

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2022 – 7:30 PM**

PRESENT Mayor Tommie Pierson, City Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman, Major Warren Willis, City Clerk Semmie Ruffin-Hall

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Pierson

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Semmie Ruffin Hall called the roll,
Present: Alderwoman Alease Dailes, Alderwoman Alicia Smith, Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward, Alderman James Thomas, Alderwoman Peg Warnusz, Alderwoman Theresa Hester, Alderwoman Dinah Tatman-Quorum was present.

WARD 2 ALDERWOMAN Lynette VonSeggern sworn in by City Clerk Semmie Ruffin-Hall

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to amend agenda by Alderman James Thomas to add back on the agenda Public Comments Item #4 also to table Bill #2639 until next Board Meeting as well as item #D -waiving building permit fees for N.C Fire District. Alderwoman Harmon-Ward 2nd motion.

DISCUSSION-Alderwoman Dailes referred question to Attorney –Approval of Agenda not asked before amended. Alderwoman Dailes made a motion to approve agenda, to override the Amendment to take off Public Comments #4, which is #18, also Item # D – discussion waiving building permit fees back on the agenda. Mayor called for a roll call.

- Alderwoman Dailes-Y
- Alderwoman Smith-Y
- Alderwoman Harmon-Ward-A
- Alderman Thomas-N
- Alderwoman VonSeggern-Y
- Alderwoman Warnusz-N
- Alderwoman Hester-Y
- Alderwoman Tatman-N

3 Nay's/4 Ayes-Motion failed

Go back to the original Motion to amend agenda by Alderman James Thomas to add back on the agenda Public Comments Item #4 also to table Bill #2639 until next Board Meeting as well as item #D -waiving building permit fees for N.C Fire District. Alderwoman Harmon-Ward 2nd motion.

DISCUSSION-None. Mayor called for a roll call.

- Alderwoman Dailes-N
- Alderwoman Smith-N
- Alderwoman Harmon-Ward-Y
- Alderman Thomas-Y
- Alderwoman VonSeggern-N
- Alderwoman Warnusz-Y
- Alderwoman Hester-Y
- Alderwoman Tatman-Y

3 Nay's/5 Ayes-Motion passed

Alderman Thomas move that the agenda be approved as amended. Second by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward.

DISCUSSION-None. Mayor called for a roll call.

- Alderwoman Dailes-N
- Alderwoman Smith-N
- Alderwoman Harmon-Ward-Y
- Alderman Thomas-Y
- Alderwoman VonSeggern-N
- Alderwoman Warnusz-Y
- Alderwoman Hester-Y
- Alderwoman Tatman-Y

3 Nay's/5 Ayes-Motion passed

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

- **Marcie Gooden**-9421 Duenke Drive
-Board need to speak up
- **Jennie Stewart**-10107 Maraldo Place
-Would like to recognize all the members on the board with her
-Litter clean up on 9/24/22 would like to have volunteers and see the leaders of the city show up. Starts at 9 meet at the recreation center and ends at 1pm. Call City Hall and leave your name, how man volunteering and your phone number.
-Applications for adopt-a-street (at least half a mile at least four times a year)-supplies given.
-City signs at various entrances to Bellefontaine be repaired or replaced.
-Would like recognition given to the 2021/2022 Image & Beautification winners at the next Town Hall meeting
- **Caroline McDonald**-10056 Ashbrook Drive
-Common ground areas are over grown and trees falling over and not being addressed
- **Anthony Geen**-9228 Waldorf Drive
-June 30, 2021-Financial results that Patrick Howard passed out at meeting and gave to Nicole Galloways office-Error on the report and would like to see an audit on it
-Update Treasurers Report on website

-Influence Church –Do they have certificate of occupancy; not mowing lawns as promised

-Update on Q-Trip issue

- **William Simmons**-1455 Haviland Drive
-Paying on 2 streetlight for 7 years in his subdivision would like City to start paying on it going forward
- **Blaine Lillard**-1010 Oran Drive
-Thanked Police for making their presence known in his area

PRESENTATION OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Motion made by Alderman Thomas to approve the unapproved minutes-Regular B.O.A Meeting, 8-4-22 and the Special Meeting , 8-11-22. Second made by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward.

