the Board of Alderpersons with a 5-2 vote.

j BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

Motion for the budget to be amended to transfer funds allocated for Kwanza and Black History to account number 4104 Asphalt & Concrete for use of speed bumps given the cancellation of events due to the pandemic made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion failed with 4-3 vote.**

k. STANDING COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Motion that the board approve the 2nd Thursday meetings for board trainings, work sessions for city goal setting, and the date the standing committees meets made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 5-2 vote.**

l. DISCUSSION OF THE CITY'S BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – 10 MINUTE TIME LIMIT – ALDERMAN CARROLL. This was only discussion regarding re-vamping board and commissions ordinances and have an aldermanic rep on each board/commission.

m. REFER TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD TO DEVELOP A 10 YEAR MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY'S PARKS THAT DETAILS THE DIRECTION OF PARK PROJECTS PROGRAMMING, REPAIRS, AND ANY FUTURE MAINTENANCE (ALONG WITH ESTIMATES FOR FUTURE BUDGETING) AND PRESENT THIS MASTER PLAN TO THE BOA AND MAYOR AT/BY THE JUNE 17, 2021 BOA MEETING – ALDERMAN CARROLL

Motion to refer to the Parks and Recreation Board to develop a 10-year master plan for the city's parks that details the direction of park projects, programming, repairs, and any future maintenance (along with estimates for future budgeting) and present this master plan to the BOA and Mayor at/by the June 17th, 2021 BOA meeting made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman

Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-absent, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 4-2 vote.**

- n. **REFER TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE A WRITTEN REPORT OF THE GENERAL WELFARE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT (25YO AND YOUNGER) IN THE COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE OVERALL WELFARE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS AND PRESENT THIS REPORT TO THE BOA AND MAYOR AT/BY THE DECEMBER 16, 2021 MEETING – ALDERMAN CARROLL**

Motion to refer to the Youth Commission to study and provide a written report of the general welfare of youth and young adults (25yo and younger) in the community and provide recommendations for the improvement in the overall welfare of youth and young adults and present this report to the BOA and Mayor at/by the December 16th, 2021 BOA meeting made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 6-1 vote.**


Motion to add to the December 3rd, 2020 BOA meeting agenda the following: Discussion of Chapter 3, Alcoholic Beverages, Approval of the posting and making available for the public to receive the packets, with the exception of any closed record received by Elected Officials prior to a BOA meeting, Discussion and approval of the Mayor/BOA to take legal action against the BOA regarding the August 12th, 2020 BOA meeting made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 5-2 vote.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to remove all items and go to adjournment made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman Reed. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 5-2 vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:14pm.

Attest:



Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderpersons: Dec. 3, 2020