

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 07, 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.

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 (virtual), Alderwoman Peg Warnusz, Alderman James Thomas, Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward, Alderwoman Alese Dailes, Alderwoman Alicia Smith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments to Agenda Alderwoman Dailes 2nd Alderwoman Smith

Under Agenda #5: Table items C-I

Add Rognan & Associates under New Business

Move Items 11 (Report of Mayor) & 12 (Report of Aldermen) before Commission & Board Reports.

The motion, with no further discussion, was approved by the Board by acclamation.

MAYOR APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS

Prosecuting Attorney- Anthony Gray – Motion made by Dailes 2nd: Harmon-Ward
The motion, with no further discussion, was approved by the Board by acclamation.

Municipal Judge- Judy Draper – Motion made by Thomas 2nd: Dailes
The motion, with no further discussion, was approved by the Board by acclamation.

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

- Bobby Newberry – Chain of Rocks
Would like speed bumps of Chain of Rocks. Truck traffic is shifting his house.
- Charles Robinson – Chain of Rocks
Tired of the speeding going on. Thinks speed bumps are a good idea
- Odessa Chamber – Chain of Rocks
Tired of speeding and trucks
- Daryl Whittner – 8XX Chain of Rocks
Trucks shake the house. Would like some type of blockade
- Desherick Barrs – 101XX Lewis & Clark
Want to be considered for a liquor license. Would like to be added to the next agenda.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Call to work together and solve problems. The Mayor's and Board's job is to fix the problems.

REPORT OF ALDERMEN

TATMAN: Welcomed citizens to meeting. No other report.

HESTER: Glad to see citizens at meeting. Excited to see end of speeding.

CARROL: No Report

WARNUSZ: Concerned about traffic. Crete and Cabot are speedways.

THOMAS: Thanks to all coming out. Pleased to see Bill 2635 passed. Ward Three is planning a meet and greet.

HARMON-WARD: Thanks for coming. Looking forward to Ward Three meet & greet. Concerned that Highway 367 has become a racetrack.

DAILES: Thanks to all who came, especially Chain of Rocks & Jennings Station citizens. Juneteenth celebration: Next year need to hire set-up and breakdown people. Each ward needs information for newsletter. Spoke with Chief Goldstein about waiving fees for fire district. Community Outreach – Donate to Programs in City. Backstoppers October 1st. Filed for another bank account and asked for bonding papers. Would like police to be introduced at Board Meeting. Wants to have badges for every Board members. New members can order shirts. City of St Louis will post "No Truck" signs at borders.

SMITH: Thanks to all for coming out. Grateful the Truck bill was on the agenda. Concerned because was still hearing fireworks at 2am.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – JIMMY KIRINCICH (Written Report)

Received a grant from Missouri American Water for \$1,073 to purchase a Elkay bottle filler water fountain.

Lifeguards received their first audit in June. They passed all tests and showed exemplary skills.

Parks opened on April 23. 67 park rentals

Quotes being received to repair the security system at the Rec Center

Frontenac Engineering sent bid documents. Next step will be to go out for bid to select a contractor.

Fall Brochure content to due Friday, July 29th. City Hall's portion must be completed and edited before the deadline.

STREET DEPARTMENT – JEFF ROSS

Concentrated on tall grass and removing trees. (29 lawns cut)
Three projects in sewer lateral program
Bids out for salt for winter season

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION

No Report

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chain of Rocks – Driving behavior is ridiculous. Three of ten stops do not stop. Cannot chase.
Chain of Rocks is a StL County road and any bills must be changed by County ordinance.
The condition of Chain of Rocks is horrible
Working on way to enforce tractor trailer parking.
Fireworks are a problem every year. Nearly impossible to control.
Looking into investing in GPS software for police vehicles.

Questions:

Dailes: Would like the newly hired Police Officers to be introduced to the Board.

Smith: Officers are driving with expired tags. Whose job is it to check. Chief responded that it would be looked into.

CITY ATTORNEY

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

A. BILL NO. 2634, AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING RANDALL CAHILL AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR CERTAIN PENDING MATTERS. – ALDERMAN DAILES

First Reading: Motion: Dailes 2nd – Thomas

The first reading of the motion, with no further discussion, was approved by the Board by acclamation.

Second Reading: Motion: Dailes 2nd – Thomas

Ayes: Tatman, Hester, Warnusz, Thomas, Harmon-Ward, Dailes, Smith

Nays: Carroll

To become Ordinance 2619

B. BILL NO. 2635, AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THROUGH TRACTOR TRAILER TRUCKS AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON CERTAIN ROADS - ALDERMAN DAILES

Motion: Dailes 2nd – Tatman

The first reading of the motion, with no further discussion, was approved by the Board by acclamation.

Question by Carroll. Does this have to be passed by StL County? Chief confirmed. Bellefontaine Neighbors, but must be passed by County.

Second Reading: Motion: Dailes 2nd – Tatman

Ayes: Tatman, Hester, Carroll, Warnusz, Thomas, Harmon-Ward, Dailes, Smith

To become Ordinance 2620

TREASURER REPORT

Rick Rognan:

ARPA money needs to be kept separate, so it can be accounted for.

Each deposit is accounted for

Audit target due date – 12/2002

Present first monthly report for July.

The budget should go forward for right now. Roll last year into next year. Formalize for next few months. By second meeting in September should be ready to vote on FY2022/2023. Ordinance to roll FY2021/2022 forward should be on July 21 agenda.

Resolution needed to roll ARPA money to separate account.

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

Anthony Green 92XX Waldorf

Questions to Treasurer:

The separation of duties in finance is a problem

Needs FY21 Treasure Report

FY21 Audit complete?

Answers from Treasurer:

Will follow up on separation of accounting duties with a recommendation to the Board.

Must resolve FY21 Audit first.

Mary Mentzer 13XX Shepley

Questioned why Avant-Elliot was suing City.

Answered by City Attorney White: She is seeking the monies withheld when she was serving as Alderwoman and did not attend meetings.

Requested that speed bumps not be placed in front of her house. Believes money spent for speed bumps is ridiculous.

Concerned about use of fireworks.

Ms Johnson Chain of Rocks (question texted)

Why aren't officers patrolling

Never see officers engage with youth in community

Missing children never posted on social medium

Mayor would like to gather all questions and then respond to answers.

Dailies: Motion for closed session. Attorney: Not done timely.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Thomas / 2nd by Smith

Ayes have it: 9:20pm

ATTEST:


Semmie Ruffin-Hall, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on

11-17-22