DISCUSSION-None-Mayor called for all in favor-

- Alderwoman Dailes-Y
- Alderwoman Smith-Y
- Alderwoman Harmon-Ward-Y
- Alderman Thomas-Y
- Alderwoman VonSeggern-Y
- Alderwoman Warnusz-Y
- Alderwoman Hester-Y
- Alderwoman Tatman-Y

Ayes 8/Nays-0. Motion passed

APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER 500

Motion made by Alderman Thomas to approve invoices over \$500, Second made by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward

DISCUSSION-Question for Police Department by Alderwoman Smith about PSA Blood testing is that part of a cancer test, Major Willis not sure referred to Angie W. (Administrative Admin for PD). Alderwoman Dailes asked for Alderman Thomas to give the amount for invoices over \$500 for the public. Alderman Thomas stated amount is \$22,725.69. Mayor called for all in favor.

- Alderwoman Dailes-Y
- Alderwoman Smith-Y
- Alderwoman Harmon-Ward-Y
- Alderman Thomas-Y
- Alderwoman VonSeggern-Y
- Alderwoman Warnusz-Y
- Alderwoman Hester-Y
- Alderwoman Tatman-Y

Ayes 8/Nays-0. Motion passed

ROGNAN AND ASSOCIATES REPORT

1. ARPA money came in today (8-18-22) direct deposit \$1,048,982.29

2. Budget meeting on 8-23-22 at 6:30pm City Hall
3. September 15, 2022 Public Hearing Notice (Subject to Legal Review) –Second meeting in September as long as time and date is acceptable we will move forward. If it can be approved at first meeting in September, statute states has to post 7 days before hearing
4. Went over Preliminary Report-Subject to Change by St. Louis County

A. DISCUSSING OF COMBINING BANK ACCOUNT, MOTION ALDERWOMAN DAILES

- Regions will not allow read access approaching Citizens to see if they will
- Each Department should be scanning their checks and two people signing off-5 scanners needed
- Books need to be pre-numbered
- Banks with a courier service
- RP out to Banks if Citizens will not do what the city needs
- Internal Control needs to be tightened up
- Slow down expenses/Approval Sheet with section “Is this in our budget”
- 2021 Audit must be done no later than September 30, 2022, worse case October 31, 2022

DISCUSSION: -Alderman Dailes asked if cuts will have to be made. Rognan, that will be up to the board. Rognan their intent is to present a balance budget on Tuesday night (8-23-22). Alderman Smith asked if would be his recommendation that the city not spend any more money until the budget is finished. Rognan, not saying don’t spend. Whatever needs to be done for health and safety it must be done, just slow it down. Alderman Dailes made a motion that the recent ARPA deposited money over to the MOSA Account. Second made by Alderman Smith and Tatman. Mayor called all in favor.

- Alderman Dailes-Y
- Alderman Smith-Y
- Alderman Harmon-Ward-Y
- Alderman Thomas-Y
- Alderman VonSeggern-Y
- Alderman Warnusz-Y
- Alderman Hester-Y
- Alderman Tatman-Y

Ayes 8/Nays-0. Motion passed

CITY COLLECTOR REPORT – JEFF HOWE

Updates:

1. Invitation for a Liquor License from Barrs Liquor and More- 10013 Lewis and Clark. A vote and or motion is needed on it. Motion made by Alderman Thomas for the licensing of Barrs Liquor and More. Second made by Alderman Harmon-Ward.

DISCUSSION:-Alderman Dailes stated that when Barrs Liquor and More previously came before the Board they asked them to change the ordinance, which was not changed. Jeff Howe states not asking for ordinance change but an exception for 300 ft from school and church.

Attorney states approval with a waiver. Alderwoman Tatman states no report in months from Collector in months, would like a report. Mayor called for a roll call.

