

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY – DECEMBER 3, 2020 – 7:30 PM**

**BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS
WILL CONVENE FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED MEETING
VIA ZOOM.**

PRESENT: Mayor Tommie Pierson, Alderwoman Barbara West (arrived at 7:33pm), Alderwoman Dinah Tatman, Alderwoman Theresa Reed, Alderman James Carroll, Alderman James Thomas, 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 7:30pm.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Stevens called the roll and all BOA members were present, Alderwoman West arrived at 7:33pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion to** approve the agenda made by Alderwoman Tatman seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Motion to** amend the agenda as follows: Move “Approval of Truck Repair” to New Business as letter “K,” Under Meeting Open to Public, strike, “B. Bill No. 2600-Confirming Todd Hamby and the firm of Carmody Macdonald as special counsel for certain matters-Alderman Carroll” Under New Business, strike, “D. Appointment of Alderpersons-Ward 3-Alderwoman Avant-Elliott,” and strike, “E. Approval of Special Election For Ward 3-Alderwoman Avant-Elliott,” strike, “I. A motion to include citizen comments, alderpersons comments, mayor’s comments to the minutes-Alderman Thomas,” strike, “J. Bill No. 2601-Special Election for Ward 3-Alderwoman Avant-Elliott,” And add under Item H of New Business, “with a 10 minute time limit” made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-no, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 4-3 vote.**

Motion to approve the agenda as amended 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, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 4-3 vote.**

WARD 3 APPOINTMENT – Mayor stated he would like to appoint Marjorie Dunn to fill the vacant seat in Ward 3 until there is an election put in place. **Motion to** approve Mayor’s appointment made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Thomas. **There were no votes to this motion.**

Alderwoman Dailes withdraw her motion to appoint Marjorie Dunn to Ward 3 for the next regular Board meeting December 17, 2020 made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Thomas.

Motion to table the appointment of Marjorie Dunn to the next Board Meeting of December 17, 2020 made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays.** Alderwoman Avant-Elliott –**nay.** Mayor stated the **motion passed.**

PRESENTATION OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 19, 2020

Motion to approve Regular BOA Minutes of November 19, 2020 with any amendments made by Alderwoman Tatman seconded by Alderman Carroll. 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.

MAYOR’S VETO MESSAGE – BILL NO. 2599 – AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH HEINZ, GARRETT & O’KEEFE, PC TO RETAIN HELMUT STARR AS SPECIAL COUNSEL – Mayor Pierson read his signed and dated veto message to be entered into record.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

- A. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE-** Alderman Carroll stated there was no meeting.
- B. **YOUTH COMMISSION –** Chair Alicia Smith gave the report.

C. IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION – No report.

D. PARKS & RECREATION BOARD – Chair Martha Sneed stated there was no meeting.

E. STREET DEPARTMENT – Mark Sanders was told the truck repair approval is moved to New Business.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER \$500 – **Motion to** approve the invoices over \$500.00 for a total of \$13,521.26 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no answer, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-no answer, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 5-0 vote.**

CHIEF OF POLICE – Report given by Chief Ihler.

Motion for Chief Ihler to make the purchase for the new car made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Thomas. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West, no answer, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-no, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. **Votes tied with 3-3 vote. Mayor broke the tie with yes vote and stated the Motion passed.**

Motion to withdraw my motion to purchase the new car made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderwoman Tatman.

Motion to amend the motion to place the purchase on the next regular meeting agenda made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-no answer, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion is rescinded and placed on the next regular board meeting with 5-0 vote.**

CITY ATTORNEY - Report given by City Attorney White-Coleman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSTING - **Motion for** the approval of City Clerk to post the City Administrator position using local, state, and national job postings effective immediately made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman Reed. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no answer, Alderwoman Tatman-no, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Votes tied with 3-3 vote. Mayor broke the tie with no vote and stated the Motion failed.**

NEW BUSINESS:

A. DISCUSSION OF CHAPTER 3, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALDERMAN CARROLL spoke to the Pastor at the New Covenant Church regarding services held at their location as it relates to liquor licenses.

B. 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 – ALDERMAN CARROLL
Motion to make the Alderpersons' packets and any addendums available to the public (posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and on the City's website), with the following conditions: unapproved minutes will be annotated with "Draft" and all account numbers be redacted. Furthermore, anything considered a "Closed Record" pursuant to Chapter 610 of the Missouri Revised Statutes will not be provided to the public made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no answer, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-abstain, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed vote of 5-1.**

Motion to amend the motion to include the video of each meeting be posted to our website made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.

Motion to rescind my motion made by Alderman Carroll.

Motion to amend the motion to include the video of each meeting to be posted to our website made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-abstain, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed vote of 5-1.**

Motion to table Item F., G. H to the December 17th meeting and remove item 14 made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

Motion to approve the truck repair in the amount of \$2719.01 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

REPORT OF MAYOR – Mayor would like to appoint Kenneth Bryant to Board of Adjustment.

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

CLOSED SESSION – STATE STATUE NO. 610.021 (3) HIRING, FIRING, DISCIPLINING OR PROMOTING EMPLOYEES – Motion to go into Closed Session made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Thomas. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with vote of 7-0**.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50pm.

Attest:



Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderpersons: Dec. 17, 2020