

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 01, 2022 – 7:32 PM**

PRESENT Mayor Tommie Pierson, City Attorney/Susie McFarland, Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk Semmie Ruffin-Hall

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY Mayor Pierson at 7:32pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Pierson

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to amend agenda made by Alderman Thomas to table permantely, Bill # 2639. Motion made by Alderman Dailes, to remove from agenda #5 (Board Approvals), Dorothy White-Coleman (City Attorney), Judy Draper (Judge), and Anthony Gray (Prosecuting Attorney) contracts are in effect. Jeff Howe (Collector) will be the only one voted on. Alderman Tatman tabled Bill #2641 and Bill #2642 until Board has time to review. Taking over paying for streetlights at Sherwood Hill tabled as well for further investigation by Alderman Alease Dailes with MoDot. Motion to approve Agenda made by Alderman Thomas and 2nd Alderman Warnusz. Mayor called for approval of agenda 8 Ayes/O Nays-Motion passed.

BOARD APPROVALS

Jeff Howe (City Collector)

Mayor called for a vote

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

Tie vote, Mayor broke tie with a Yea vote. Jeff Howe will retain his City Collector position.

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

- **Marcie Gooden-94XX** Duenke Drive
 - Great job of board for collaborating on budget
 - Commended Chief

- Stated Residents need to be mindful, if you see something, say something. Not just complain
- Police as well need to be mindful
- **Barbara Powell-12XX Laire Drive**
 - Missouri Water project not done
 - Resurfing being ignored
- **Dan Moore (Ruler Foods)-10XXX Bellefontaine Road**
 - Liquor License
- **Anthony Green-92XX Waldorf**
 - Renovation of Ruler Foods floor
 - Disappointed Lori (Finance Clerk) was not there to answer questions
 - Kia Boys situation
 - A new Microphone is needed
- **Marcie Gooden-94XX Duenke Drive**
 - Police Department working to get clubs for our residents
- **Miranda Avant Elliot-11XX Jolene**
 - Ordinance Violation
 - Budget not on website

PRESENTATION OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Alderman James Thomas made a motion to approve, Alderman Regina Harman-Ward 2nd.

Discussion: Alderman Alicia Smith motioned to table-1/20/22, 2/3/22 and 3/3/22 minutes until the new Alderpersons have had time to read them. All agreed.

Motion made by Alderman James Thomas made a motion to amend the unapproved minutes for approval of 5/12/22, 5/19/22, 5/28/22 and 8/18/22 minutes. Alderman Alicia Smith, 2nd. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER 500 (8/16/22-8/24/22)

Approval of Invoices over \$500 dated 8/16/2022-8/24/22, motion made by Alderman Smith, 2nd by Alderman Dailes. Mayor called for approval of agenda 8 Ayes/O Nays-Motion passed.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

A. PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – JIMMY KIRINCICH

Updates:

- Municipal Park Grant update: Clayton, City Engineer, was in the final stage of approving the bid documents for the gymnasium renovation. I anticipate sending those out to contractors on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Sealed bids will be due on Friday, September 30th.

- I submitted an application for Round 23 of the Municipal Park Grant for phase 2 of the gymnasium renovation. This grant will cover fixing the gym flooring, replacing basketball goals, and renovating the weight room. We will know if we received funding for this grant round in October 2022.
- Fall Programming: Registration for Fall programs began on Tuesday, August 30 for Residents and Tuesday, September 6 for open registration. Fall programs will start the week of September 19th.
- The outdoor pool closed for the season at the close of business on Monday, September 5th. We have Westport pools coming October 7th to winterize the pool and will follow up with Bazan painting to ensure we do not need any warranty work following the 2022 pool season.

B. STREET DEPARTMENT – JEFF ROSS

Updates: For the month of August

- 18 Vacant properties grass was cut and maintained
- Wilderness Park area cleaned up from dumping
- 4 dangerous dead trees were removed:
 - 909 Fontaine
 - 1200 Yukon
 - 10217 Unicorn
 - 1208 Garwood
- Pot Hole work on Shepley and Crete
- Laire and Odessa still awaiting word from City Engineer about the damage done on Laire and Odessa
- 3 trees were dead wooded and branched picked up in numerous areas
- Poured and replaced 125 ft. of sidewalk in Sherwood Hills
- Filled sewer lateral void on Wentworth
- Swept and cleaned the parking lots of Bissell Hills Park and St. Cyr Park
- Street sweeping in sections of Wards 1 and 4
- 3 residents took advantage of the sewer lateral program and had their lateral lines replaced.
- Audit with The Department of Natural Resources on the condition of our properties and parks. I believe we did well, but we will not have the official results for a few weeks.
- Salt bids due in by 9/10 opened by 9/15/22

C. IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION – JENNIE STEWART

Updates: Report attached

- Citywide Cleanup on 9/24/22)
- Summer Beautification Awards to be given at Town Hall Meeting on 9-15-22
- Painting of flower pots

D. CHIEF OF POLICE – JEREMY IHLER

Updates:

- 8-24-22 Shots fired on Gibson School grounds nothing to do with school
- 8-25-22 Grand Jury indicted Brian Rayford for fellow officers death
- 8-26-22 School buses had a fender bender no one hurt
- Prayers asked for Officer Danzler –Bey had a massive stroke

E. TREASURERS REPORT-RICK ROGNAN

Updates:

- No revenue until March or April , 2023 if voters approve ballot measure (Use Tax) in November 2022
- Use Tax
- Budget Deficit
- Seek out additional revenue
- Appropriation is not spending

Discussion: Alderman Tatman stated it was discussed to take out all monies for all activities and to be fair; Black History Budget should be removed as well.

