

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY-NOVEMBER 2, 2023-7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT Mayor Dinah Tatman, City Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman, Interim Chief of Police Major Timothy Sanders, Public Works Director Jeff Ross, Parks and Recreation Director Jimmy Kirincich, Treasurer Rick Rognan and City Clerk Semmie Ruffin-Hall.

Mayor Tatman CALLED MEETING TO ORDER at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Semmie Ruffin Hall called the roll:

- Alderwoman Alicia Smith-**Present**
- Alderwoman Alease Dailes-**Present**
- Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward-**Present**
- Alderman (Board President) James Thomas, Sr.-**Present**
- Alderwoman Lynette VonSeggern-**Present**
- Alderwoman Peg Warnusz-**Present**
- Alderwoman Theresa Hester-**Present**

Seven Present -Quorum was established.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

Alderwoman Lynette VonSeggern motioned, Second Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Semmie Ruffin Hall called the roll:

- Alderwoman Alicia Smith-**Yes**
- Alderwoman Alease Dailes- **Yes**
- Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward- **Yes**
- Alderman (Board President) James Thomas, Sr.-**Yes**
- Alderwoman Lynette VonSeggern-**Yes**
- Alderwoman Peg Warnusz-**Yes**
- Alderwoman Theresa Hester-**Yes**

7-Ayes/0-Nayes-Ayes have it. Motion Passed.

President Thomas motioned to amend agenda and end meeting at 8:40pm to go into closed session, Second by Alderwoman Alease Dailes.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Semmie Ruffin Hall called the roll:

- Alderwoman Alicia Smith-Yes
- Alderwoman Alease Dailes- Yes
- Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward- Yes
- Alderman (Board President) James Thomas, Sr.-Yes
- Alderwoman Lynette VonSeggern-Yes
- Alderwoman Peg Warnusz-Yes
- Alderwoman Theresa Hester-Yes

7-Ayes/0-Nayes-Ayes have it. Motion Passed.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

- **Michael Levison-15XX Fathom Drive**
 - Concerned about \$300.00 fee to be charged for residential rental.
 - Very difficult to work with the Mayor, either your way or the highway.
- **Anthony Green-92XX Waldorf Drive**
 - In front of you is a 6/30/22 balance sheet under Mayor Tommie Pierson and filed at the Missouri State Auditors website.
 - Minus \$771,000 over draft per the ledger, asked Mayor Pierson and he could not answer. Asked Angela Dorn, no answer, Treasurer no answer he referred me to Angela Dorn.
 - Been over a year and we need an answer.
 - Bank reconciliation has not been done for 24 months.
 - May be external fraud coming in
- **Kathleen Ives-104XX Toelle Lane**
 - Invested in looking at 6-foot fences but our policy here is only 4-foot fences, unfortunately there are numerous properties with 6-foot fences, some with electric gates.
 - Make policy where we can have 6-foot fences but until that is done every single person need to take it out.
 - Wrong to tell us we cannot have a 6-foot fence.
- **Marcie Gooden-94XX Duenke Drive**
 - Who is working on it (fence ordinance), I was working with West and Clayton Klein.
 - City Engineer (Clayton Klein) needs to be involved.

- Robin Lampley-98XX Surrey Lane
-Inquiring about \$300 Residential fee when will it be started

FINANCE DIRECTOR-(LORI LENZ)

- **APPROVAL OF INVOICES**
 - A. First Register-(October 3, 2023-October 13, 2023 (\$11,292.71))

Aldерwoman Regina Harmon-Ward motioned to approve invoices, President Thomas seconded.

DISCUSSION:

President Thomas stated, Lori there was some discrepancies found that's the reason why the amount changed and those discrepancies will be given to the City Clerk.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Semmie Ruffin Hall called the roll:

- Alderwoman Alicia Smith-**Abstained**
- Alderwoman Alease Dailes- **Yes**
- Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward- **Yes**
- Alderman (Board President) James Thomas, Sr.-**Yes**
- Alderwoman Lynette VonSeggern-**Yes**
- Alderwoman Peg Warnusz-**Yes**
- Alderwoman Theresa Hester-**Yes**

6-Ayes/0-Nayes/1-Abstained-Ayes have it. Motion Passed.

