

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 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. Copies of all ordinances and resolutions to be considered at the meeting were made available for public inspection prior to the time of consideration by the Board of Aldermen.

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,
Alderwoman Peg Warnusz, Alderman James Thomas, Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward, Alderwoman Alease Dailes, Alderwoman Alicia Smith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approve Agenda Alderwoman Dailes 2nd Alderwoman Smith

Motion to approve with amendments: Add Rognan & Associates for presentation to agenda. Under “Old Business” to add to a close session or table #B for further discussion.

With no discussion, the Board approved by acclamation.

PRESENTATION OF ROGNAN & ASSOCIATES

Presentation to introduce Rognan & Associates (CPA firm) as treasurer for City. They have represented many municipalities and other political subdivisions.

Alderman Thomas made a motion to accept the presentation. Seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Voice vote: Alderman Carroll only nay vote.

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

- Rich Jarvis (Influence Church – 10636 Bellefontaine Road)
Stated the church wants to be helpful in the community and has tried to be amicable to community.
- Miranda Avant-Elliot
Stated Alderman James Carroll has never displayed any racial bias and is driven in his policies. Questioned CPA firms services.
- Wanda Lane – 99XX Martingale
Supportive of Rognan & Associates
Thanked Influence Church

- Cynthia Harden (Florissant Resident)
Supporter of Influence Church
- Cynthia Newsom – 8XX Neighbor Lane
Complaint about Police and disrespectful.
Complained houses are not looking good
- Denise Fields – 9XX Chain of Rocks Drive
Complained about condition of empty lot behind her on Raford Court and about truck traffic on Chain of Rocks
- Derrick Ross (Not BN Resident)
Supporter of Influence Church
- Yvette Jackson (9XX Chain of Rocks Drive
Complained of speeding on Chain of Rocks and accidents at corner with Bellefontaine Road
- Jill Greene – 8XX Neighbor Lane
Complained of number of derelict vehicles and trailers on side of houses.
Concerned about speeding on streets
- Barbara West – 97XX Calumet
Stated that speed humps/bumps have been in budget for years and no movement forward.
Believes community is now poor
No one stopping food pantry. Believes Influence Church is not abiding by the ordinances.
- Anthony Green - 92XX Waldorf Drive
Start talking about speed bumps again
Any plans to hire Building Inspector?
Needs an ordinance regarding Board attendance

CITY TREASURER

Resignation of City Treasurer effective 05/19/22

APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER \$500 (03/19/21 – 05/17/22)

Motion to approve made by Alderwoman Dailes and seconded by Alderman Thomas
With no discussion, the ayes have it. Alderwoman Warnusz abstained from voting.

APPROVAL TO SEND COURT CLERK TO MISSOURI VOURT CLERKS CONFERENCE

Motion to approve made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Dailes
With no discussion, the ayes have it.

CITY COLLECTOR

No Report

CITY ENGINEER / CITY INSPECTOR

Inspector has been kept very busy

Working with 1126 Belgrove(Traverse Logistics to obtain a concrete permit for driveway and solid surface)

Other locations around the City have been obtaining building permits.

Working with Jimmy and Pat on the Rec Center gym roof

Discussed the difference between speed bumps and speed humps / Fire Department navigation

Discussion regarding requesting City inspections to be done through St. Louis County

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

PLANNING & ZONING – PAT BARRETT

Report of March & April meetings

Discussion of Ordinance regarding political signs to align with freedom of speech

CHIEF OF POLICE

“Administrative Warrants” discussion

Was able to get into the ARPA funds account and send report on time and new amount of 2.1 million in funds.

Continued discussion of speed humps/bumps

Crime Reports

CITY ATTORNEY

Agreed with Chief that Administrative Warrant is a valuable tool for enforcement

OLD BUSINESS

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILL NO. 2614, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2430 AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE - ALDERMAN THOMAS

Motion made by Alderman Thomas 2nd by Alderwoman Dailes

First reading Approved by acclamation

Second reading: Motion made by Alderman Thomas 2nd by Alderwoman Smith

Alderwoman Dinah Tatman - Abstain, Alderwoman Theresa Hester - Yes, Alderman James Carrol

- No, Alderwoman Peg Warnusz - Yes, Alderman James Thomas - Yes, Alderwoman Regina

