

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PRE-MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY JANUARY 05, 2023 – 7:01 P.M.**

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

Alderman Present:

- Alderman Dinah Tatman
- Alderman Theresa Hester
- Alderman Peg Warnusz
- Alderman Lynette VonSeggern
- Alderman James Thomas, Sr.
- Alderman Regina Harmon-Ward
- Alderman Alease Dailes
- Alderman Alicia Smith

ON THE RECORD COMMENTS:

Alderman Dinah Tatman

I want to challenge my colleagues not to be afraid to make tough decisions. Sometimes we have to do the necessary things to keep our citizens, safe and healthy. With our city having the highest health disparities in North County, we should do our best to advocate for what is best for the health and safety of our citizens. The Conoco gas station on the corner of Chambers and Bellefontaine is a direct health hazard to our citizens. They are a gas station and not a liquor store. I believe the amount of liquor inventory they have exceeds the .5% that is allowed. They are constantly out of compliance and we have done nothing to hold their feet to the fire. That is why I tried to introduce two ordinances that would, hold them accountable for abiding by our laws. Alderwoman Hester and I get numerous calls of complaints about noise, gunshots, fights, and other seemingly criminal actions coming from that establishment so again, I would like to challenge my colleagues to vote no on giving Conoco a liquor license.

Alderman Alease Dailes

I have a copy of an email Chief Ihler posted on Nextdoor, regarding no employee should be involved in any election. With this email posted, doesn't it apply to the chief and engineer? Please, I hope everyone will not take sides, even though there are three of us in the race, after all is done, we will still be friends, and break bread together. Please be careful what you say during this election and please do not take sides. Just stay neutral.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 pm

ATTEST:



Semie Ruffin-Hall

Semie Ruffin-Hall, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on 01-19-23