

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PRE-MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2022 – 7:01 P.M.**

PRESENT Mayor Tommie Pierson, City Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman, Director of Public Works-Jeff Ross, Collector-Jeff Howe, Treasurer Rick Rognan, and City Clerk Semmie Ruffin-Hall

PRE-MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY Mayor Pierson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

DISCUSSION:

- Alderman Alicia Smith questioned some of the bills.
 - CMC Group called trip charge for aquatic,
 - Roof sharing (coming out of capital funds)
 - Kingstruck Materials Company at (1215 Bliss Drive) for haul and delivery.
- Alderman James Thomas, Sr-answered Alderman Smith questions- Not roof sharing but roof shoring (or scalloping) Kingstruck. Materials Company was for hauling concrete.
- Alderman Theresa Hester asked if page reference can be made when questioning bills.
- Alderman Alicia Smith questioned some of the bill
 - Bill from St. Louis County (non-emergency number) how often do we renew this contract-I have seen it before and I have seen it before, and I have only been here since April for (\$7,131.28) states communications/dispatch)
- Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman stated her understanding it was renewed on an annual basis, but the Chief would have to answer that.
- Alderman Alicia Smith lost and confused how does Jeff Howe come up with reports that are from July but could not provide reports when we needed it or had questions for it. Where does this data come from? How do we know these numbers are correct.
- Alderman Alease Dailes would like to amend the agenda and add priorities.
- Alderman Alicia Smith thanked Jeff How for his report then preceded to ask him where the reports came from.
 - Jeff Howe stated most from St. Louis County (mostly utility items that you see).
 - Individual Receipts from individual items that are deposited into the bank.
- Alderman Alicia Smith asked items we receive from St. Louis County we receive a receipt for them.
 - Jeff Howe stated direct deposit.
- Alderman Alicia Smith asked if utility items something he collects on.
 - Jeff stated they come through the mail
- Alderman Alicia Smith asked what he collects on.
 - Licenses for liquor stores and businesses.

- Alderman Alease Smith asked if end of year when everyone comes in to fill out their licenses is he here to fill out forms and take those payments or does Lori do that.
-Jeff states that is different you are talking about the flea market, which was separated out years ago, why know idea.
-Lori handles the paperwork for everything
-Jeff states he does not have access to the accounting system
- Alderman Dinah Tatman states this has been heard by two different that they do not have access to the accounting system. Appreciation was given to Jeff for the report.
- Alderman Alease Dailes states everything that is done in the city on the server is controlled by the Police Department.
- Jeff states need different billing software, nothing extravagant something simple.
- Alderman Alease Dailes would like to add priorities to the agenda.
 - Website
 - Locks
 - Electronic sign in for the employees
 - Security cameras for the system (all the buildings on our campuses)
 - Payment to our citizens out of ARPA Funds

-I would like to ask the board to put these in priorities allowed to get bids and the items that we are asking for are part of AARP which will be broadband to put in priority and that is how we would spend the ARPA money in that priority and then we will come back to other things that may be on the agenda.
- Alderman Theresa Hester agreed it does make since to prioritize it.
- Alderman Alease Dailes we want to take care of our citizens first.
- Alderman Lynette VonSeggern asked if anything ever was accomplished with Ward 3 as far as the lighting.
- Alderman James Thomas, Sr states he has not asked for the ordinance to be written yet, but he will ask for the next meeting. The lights are still up; the citizen still paying for it.
- Alderman Alicia Smith asked if paperwork for Police liaison been drafted yet.
-Alderman James Smith, Sr. stated no.
- Alderman Alease Dailes stated hopefully all sent into Semmie this week to give to the Mayor
- Alderman Dinah Tatman asked if that is the only amendment being made to the agenda.
 - Alderman Alease Dailes stated no; she wants to table Resolution and that can be prioritize on the agenda along with other stuff.
 - Alderman James Thomas, Sr. asked why table resolution.
 - Alderman Alease Dailes states want to do things for citizens first and then if anything left over, we would go back to that.
 - Alderman James Thomas, Sr. states ARPA money is for essential workers, which was a priority from the Federal Government.
- Alderman Hester is all for the resolution, but we must prioritize.

- Alderman Alicia Smith asked who the essential employees would be for the city.
-Alderman James Thomas Sr. stated those who continued to work through the pandemic.
- Alderman Alicia Smith stated she could be wrong, but definition would be those who would be nurses. She would like to know who it would be and then the amount.
- Alderman Alease Dailes stated by the time they get their bids we will know specifically how many employees it is and who will get it.
- Alderman James Thomas stated when budget was approved, we approved these funds to the employees.
- Mayor stated can't approve the budget then start doing something else.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 pm

ATTEST:



Semmie Ruffin-Hall, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on 12-1-22