- Alderwoman Dailes-N
- Alderwoman Smith-N
- Alderwoman Harmon-Ward-N
- Alderman Thomas-Y
- Alderwoman VonSeggern-N
- Alderwoman Warnusz-N
- Alderwoman Hester-N
- Alderwoman Tatman-N

Ayes 1/Nays-7. Motion failed.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT – CLAYTON KLEIN

Updates:

1. Working on Travers Logistic-126 Belgrove
2. Learning Center behind Belgrove
3. Running Brooke where house fire was, contractors made some mistakes working on that
4. Resolution on Laire and Odessa with St. Louis County Water for damage on street
5. Reviewing Recreation Center Plans

CITY INSPECTOR REPORT-CLAYTON KLEIN

Updates:

1. Gotten to know Kelsie and he is doing a great job best as he can being part time

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

A. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION-PAT BARRETT

Updates:

1. At our meeting August 8th, we had an informal discussion with Michael & Maunita Smith, who are considering opening a child care facility at **1111 Belgrove**.
2. Their proposed business, Greater Works Academy of Innovative Leaders LLC, would provide child care services for children 6 weeks to 12 years old. Initially, they hope to provide services for 50-60 children Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, wanting to expand a year later to include Saturdays for up to 30 students.
3. The couple has previous experience & academic education on the matter. It was explained the fire department would need to inspect the building and were willing to perform a pre-inspection so long as remodeling plans were available. It was recommended the couple work with their architect to have plans made so safety-related details could be reviewed. The Fire Department / Fire Marshall would establish maximum occupancy of the facility which could affect the economics of the business. Vinyl

CHIEF OF POLICE-MAJOR WARREN WILLISS

Updates:

1. Homicide on Marias suspect taken into Custody on 8/9-Active Case-No further information
2. Personnel-lost one this week, 5 down and 3 in active process

CITY ATTORNEY

No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, SUPPORTING THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS APPLICATION FOR MUNICIPAL PARKS GRANT ROUND 23 FUNDS FOR THE RENOVATION OF RECREATION CENTER GYMNASIUM INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN THERESA HESTER.**

Motion made by Alderwoman Hester for the First Reading, Second by Alderwoman Dailes.

DISCUSSION: Alderwoman Tatman asked if this was the round where we have to pay 10% or 15%. Jimmy (Recreation Center Director) states the city is putting up 5% match which is currently in the fiscal year budget (\$15,000.00 in budget) which we hope to pass this September. Extra point on grant if we do put in 5%, which improves our chances of receiving the grant. \$313,000 will be covered by the grant. Mayor called all in favor.

- Alderwoman Dailes-Y
- Alderwoman Smith-Y
- Alderwoman Harmon-Ward-Y
- Alderman Thomas-Y
- Alderwoman VonSeggern-Y
- Alderwoman Warnusz-Y
- Alderwoman Hester-Y
- Alderwoman Tatman-Y
- Ayes 8/Nays-0. Motion passed

Motion made by Alderwoman Hester for the Second Reading, Second by Alderwoman Smith.

Mayor called for roll.

- Alderwoman Dailes-Y
- Alderwoman Smith-Y
- Alderwoman Harmon-Ward-EXCUSED
- Alderman Thomas-Y
- Alderwoman VonSeggern-Y
- Alderwoman Warnusz-Y
- Alderwoman Hester-Y

- Alderwoman Tatman-N
- Ayes 6/Nays-1. Motion passed

B. BILL NO. 2640 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, MISSOURI, IMPOSING A USE TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES AT THE RATE EQUAL TO THE TOTAL LOCAL SALES TAXES IN EFFECT FOR THE PRIVILEGE OR STORING, USING OR CONSUMING WITHIN THE CITY ANY ARTICLE OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 144.600 THROUGH 144.761 RSMO; PROVIDING FOR THE USE TAX TO BE REPEALED, REDUCED OR RAISED IN THE SAME AMOUNT AS ANY CITY SALES TAX IS REPEALED, REDUCED OR RAISED; AND PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSAL TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY FOR THEIR APPROVAL AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALLED AND TO BE HELD IN THE CITY ON, TUESDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022 INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN ALICIA SMITH.

Motion made by Alderwoman Smith, Second by Alderwoman Dailes.

DISCUSSION: None. Mayor called for roll.

- Alderwoman Dailes-Y
- Alderwoman Smith-Y
- Alderwoman Harmon-Ward-EXCUSED
- Alderman Thomas-Y
- Alderwoman VonSeggern-Y
- Alderwoman Warnusz-Y
- Alderwoman Hester-Y
- Alderwoman Tatman-Y
- Ayes 7/Nays-0. Motion passed

Bill NO. 2640 is now Ordinance #2624 and becomes law if and when the Mayor signs it.

