

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 05, 2022 – 7:30PM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Tommie Pierson, City Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman, Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk pro tem Judy Mantych

**ABSENT:** All Present

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Was led by Mayor Pierson

**ROLL CALL:** City Clerk pro temp Mantych called the roll,

Present: Alderwoman Dinah Tatman, Alderwoman Theresa Hester, Alderman James Carrol (virtual), Alderwoman Peg Warnusz, Alderman James Thomas, Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward, Alderwoman Alease Dailes, Alderwoman Alicia Smith

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Approve Agenda Alderwoman Dailes 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderwoman Tatman**

Motion to approve with amendments: Removal of and placing on next meeting' agenda

#5 – "Presentation Unapproved Minutes"; #8 – "Approval of Invoices Over \$500" and the wording of #15 "Election of President of the Board of Aldermen".

With no discussion, the Board approved by acclamation.

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: (With a 3-minute time limit)**

- Anthony Green - 92XX Waldorf Drive
  - Needs summary of all invoices / Questions regarding audit and what had been filed with State Auditor / Any plans to hire Building Inspector or City Clerk
- Andrew Walker – 10XX Addison Drive
  - Owns property that was shown on TV. He just acquired it March 2022 / Trying to clean up
  - His father (Matt Walker) said he was there to help support his son.
- Wanda Lane – 99XX Martingale
  - Supportive of Andrew Walker
- Steve Zeller – 12XX Roxton
  - Spoke against Mayor
- Tracy Gibbs - 104XX Bellefontaine Road
  - Should make a plan to keep up community.

## **CITY TREASURER**

- Treasurer Report provided.
- Audit 2021 process being reviewed; delayed because of no quorum
- Budget – Administrative questions have been presented to Department Heads
- What is his primary purpose? Process and pay bills for the City.
- Capital improvements – Beyond what was budgeted, there has been additional activity.
- Was not allowed access to submit reports by sufficient date.
- Questions?

- Alderwoman Dailes: Questions about ARPA funds and online access. Treasurer Howard was not able to access. He said the Mayor was responsible for access. Laptop did not work to provide access. Out of office emails. Health risk in being a confined space. Howard reached out to Mayor and he reached out to Chief. Any funds lost? Mayor: Several municipalities were unable to send in reports. National breakdown. Chief: Inputs due April 30, 2022. Received May 2, 2022 from Government aware BN had not submitted. Question: Who will do reports? Chief: Can not explain why Chief is dealing with this and may be issue for closed session. As of this date open for access to input information. Alderwoman Tatman: Concerned for Treasurer not having access to do his job. Chief: Some work has to be done in City Hall itself.

## **CITY COLLECTOR**

No Report

## **COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS**

### **PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – JIMMY KIRINCICH**

Update:

Trim Grant \$18,432.00 to remove critical trees in City Parks. Bid winner Davies Tree Services. Work has been done and waiting for reimbursement.

Pool: some warranty work has been done at no additional cost and will be open on May 30<sup>th</sup> for the season.

Gym Roof: Meeting with City Engineer & Hueneke Engineering. Eight of nine trusses were failing. Applied for municipal park grant. Received \$420,000 to help replace the roof. Engineering costs (Frontenec Engineering) \$17,000 to come up with design. Process to move forward to replace. Project will be at least six months to get started. To replace roof estimated at \$1.3 million.

HVAC: Upgrade in City Hall and Rec Center should be completed in 2-3 weeks

Summer Registration: May

Youth Event: Outdoor pool event / Two events

Park Cleanup: Staff has been working hard.

### **IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION**

No Report

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

No Report. Has not been met in over two years

### **CHIEF OF POLICE**

Crime Report comes out for second monthly meeting.

Yearend crime report

Assault is ridiculous high. Other crime numbers are down

Police Department posted tall grass listing

Down eight police officers. Hard finding qualified people.

Explained Lock it and Check it Program

### **CITY ATTORNEY**

City's Code of Ordinances should be updated. Has not been updated since 2019.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **BILL NO. 2626, AN ORDINANCE DECLARING RESULTS OF THE GENERAL CITY ELECTION HELD BY THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022 – ALDERMAN THOMAS**

Motion made by Alderman Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderwoman Smith

First reading Approved by acclamation

Second reading: Motion made by Alderman Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderwoman Smith

Approved by Roll Call Unanimous vote Ordinance #2606

### **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

Motion made by Alderwoman Dailes 2<sup>nd</sup>: Alderwoman Smith

Nominations:

Alderwoman Dailes: Smith nominated, seconded by Tatman

Alderman Thomas: Harmon-Ward nominated, Seconded by Warnusz

Both spoke about their qualifications

Vote

Dailes: In favor: Tatman, Hester, Dailes, Smith / Opposed: Carroll, Warnusz, Thomas, Harmon-Ward

Thomas: In favor: Warnusz, Thomas Harmon-Ward / Opposed Tatman, Hester, Carroll, Dailes, Smith

### **REPORT OF MAYOR**

Congratulations to Dailes as President and new Board members. Hopes BN can be a united Board and united City. Wished happy Mother's Day and congratulations to his wife on celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Stated that he does read emails, but may not respond to all emails. Time to get down to address problems of the City. Would like to see each aldermen take on representation of particular projects.

### **REPORT OF ALDERMEN**

**TATMAN:** Thanks for Mayor's comments. Discussed Innovative Crime Prevention Summit. To be moved to Riverview Gardens High School. Would like to be representative for Public Safety. Would like to see upgrading lighting in City.

**HESTER:** Thanks to residents. Would like to bring community back to beautiful. Looking at properties.

**CARROL:** No Report

**WARNUSZ:** Reported a Municipal League dinner and found the City up by criticism. Question about why nothing is being done. Seriously consider hiring a City Manager. Need to move forward as soon as possible.

**THOMAS:** Great to be back I person, but would love to see the people who had been on Zoom to be at meetings in person. Looking forward to working with citizen.

**HARMON-WARD:** Thanks to coming to meeting. Been involved with City for over 20 years. Wants to be a voice/advocate for citizens.

**DAILES:** New Business: Notice for next agenda for closed session to discuss legal actions with City.

Discussion on moratorium on rental properties

Motion : Dailes / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Harmon-Ward

With no discussion, the Board approved by acclamation (one Nay vote).

Thanks to people coming out to meeting.

Black History Celebration – June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Community emails

**SMITH:** Partnership with Dailes.

Positive responses from citizens

Resources needed

Seat will always belong to the citizens

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: (With a 3-minute time limit)**

Wanda Lane

Thanks for allowing people to speak / Mayor is easy target / Discussed City Administrator Ordinance / Why 2020 audit not on website? / Discussion on Treasurer's hours / Address Ordinance update

Anthony Green

Welcomes new Board / Wants a workshop for new members / Website / Salaries increases already given? (Mayor says yes)

Mary Mesler:

Questions regarding low income house repairs

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Thomas / 2n by Harmon-Ward

Ayes have it: 9:55pm