

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2021 – 7:30PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Tommie Pierson, Alderwoman Barbara West, Alderwoman Dinah Tatman, Alderman James Carroll (arrived at 8:30p.m.), Alderman James Thomas, Alderman Melvin Perry, Alderwoman Alease Dailes, Alderwoman Miranda Avant-Elliott, City Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman, Police Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk Fran Stevens

ABSENT: Alderwoman Theresa Reed.

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 Reed, Ward 2 and Alderman James Carroll, Ward 2, arrived at 8:30p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - Motion to approve the agenda made by Alderwoman Tatman seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-absent, Alderman Carroll-absent, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Perry-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 6-0 votes.**

MSD PROPOSITION Y – MSD’s EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BRIAN HOELSCHER

Mr. Hoelscher gave a brief overview and question and answer session regarding MSD Proposition Y which will be on the April 2021 ballot.

JEFF ROSS APPOINTMENT TO STREET DEPARTMENT FORMAN - Motion to appoint Jeff Ross as the Street Department Foreman made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Thomas. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-absent, Alderman Carroll-absent, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Perry-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-abstain. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 5-1 votes.**

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES - Motion to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2021 made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Thomas. 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 – NONE

B. YOUTH COMMISSION – Report given by Alicia Smith – Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of 1/18/2021 is posted on the web site.

C. IMAGE AND BEAUTIFICATION – NONE

D. PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD – Report given by Jimmy Kirinchic – Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes of 1/19/2021 is posted on the web site.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Report given by Jeff Ross.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER \$500.00 - **Motion to** approve 13 invoices over \$500.00 in the amount of \$32,483.89 made by Alderman Thomas seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott abstained. Mayor stated **Motion passed**.

CHIEF OF POLICE - Report given by Chief Ihler.

CITY ATTORNEY - Dorothy White-Coleman stated no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

A. BILL NO. 2607 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING JUNETEENTH (JUNE 19TH) AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI – ALDERWOMAN WEST

Alderman Carroll entered the meeting at 8:30pm.

Motion to read Bill No. 2607 for first and second time made by Alderwoman West seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-absent, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Perry-no, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 4-3 vote**.

Motion to read Bill No. 2607 for second time made by Alderwoman West seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.

Motion to amend the motion to table the second reading of Bill number 2607 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-absent, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Perry-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 7-0 vote**.

B. BILL NO. 2608 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT FOR OUTDOOR POOL REPAIRS WITH PERALES WHITE, LLC d/b/a BAZAN PAINTING COMPANY BY CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS – ALDERMAN THOMAS

Motion to read Bill No. 2608 for first and second time made by Alderman Thomas seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-absent, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Perry-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 6-1 vote**.

Motion to read Bill No. 2608 for second time made by Alderman Thomas seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-absent, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Perry-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 6-1 vote**.

Bill No. 2608 was voted on and passed by the Board of Alderpersons with a **6-1 vote**. **Bill No. 2608** will become **Ordinance No. 2595** if and when signed by the Mayor.

C. ORDER CODE BOOK FOR COURTS – Motion to purchase code book for Judge Judy Draper made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Thomas. Rescind motion to order code book made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderwoman Tatman as Mayor Pierson stated the book will be ordered.

D. OPIOID TRAINING – ALDERWOMAN TATMAN - Motion to offer opioid training for the Board of Alderperson's and citizens via zoom or webinar made by Alderwoman Tatman seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion to amend my motion to add city employees and staff to opioid training made by Alderwoman Tatman seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-absent, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Perry-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated Motion passed with 7-0 vote.

E. COVID-19 – ALDERWOMAN TATMAN – There was only discussion on this matter, to be brought to the next meeting for a vote.

F. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03 – PROHIBITING EXCESSIVE FORCE – ALDERMAN CARROLL – Motion to discuss and approve Resolution 2021-03 made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-no, Alderwoman Reed-absent, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Perry-no, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated Motion failed with 4-3 vote.

G. I AM REQUESTING THE FOLLOWING MOTION BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 4, 2021 BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING. I MOTION THAT THE CITIZENS COMMENTS, ALDERMAN COMMENTS AND THE COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR BE WRITTEN AND INCLUDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETINGS. ALSO THAT THE HEADING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING NOTICE READ AS FOLLOWS, "BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS' MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS WILL CONVENE FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED MEETING" – Alderman Thomas.

Motion that the Citizen's comments and the comments of the Mayor be written and included in the minutes of the Board of Alderman minutes made by Alderman Thomas seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-absent, Alderman Carroll-abstain, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Perry-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. Mayor stated Motion passed with 4-2 vote.

Motion to table the change of the meeting notice to read as follows "Bellefontaine Neighbors' Mayor and Board of Alderpersons will convene for the above referenced meeting" because there will be research for an ordinance made by Alderman Thomas seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-absent, Alderman Carroll-abstain, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Perry-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. Mayor stated Motion passed with 4-2 vote.

At this point Alderwoman West, Ward 1 and Alderman Carroll, Ward 2 exited the meeting,

REPORT OF MAYOR: Mayor Pierson gave his report.

REPORT OF ALDERMEN:

Alderwoman West – Absent

Alderwoman Tatman – Had 1st Innovative Crime Prevention Meeting; in the process of implementing a street lighting project; date of 2nd meeting is 3/20/2021; St. Louis County and BJC web sites lists all the vaccination sites.

Alderwoman Reed – Absent

Alderman Carroll – Absent

Alderman Thomas – gave his report with no motions.

Alderman Perry – No Report

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.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

ATTEST:


Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on March 4, 2021