REPORT OF MAYOR

1. Welcomed Semmie Ruffin-Hall as City Clerk
4. Welcomed Lynette Voseggern as new Alderwoman for Ward 2
5. Judy Gladney moves from Courts to Receptionist on 8/24/22
6. Shelia Nicholson will start in Building Department in September
7. Flood victims will be provided dumpsters at the City's expense

REPORT OF ALDERMEN

- **SMITH**

-Thanked Alderwoman Tatman and Hester for allowing her and Alderwoman Dailes in their Ward (1) to help the flood victims

-Thanked Ward 4 for letting her and Alderwoman Dailes ride through their streets

- **DAILES**

-Would like to ask the board if Weiss Group who we already have an ordinance write our grants. They would like to do research to see if we are eligible for Federal grants. Do we need to do a resolution even though we have an ordinance. Dorothy White-Coleman (City

Attorney) states we will need a new contract. White-Coleman states a new contract be needed Attorney will take a look at contract and let Alderwoman Dailes know

- Going to St. Louis County to talk workers to find out if fines can be put on real estate tax, so we can get paid sooner instead of when property is sold

-Look at Sewer Lateral to see if we would like to install a cap

-Reminder to push user Tax

-Town Hall meeting will send out reminder email

-Welcomed Semmie and Lynette

- **THOMAS**

-Welcomed Lynette

-William Simmons came about two streetlights in Subdivision of Sherwood Hills,

Alderman Thomas motioned to put on next agenda that Bellefontaine takes over the paying of streetlights. Dorothy will look into it to see if an ordinance is needed. Second by Alderwoman Warnusz. Mayor called all in favor.

- Alderwoman Dailes-Y
- Alderwoman Smith-Y
- Alderwoman Harmon-Ward-EXCUSED
- Alderman Thomas-Y
- Alderwoman VonSeggern-Y
- Alderwoman Warnusz-Y
- Alderwoman Hester-Y
- Alderwoman Tatman-Y
- Ayes 7/Nays-0. Motion passed

- **VONSEGGERN**

-Thanked the Mayor and The Board for giving her this opportunity. And to make some changes

- **WARNUSZ**

-Nice to have seat next to her filled

-She and the Mayor did pay a visit to the property by Q-Trip. Residents talked about old trucks, tires and places not cut. Spoke to Clayton Klein, and he stated things are happening. I will contact John and Mary Krusl to keep them informed

- **HESTER**

-Thanked everyone for coming out and the ones that are still here for staying

-Thanked Alderwoman Smith and Alderwoman Dailes for helping out in their absence

in Ward 1

-Asked Jeff about 632 Haddock field back there when will it be cut, this week or next week, Jeff (Street Supervisor) stated it will be cut next week.

- **TATMAN**

-Thanked Citizens that are present

- Report Birch Innovated Public Safety Summit (next Wednesday and every Wednesday at 6 p.m.), will be sending out recording of minutes (this is how they are kept). Would like to invite my colleagues.
- Thanked Alderwoman Dailes and Hester we are one team
- Asked Mayor again to declare a state of emergency.
- Wanda Lane was so emotional and overwhelmed when Samaritan's Purse came to her home. They are doing wonderful work with flood victims
- Housing stock and other infrastructure are falling apart
- Welcomed Lynette

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

- **Desherrick Barr-10013 Lewis & Clark**
 - Trying to get Liquor License since April of last year
 - Church was not a concern
 - We did everything asked of us only to be turned down. Was not presented to us the right way by Pat Barrett
 - Wasted money for a year
- **Marcie Gooden-9421 Duenke Drive**
 - Sympathize with the Barr's and have an issue when you say Pat Barrett, who is not Planning and Zoning by himself.
 - The gentleman that purchased the two street lights why does the city need to take it over, if he requested-doesn't think it is right to take it over if it was his request
 - Budget
- **Anthony Green-92XX Waldorf Drive**
 - Budget meeting at beginning or end and will the public be able to comment
 - Notes available for the public after meeting
 - Chief Ihler filled out first ARPA Form (did board get a copy of the completed form)
 - Any discussion about the Kia and Honda Boys

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alderwoman Smith, 2nd by Alderwoman Thomas

7-Ayes: Motion passed 9:42pm