

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 7, 2021 – 7:30PM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Tommie Pierson, Sr., Alderwoman Barbara West, 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

**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY** Mayor Pierson at 7:30pm.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** **Motion to** approve agenda made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Thomas. **Motion to** amend the agenda and strike items I, j, and k made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated **Motion passed**.  
**Motion to** approve the agenda, deleting items I, J, and K, for Thursday, January 7, 2021 made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated **Motion passed**

**APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. Melvin Perry – Alderman 3.**

**Motion to** tentatively approve Melvin Perry as Alderman - Ward 3 to serve out the remainder of Alderman Christian's term after submission of evidence of city tax documents not in arrears to the city clerk made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman Reed. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas - yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 5-2 vote**.

**B. Kenneth Bryant, Sr. – Board of Adjustment**

**Motion to** table appointment of Kenneth Bryant Sr. for the Board of Adjustment to the next board meeting of January 21, 2021 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Alderman Carroll-nay, Mayor stated **Motion passed**.

**PRESENTATION OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES: REG: 12/17/2020, SPECIAL 12/22/2020, SPECIAL 12/29/2020**

**Motion to** approve Unapproved Minutes - Regular Board Meeting - December 17, 2020, Special Meeting - December 22, 2020 and Special Meeting - December 29, 2020 made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated **Motion passed**.

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

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:**

- A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Alderman Carroll reported that there was no meeting last month.
- B. YOUTH COMMISSION** – Chair Alicia Smith stated there was no meeting last month but participated in the Christmas Celebration.
- C. IMAGE AND BEAUTIFICATION** – None
- D. PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD** – Martha Snead reported that there was no meeting in December 2020 but plan to meet in January 2021.

**STREET DEPARTMENT** – Report given by Jeff Ross.

**APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER \$500.00**

**Motion to** pay the bills over \$500, there are 2 of them in the amount of \$4704.28 removing item 43329 made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Tatman-no, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion failed with 4-3 vote**.

**Motion to** pay 3 bills in the amount \$5406.76, today Thursday, January 7, 2021 made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-no, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 4-3 vote.**

**CHIEF OF POLICE:** Chief Ihler gave his report.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Dorothy White-Coleman gave her report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. OUTDOOR POOL REPAIR BID OPENING – PAT BARRETT**

**Mayor Pierson opened** the one bid submitted from **BAZAN Painting Company** in the total amount of \$144,779.21. The Director of Parks and Rec and City Engineer will vet the bid and present to the board as a project.

**B. DISCUSSION TO MAKE JUNETEENTH A HOLIDAY IN BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS – ALDERWOMAN WEST**

**Motion for** the City Attorney to draft bill for Juneteenth Holiday in collaboration with Alderwoman West made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman Reed. **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.**

**Alderwoman Tatman left the meeting during discussion of Juneteenth Holiday.**

**C. ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS – ALDERWOMAN AVANT-ELLIOTT**

**Motion for** the Mayor to draft a plan of action to address the audit findings and provide to the Board by the second general meeting in February 2021, with the following format: audit recommendation, action step to correct, start date and end date, person(s) responsible, and resources needed made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Mayor stated** the motion was not received by the chair. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Alderman Thomas and Alderwoman Dailes voted no. Mayor stated the **Motion passed.**

**D. ELECTED OFFICIAL GOAL SETTING MEETING – ALDERWOMAN AVANT-ELLIOTT**

**Motion for** the board to hold a virtual board retreat on the second Thursday in February to set annual goals and team build made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Alderwoman Dailes voted no. Mayor stated the **Motion passed.**

**E. REFER TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN ESTABLISHING AN ENTERTAINMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT – ALDERMAN CARROLL**

**Motion to** refer to the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider and make recommendations regarding an Entertainment Overlay District for the City's Zoning Code made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 4-2 vote.**

**F. BILL NO. 2603, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 RELATING TO SECTION 3-8 AND SECTION 3-25 QUALIFICATION OF APPLICANTS – ALDERMAN CARROLL**

**Motion to** do the first and second reading of Bill No. 2603 made by Alderman Carroll 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 4-2 vote.**

**Motion to** read Bill No. 2603 for second time made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. To pass Bill No. 2603 to an ordinance. **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 failed with 4-2 vote.**

**G. BILL NO. 2604, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 RELATING TO A POINT SYSTEM EVALUATION IN SUSPENDING OR REVOKING LIQUOR LICENSES – ALDERMAN CARROLL**

**Motion to** do the first and second reading of Bill No. 2604 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 **Motion passed with 4-2 vote.**

**Motion to** read Bill No. 2604 for second time made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. To pass Bill No. 2604 to an ordinance. **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 failed with 4-2 vote.**

**H. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS SUPPORT TO SECURE GRANT WRITING SERVICES AND APPLY FOR THE STP GRANT FOR SHEPLEY ROAD – ALDERMAN CARROLL**

**Motion to** adopt Resolution No. 2021-01 made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman West. **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.**

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

**REPORT OF ALDERMEN:**

**Alderwoman West** – Gave her report with no motions.

**Alderwoman Reed** – Gave her report with no motions.

**Alderman Carroll** – No report.

**Alderwoman Thomas** – Gave his report with no motions.

**Alderwoman Dailes** – Gave her report with no motions.

**Alderwoman Avant-Elliott** – Gave her report with no motions.

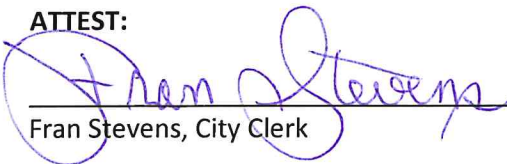
**Mayor Pierson** – Gave his report.

**Closed Session** – **Motion for** the board go into closed session per sec. 610.021(3) Hiring, Firing Disciplining or Promoting Employees 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 **Motion passed with 6-0 vote.**

**Adjournment:** **Motion to** adjourn BOA meeting made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 5-0 vote.**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:49 pm.**

**ATTEST:**

  
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Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on Jan. 21, 2021