- B. Second Register-(October 16, 2023-October 26, 2023 (\$70,410.95))

Alderwoman Alicia Smith motioned to approve invoices, Alderwoman Theresa Hester seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Alderwoman Smith stated, I have questions, the AFLAC bill check #46451. The bill says \$228.96 but check register says \$104.94, not sure, which one it is. There is an amount of (for Bridgefield Asphalt Plant) \$661.36 says I know it is actually a penny but I look at all the bills and the bill is actually \$661.35. Lori stated AFLAC bill should be \$104.94. Alderwoman Smith spoke with Lori so AFLAC amount should be \$228.96 new total is **\$70,534.96**. Alderwoman Lynette VonSeggern had a question on Dorothy White-Coleman's bill. She has a remaining balance of \$4200 why don't we pay her complete bill. Lori answered she has no idea we pay by the invoice every single month since she came on. I know there is a balance on

there but I have not had time to go through it.

Alderman Alicia Smith made a corrected motion to approve invoices for \$70,534.96 from October 16, 2023-October 26, 2023, Alderman Lynette VonSeggern seconded.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Semmie Ruffin Hall called the roll:

- Alderman Alicia Smith-Yes
- Alderman Alease Dailes- Yes
- Alderman Regina Harmon-Ward- Yes
- Alderman (Board President) James Thomas, Sr.-Yes
- Alderman Lynette VonSeggern-Yes
- Alderman Peg Warnusz-Yes
- Alderman Theresa Hester-Yes

7-Ayes/0-NayesAyes have it. Motion Passed.

Alderman Alease Dailes stated I had to sunshine you. We actually pulled out the checks for \$13,234.00 for Dalmatian that was paid under the ARPA Funds. It says General Fund then it says Capital Expense. So which one was it paid under. **Lori stated** paid out of Capital. **Alderman Dailes stated** what check detail is that on. What dates? When did board vote on it to be paid. Asked Lori to send to the board.

TREASURER-(RICK ROGNAN)

- Want to make sure the Board gets all the information they need as we move forward.
- I do not want to give you things you are not going to use in order to facilitate your job.
- Couple of things today. First item all the payroll analysis for this calendar year.
- Senate Bill 190 did pass by St. Louis County. Strongly recommend to the City we identify every rental property that we have. Reason is rental property does not qualify.
- We now have positive pay. Positive pay does this all the check washing we had going around here cannot happen. Once you upload check Register to Simmons Bank if anyone of those attributes on those checks are different it is not paid.
- We still have some accounts out there that need to be pulled back.
- Funds should not be co-mingled.
- MOSIP account is already authorized just need to move money over.

-Concerned about ACH coming out. Needs to be on a separate register.

Alderman Lynette VonSeggern motioned to extend meeting until 9 pm, Alderman Peg Warnusz seconded.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Semmie Ruffin Hall called the roll:

- Alderman Alicia Smith-**No**
- Alderman Alease Dailes- **No**
- Alderman Regina Harmon-Ward- **No**
- Alderman (Board President) James Thomas, Sr.-**No**
- Alderman Lynette VonSeggern-**Yes**
- Alderman Peg Warnusz-**Yes**
- Alderman Theresa Hester-**Yes**

4-Nayes/3-Ayes-Nayes have it. Motion Failed.

Mayor informed the citizens things that are on the agenda and not covered will go on the next agenda on 11-16-23.

Mayor called for a motion to adjourn-Alderman Theresa Hester made the motion to adjourn the meeting and go into close session (verbiage of closed session read) at 8:45pm Second made by Alderman Lynette VonSeggern.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Semmie Ruffin Hall called the roll:

- Alderman Alicia Smith-**Yes**
- Alderman Alease Dailes-**Yes**
- Alderman Regina Harmon-Ward- **Yes**
- Alderman (Board President) James Thomas, Sr.**Yes**
- Alderman Lynette VonSeggern-**Yes**
- Alderman Peg Warnusz-**Yes**
- Alderman Theresa Hester-**Yes**

7-Ayes/0-Nayes-Ayes have it. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

ATTEST:


Semmie Ruffin-Hall, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on 12-07-23