Harmon-Ward - Yes, Alderwoman Alease Dailes - Yes, Alderwoman Alicia Smith – Yes

Motion Passed. Will become Ordinance #2607

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILL NO. 2617, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS - ALDERMAN THOMAS

Motion made by Alderman Thomas 2nd by Alderwoman Smith

First reading Approved by acclamation

Second reading: Motion made by Alderman Thomas 2nd by Alderwoman Dailes

Alderwoman Dinah Tatman - Yes, Alderwoman Theresa Hester - Yes, Alderman James Carrol

- Yes, Alderwoman Peg Warnusz - Yes, Alderman James Thomas - Yes, Alderwoman Regina

Harmon-Ward - Yes, Alderwoman Alease Dailes - Yes, Alderwoman Alicia Smith – Yes

Motion Passed. Will become Ordinance #2608

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILL NO. 2619, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – ALDERWOMAN TATMAN

First reading Motion made by Alderwoman Tatman 2nd by Alderwoman Dailes

Approved by acclamation

Second reading: Motion made by Alderwoman Tatman 2nd by Alderwoman Dailes

Alderwoman Dinah Tatman - Yes, Alderwoman Theresa Hester - Yes, Alderman James Carrol

- No, Alderwoman Peg Warnusz - Yes, Alderman James Thomas - Yes, Alderwoman Regina

Harmon-Ward - Yes, Alderwoman Alease Dailes - Yes, Alderwoman Alicia Smith – Yes

Motion Passed. Will become Ordinance #2609

Bill No. 2615 and Bill No. 2618 were both tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILL NO. 2627 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI AND ADDING SECTION 2-18 OF ARTICLE II REGARDING THE FORFEITURE OF OFFICE – ALDERWOMAN TATMAN

First reading Motion made by Alderwoman Tatman 2nd by Alderwoman Dailes

Approved by acclamation

Second reading: Motion made by Alderwoman Tatman 2nd by Alderwoman Dailes

Alderwoman Dinah Tatman - Yes, Alderwoman Theresa Hester - Yes, Alderman James Carrol

- No, Alderwoman Peg Warnusz - Yes, Alderman James Thomas - Yes, Alderwoman Regina

Harmon-Ward - Yes, Alderwoman Alease Dailes - Yes, Alderwoman Alicia Smith – Yes

Motion Passed. Will become Ordinance #2610

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILL NO. 2628 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH AFFINA HEALTHCARE - ALDERWOMAN DAILES

First reading Motion made by Alderwoman Dailes 2nd by Alderwoman Smith

Approved by acclamation

Second reading: Motion made by Alderwoman Dailes 2nd by Alderwoman Tatman

Alderwoman Dinah Tatman - Yes, Alderwoman Theresa Hester - Yes, Alderman James Carrol

- Yes, Alderwoman Peg Warnusz - Yes, Alderman James Thomas - Yes, Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward - Yes, Alderwoman Alese Dailes - Yes, Alderwoman Alicia Smith – Yes
Motion Passed. Will become Ordinance #2611

REPORT OF MAYOR

Glad the agenda has been cleaned up
Glad to be getting ARPA funds

REPORT OF ALDERMEN

TATMAN: Has worked with documents for Lincoln University. Partnership with Riverview Gardens School District. Thanks to Street Department

HESTER: Thanks to resident.

CARROL: No Report

WARNUSZ: Glad to see all here. Hope the Board can become problem solvers

THOMAS: Thanks to Influence Church. Thanks to citizens

HARMON-WARD: Thanks to coming to meeting. Here to serve people

DAILES:

Thanks to people coming out to meeting. Juneteenth Celebration – June 18th. Thanks to Influence Church

SMITH: Thanks to Influence Church. Thanks to Street Department.

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

Wanda Lane

Community Forum – Riverview School District 5/24/22 Westview Middle School
Special Administrative Board for MO Board of Education.

Miranda Avant-Elliot

Concern with no City Clerk and Treasurer; who signs checks?

Anthony Green

Believes good idea to have Rognan in
Needs internal control procedure |

Cynthia Newsom

Welcome to new Board members

Feels she was harassed by Police. Chief responded that he holds his people accountable.

Rich Jarvis (Influence Church)

Thanked Board for their commitment to work with the church

Stated that on "Service Days" they could help in cutting grass

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Thomas / 2nd by Hester

Ayes have it: 9:44pm