

**REGULAR BOA MEETING
THURSDAY – DECEMBER 17, 2020 – 7:30PM**

**BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS
WILL CONVENE FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED MEETING
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 Miranda 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 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Stevens called the roll and all BOA members were present except Alderwoman Tatman, Ward 1.

APPROVE AGENDA – Motion to amend the agenda to state 10-minutes time limit on New Business made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated **Motion passed**.

Motion to amend agenda to remove line item 14 (F) from the agenda made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated **Motion passed**.

Motion for the agenda to be accepted as amended made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated **Motion passed**.

PRESENTATION OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING - DECEMBER 3, 2020.

Motion to approve Regular BOA Minutes of December 3, 2020 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated **Motion passed**.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Meeting was opened to the public to speak 3 minutes each.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Report given by Treasurer Patrick Howard.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER \$500.00 – Motion to approve the invoices over \$500.00, there are 15 of them in the amount of \$75,311.91 made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

COLLECTOR’S REPORT – Report given by Collector, Cathy Broussard

PLANNING AND ZONING – Report given by Pat Barrett

BUILDING INSPECTOR – Report given by Joe Raben

CITY ENGINEER – Report given by Clayton Klein

CHIEF – Report given by Police Chief, Jeremy Ihler

CITY ATTORNEY – City Attorney, Dorothy White-Coleman gave her report and answered questions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - CONSULTING ATTORNEY CONTRACT

Motion for the Mayor to sign and forward the consultant contract for Helmet Starr approved on 11/5/2020 by no later than noon tomorrow 12/18/2020. If the contract is not signed by noon the president of the aldermen board as approved by the board will be allowed to sign to execute the contract 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, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with vote of 4-2.**

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH BRYANT TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Motion to table the Board of Adjustment Appointment to next Board Meeting agenda made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated **Motion passed**.

B. PARK AND REC DIRECTOR

Motion to approve the appointment of James Kirincich as Parks and Recreation Director made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman West. **There were no votes to this motion.**

Motion to amend the motion to add “at the salary of” \$52, 020.00 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, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 6-0 vote.**

Motion to approve the motion as amended 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, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 6-0 vote.**

C. APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE

Motion to approve a liquor license for Arch 94 LLC, conditional approval of liquor license for Aldi’s, Holy Name of Jesus, Knights of Columbus, and KD Patrol providing the results of a background check, and postpone issuance of a liquor license to Kroger’s and QuikTrip until further legal review 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, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 6-0 vote.**

D. APPROVAL OF NEW POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASE

Motion to approve the new Police Vehicles as requested by Police Chief Iher made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Carroll. **There were no votes to this motion.**

Motion to amend the motion to add “at a cost of \$96,094” made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-no answer, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed.**

E. RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11 –SGT. HERSCHEL TURNER-MOLINE ACRES – ALDERMAN CARROLL

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-11 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, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 6-0 vote.**

F. RESOLUTION NO. 2020-12 – AGENDA AMENDED TO REMOVE

G. RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13 – STP GRANT FOR SHEPLEY ROAD – ALDERWOMAN DAILES

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-13 made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Reed-no, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. Mayor stated the **Motion failed with 4-2 vote.**

H. BILL NO. 2601 – SPECIAL ELECTION – APRIL 6, 2021 – ALDERMAN THOMAS

Motion to do first and second readings of Bill No. 2601 made by Alderman Thomas seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated **Motion passed**.

Motion to read Bill No. 2601 for second time made by Alderman Thomas seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Reed-no, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. Mayor stated **Motion failed with 5-1 vote.**

I. BILL NO. 2602 – AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 2380 – 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET – ALDERMAN CARROLL

Motion to do first and second readings of Bill No. 2602 made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Mayor asked for yeas and nays. Mayor stated Motion passed.

Motion to read Bill No. 2602 for second time made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 6-0 vote.**

Bill No. 2602 was voted and passed with 6-0 vote and will become Ord. No. 2593 if and when signed by the Mayor.

J. APPROVAL OF SPREADER FOR STREET DEPARTMENT

Motion to approve purchase of spreader from Woody's Municipal Supply Co. in the amount of \$7,012.00 made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 6-0 vote.**

Motion to end the meeting after item K, and moving all other items to the 1st BOA meeting 01/07/2021, proceeding to the Closed section due the time made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Thomas. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Reed-no, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. Mayor stated **Motion failed with 4-2 vote.**

K. MOTION TO INCLUDE THE WRITTEN COMMENTS OF THE CITIZENS, MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES – ALDERMAN THOMAS

Motion to include the written comments in the minutes made by Alderman Thomas seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Reed-no, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. Mayor stated the **Motion failed with 4-2 vote.**

Motion to postpone discussion and approval of item # 14(k) to May 19, 2022 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, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 4-2 vote.**

I. YOUTH COMMISSION STORAGE PROCEDURE – ALDERWOMAN AVANT-ELLIOTT

Motion for the youth commission chair to provide Fran the Dairy Queen gift cards who will provide a receipt of the cards, youth commission member in possession of the helmets should provide to the recreation center administrators for the goods to be stored with the Police department with a receipt of goods issued, and for all other purchased goods to be given to the recreation to storage by the December 25, 2020 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, Alderwoman Dailes-no answer, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 4-2 vote.**

M. APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Motion to nominate Alderwoman Avant-Elliott as Board Rep to Planning and Zoning Commission made by Alderwoman Reed, accepted by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.

Motion to nominate Alderwoman Dailes as Board Rep to Planning and Zoning Commission made by Alderman Thomas, accepted by Alderwoman Dailes

Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, Alderwoman Reed-Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, Alderman Carroll-Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, Alderman Thomas-Alderwoman Dailes, Alderwoman Dailes-Alderwoman Dailes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott will become Alderman Representative to the Planning and Zoning Commission with vote of 4-2.

N. APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL PARKS GRANT RESUBMISSION – ALDERWOMAN WEST

Motion to proceed with the park grant application next year for the outdoor pool renovation. We recommend that Tina Zimmerman be hired as she has already completed the process. She's already committed to bring the work at no charge since she's already been paid made by Alderwoman West seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 4-2 vote.**

O. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESPONSE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL – ALDERMAN CARROLL

Motion to approve Alderman Carroll's response to the Attorney General regarding the four Sunshine Law complaints made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Reed. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-abstain, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-abstain. With votes of 2 yes, 2 no-and 2 abstentions, **Mayor broke the tie with no vote.** Mayor stated **Motion failed.**

REPORT OF THE MAYOR – Mayor gave his report.

REPORT OF ALDERMEN: Reports were given by the Alderpersons with no motions.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Meeting was opened to the public to speak 3 minutes each.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion to amend the agenda to remove the closed session and adjourn the meeting made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Thomas. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 6-0 vote.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:24pm.

Attest:



Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderpersons: Jan. 7, 2020