

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES  
February 3, 2022**

**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY** Mayor Tommie Pierson, Sr. at 7:30 p.m. 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.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Tommie Pierson, Sr., City Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman, Chief Jeremy Ihler, Judy Mantych (City Clerk pro tem), Alderwoman West, Alderwoman Reed, Alderman Carroll, Alderman Thomas, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.

**ABSENT:** Alderwoman Tatman (excused)

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Alderwoman Dailes moved for the approval of the Agenda, with a motion a amendment to add Citizens Comments to be added before New Business; seconded by Alderman Thomas. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott made a motion to correct the Bill number 2623 to Bill number 2624. Alderwoman Dailes presented her original motion. Alderman Carroll asked for a rollcall.

**Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderwoman West; no; Alderwoman Reed, no; Alderman Carroll, no; Alderman Thomas, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes: Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, no.

Motion to approve as made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott and seconded by Alderman Carroll.

**Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderwoman West; yes; Alderwoman Reed, yes; Alderman Carroll, yes; Alderman Thomas, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes: Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, yes. Vote on Alderwoman Avant Elliot's motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Bill #2624 Frontenac Engineering Group for engineering services repair of gym roof** was presented by Alderwoman West for a first and second reading, seconded by Alderman Thomas

**First Reading:** On a unanimous vote, the ayes have it.

**Second Reading:** Motion by Alderwoman West; Seconded by Alderman Thomas

**Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderwoman West; yes; Alderwoman Reed, yes; Alderman Carroll, yes; Alderman Thomas, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes: Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2624, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2604 when and if it is signed by the Mayor.

**Recommendation of Planning & Zoning Commission to ask for a public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit public hearing to be held on a new fire house for North County Fire & Rescue District at 805 Chambers Road** Presented by Pat Barrett, Chairman of P&Z.

**Motion made by Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderwoman Dailes.**

**Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderwoman West; yes; Alderwoman Reed, yes; Alderman Carroll, yes; Alderman Thomas, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen voted for passage of the Motion for a public hearing to be held on March 3, 2022.

The Mayor called upon Alderman Carroll to begin the discussion of the passage of 2022 liquor licenses. Collector Jeff Howe was also part of the presentation.

Dailes Question: How soon can any negative vote by re-considered.  
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Quik Trip (Lilac) Motion made by Alderman Carroll and seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott

**Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderwoman West; yes; Alderwoman Reed, yes; Alderman Carroll, yes; Alderman Thomas, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, yes. Approved.

- BP (Bellefontaine & 270) Motion made by Alderman Carroll and seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott

**Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderwoman West; yes; Alderwoman Reed, yes; Alderman Carroll, yes; Alderman Thomas, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, yes.

- Aldi's Motion made by Alderman Carroll and seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott

**Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderwoman West; yes; Alderwoman Reed, yes; Alderman Carroll, yes; Alderman Thomas, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, yes. Approved

- Conoco (Chambers & Bellefontaine) Motion made by Alderman Carroll and seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott

**Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderwoman West; yes; Alderwoman Reed, yes; Alderman Carroll, yes; Alderman Thomas, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, yes. Approved.

- Knights of Columbus (Chambers) Motion made by Alderman Carroll and seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott

**Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderwoman West; no; Alderwoman Reed, abstained; Alderman Carroll, yes; Alderman Thomas, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, yes. Approved

- Holy Name of Jesus (Ashbrook) Motion made by Alderman Carroll and seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott

Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows: Alderwoman West; no; Alderwoman Reed, abstained; Alderman Carroll, yes; Alderman Thomas, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes: Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, yes. Approved

Discussion of Gateway Market's application for a liquor license. Alderman Carroll would not make the motion to approve. Alderwoman asked if that was the license that would be waived for 300 feet requirement. Mr. Howe clarified requirement. Alderwomen Avant-Elliott questioned Mayor Pierson as to his preference as to approval. The Mayor stated he was not in favor of granting them a license and let Gateway know this.

Alderwoman West made a motion for Gateway Market to be included in the evening's licenses. Mr. Howe clarified that applicant was not a St. Louis County resident. Alderwoman West rescinded her motion. Mayor asked for a motion to reject Gateway's request. Continued discussion of Gateway's application. Carroll made a motion to reject Gateway's application for a liquor license. Seconded by Thomas.

Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows: Alderwoman West; no; Alderwoman Reed, yes; Alderman Carroll, yes; Alderman Thomas, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes: Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, yes. Approved Gateway's application is denied.

#### Semi-Annual Financial Report – City Treasurer – Patrick Howard

Published as of today, February 3, 2022

Bond rating A- rating with watch

- Deficient in multiple years of budgets
- High turnover in management positions
- Cancelled regular Board of Aldermen throughout 2021

Funds - \$5.9 million

Unaudited financial reports provide to state

Audit currently taking place. No detection of fraud.

Discussion of Treasurer's report

Use of Arp Funds

How obtained data

Publishing of Statement

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT: 8:35

Mayor thanked Street Department for snow removal.

Motion made by Aldermen Thomas and seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott

*Sammy Rugginshell  
City Clerk as of 8-4-22*

*Board approved Minutes 10-6-22*