Alderman Theresa Hester made a motion for budget, Alderman Alease Dailes 2nd.

F. CITY ATTORNEY – DOROTHY WHITE-COLEMAN (Susie McFarlind)

Updates:

No Report

G. PLANNING AND ZONING –PAT BARRETT

Updates:

- Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations – Jeff responded favorably to a number of questions posed by MDNR & MSD:
- All vehicle maintenance occurs inside the municipal garage including oil changes
- All municipal storage is at city hall; there is no storage maintained at city parks
- Jeff had salt records for 2020 & 2021 available for review. This included application records within the recommended spread rate.
- We use a new driver checklist provided by MIRMA, including for salt distribution rates.
- Jeff performs monthly inspection of public facilities
- All paints, solvents and lubricants are stored indoors (no outside storage).

- They asked if we have a street sweeper and we do have one. Jeff let them know that we keep street sweepings until we have enough for a few dump truck loads for proper disposal. Street sweepings are disposed of properly.
- The City keeps tree trimmings, which go into chippers, turning them into mulch that has made available to residents.
- The City does not perform hazardous waste collection and that was communicated during the audit.
- We have brochures available for handling of electronic waste

We have MIRMA manuals for maintenance of various systems and an “Operation and Maintenance Program” including municipal yard maintenance

OLD BUSINESS

BILL NO. 2639- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-11 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI RELATING TO MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS.—TABLED PERMANENTLY

Discussion: Alderman James Thomas states meeting are lasting to long. Pre-meeting at 7pm and actual meeting at 7:30pm. Alderman Theresa Hester states the meeting are running to long she does not have a 9-5 job. Alderman Regina Harmon-Ward agrees meeting are to long and she as well does not have a 9-5 job and everyone should be diligent of time.

NEW BUSINESS

BILL NO. 2641-AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING COMPENSATION FOR PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES-ALDERMAN DINAH TATMAN.- TABLED

BILL NO 2642-AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICES OF COLLECTOR, JUDGE, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, TREASURER AND CITY ENGINEER FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES-ALDERMAN ALEASE DAILES.- TABLED

First Read of Fiscal Budget-2022/2023

First read by Alderman Alease Dailes. Alderman Dailes made the motion to approve the First read, Alderman James Thomas made the 2nd motion. Mayor called for roll.

- Alderman Thomas-Y
- Alderman Harmon-Ward-Y

- Alderman Dailes-Y
- Alderman Smith-A
- Alderman Tatman-Y
- Alderman Hester-Y
- Alderman Warnusz-Y
- Alderman VonSeggern-Y

7 Aye's/1 Abstain-Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT-TOMMIE PIERSON, SR

-Campaign to make sure Use Tax will pass.

REPORT OF ALDERMEN

THOMAS

-NO REPORT

HARMON-WARD

-NO REPORT

DAILES

-Thanked everyone for coming out

-I wrote a recommendation letter for Precious B. Barry and she has been accepted as a member of the St. Louis County Youth Board.

SMITH

-Thanked everyone for coming out

-Still receiving complaints about trash cans being at curve-Please pull them out of driveway

TATMAN

- NO REPORT

HESTER

- Thanked everyone for coming out

- Streetlight issue in Sherwood Hills is a safety issue

WARNUSZ

-Thanked everyone for coming out especially Rulers Food Representative

VON SEGGERN

-NO REPORT

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

- **Miranda Avant-Elliott-11XX Jolene Drive**
 - April 1 and May 5 minutes are approved-they are on the website
 - Budget not posted
 - Mindful of ordinances
 - Public Hearing
 - Attorney Salary
- **Wanda Lane-99XX Martingale Road**
 - Do not disband police
 - Do not believe everything on social media
 - Green Acres repairs for street is owed to the City \$150, 000
- **Tamara Goreman-94XX Yorktown Drive**
 - Potholes St. Cyr and 367-(she was advised MODot not Bellefontaine)
 - Collector Update Request
- **Anthony Green-92XX Waldorf Drive**
 - Report of Audit
 - HR Clerk needed to take on Fiduciary duties

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alderman James Thomas, 2nd by Alderman Dinah Tatman
 8-Ayes: Motion passed 9:45 pm

ATTEST:


 Semmie Ruffin-Hall

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on October 6, 2022