

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY-OCTOBER 12, 2022-7:48 P.M.**

PRESENT Mayor Tommie Pierson, City Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman, Chief Jeremy Ihler and City Clerk Semmie Ruffin-Hall

Mayor Pierson CALLED MEETING TO ORDER at 7:48 p.m.

Mayor made a statement that according to the Police budget and raises there is a need for further information an review of the propose increase and a decision will be made on 10/20/22 if the numbers match up. Right now, the numbers are not matching up, we have to correct them, and then we will come back with a proposal. We are not opposed to the raises it is the numbers that we are.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-Motion to approve the agenda made by Alderman James Thomas with tabling Bill 2651 and bill 2652,2nd by Alderman Alease Dailes

Mayor called for roll call vote:

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

7Ayes/0 Nays. Motion passed

Alderman Alease Dailes also made an amendment to table Item # D, 2nd by Alderman Regina Harmon-Ward.

Mayor called for roll call vote:

- Alderman Tatman-Y
- Alderman Warnusz-Y
- Alderman VonSeggern-Y
- Alderman Thomas-Y
- Alderman Harmon-Ward-Y

- Alderman Dailes-Y
 - Alderman Smith-Y
- 7Ayes/0 Nays. Motion passed

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES LIMIT)

- Barbara Walker-12X Green Acres Road
 - Not discussing items tonight
 - How would we get a solution to the problem?
 - Lack of Police Protection
 - Salaries are not to your lacking or something you can meet
 - Do you have any prospective?
- Marcie Gooden 94XX Duenke Drive
 - Numbers that they have not aligned with the budget
 - Treasures' not here so cant share have to balance to budget
 - Budget is tight
 - Once aligned the city will share with the residents of the city
- Kathy Mason-10XX Donnell Avenue
 - Spoke on Proposition T
- Paula Battle-106XX FoxLair Drive
 - Confused why Audit and Budget Report are not on the website
- Wanda Lane-99XX Martingale Road
 - Commented on Financial information as a citizen
 - Learned that Auditor used for many years has been combine with another company and that caused delays.
 - I know because I have been attending meetings
 - A lot of miss information on Social Media, be careful what you read on there
 - Owed us Mayor to have those financial documents available
 - Disappointed in the board we had a meeting last week and one now, none of this is new. Not resolved yet
 - Serious moral problems in this city Disappointed why can't discuss Prop P educational information
 - Would like the board to be mindful of the citizen's time and consider the citizens voices.
 - Next time you ask the citizens to come to a meeting, please be prepared.
- Melvin Williams-99XX Martingale Road
 - One time President (Eisenhower) start searching out for Public Resources but what was needed was a foundation
 - At least he explained why, but what you guys did was just say we are not going to do it

- A lot of professionals here that could possibly help
- Michael Wiese-13XX Pershall Road
 - Give residents confidence you are going to figure this issue out
 - Thanks for your explanation Mayor

Mayor Pierson stated trying to do the best we can do for the city. When I became Mayor, the treasurer resigned, John Jordan and Don Merz had a wealth of knowledge. I needed those people. Then the City Clerk resigned which put me in a position where I had to learn fast. It has been a nightmare for me to try to keep this City afloat. I am not whining. Many things need to be done that was patched for years. We are trying to fix things around the City. No one is opposed to give anyone a raise but we have to follow guidelines. First year in a long time that a balance budget has been put together. Everyone needs patience.

Mayor called for a motion to adjourn. Alderman James Thomas made a motion to adjourn, 2nd made by Alderman Regina Harmon-Ward. Mayor called for an all-in favor. 7 Ayes/0 Nays. Ayes have it and motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

ATTEST:


Semmie Ruffin-Hall, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on

