

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI
BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND MAYOR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2023-7:30 PM**

PRESENT Mayor Dinah Tatman, City Attorney Susie McFarland, Interim Chief of Police Major Timothy Sanders/Major Warren Willis, Director of Parks and Recreation Jimmy Kirincich, Director of Public Works Jeff Ross, Code Enforcer Felicia Bishop, Director of Finance Lori Lenz, 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 Theresa Hester-**Present**
- Alderwoman Peg Warnusz-**Present**
- Alderwoman Lynette VonSeggern-**Present**
- Alderman (Board President) James Thomas, Sr.-**Present**
- Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward-**Present**
- Alderwoman Alease Dailes-**Present**
- Alderwoman Alicia Smith-**Present**

Seven Present/One Excused Absence -Quorum was established.

Mayor Tatman stated Alderwoman Lynette VonSeggern would be leaving at 9:15pm.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Alderwoman Alease Dailes with an amendment to add Public Comments to the agenda , add a motion to rescind vote on November 16, 2023 request for recess for a session for the December 21, 2023 meeting by Regina Harmon–Ward, end the meeting at 9:15 pm, and also enter into the record a letter that was sent by a citizen (Marcel Scaife). **Second by President James Thomas, Sr.**

President Thomas read his email (attached) to rescind his vote for the CPA Firm. Therefore, he asks the board to accept his rescind ion of my vote.

President Thomas made a motion that they rescind their vote, **second by Alderwoman Dailes. No Discussion.**

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

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

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

Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 however if business is not done can we please extend our meeting, **second by Alderwoman Harmon-Ward.**

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

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

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

Motion by Alderwoman Alease Dailes letter sent to the Board of Alderman and Mayor by resident Marcel Scaife be read into the record, **second by Alderwoman Smith.**

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

- Alderwoman Theresa Hester-**Yes**
- Alderwoman Peg Warnusz-**Yes**
- Alderwoman Lynette VonSeggern-**Yes**

- Alderman (Board President) James Thomas, Sr.-Yes
- Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward-Yes
- Alderwoman Alease Dailes-Yes
- Alderwoman Alicia Smith-Yes

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

Alderwoman Alease Dailes read letter (attached)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

- **Anthony Green-92XX Waldorf Drive**
 - Board has a fiduciary duty.
 - No Reconciliation in 24 months.
 - Can't get Audits done-Need Reconciliation done first.
 - MOSIP Account is it open
- **Wanda Lane-99XX Martingale Lane**
 - RGSD Conference in Kansas City, MO-Learned a lot.
 - Educate our children
 - 50% of district has students 90% of the time.
 - Dialog needed with Parents
 - Read page 10 of material given for voters you are responsible for
 - Management need to stop, Mayor and Board of Aldermen on same level.
- **Bryant Nelson-9XX Marias Drive**
 - Anthony makes good points about financial and literacy of finances.
 - Get the agenda done.
 - Come to the meeting prepared.

President Thomas, Sr. read an open statement (attached)

Mayor Tatman responded:

- **Fail to secure bids over \$10,000.00-Had a cleaning company come in and clean 3 different areas at three times, one sent out 4 different bid and got 4 bids back with documentation. We used that one company to clean and when it came time to pay them we the bill was \$13,324.000.**
- **Misappropriation of Recuse Funds-No it was put into Capital Funds where it should have been.**
- **Violation of the unanimous Motion of the Board on May 4, 2023 until city funds are audited-The State statue**

Alderwoman Theresa Hester read a statement (attached)

FINANCE DIRECTOR-(LORI LENZ)

APPROVAL OF INVOICES (October 26, 2023 –November 8, 2023) (\$128,277.17)

Aldерwoman Regina Harmon –Ward motioned, Second Aldерwoman Theresa Hester.

DISCUSSION:

Aldерwoman Dailes stated check #46502- Not discussed or approved for \$6,800.00 please remove.

Aldерwoman Smith stated, would like these pulled: check #46496-(\$357.96)-no bill, check #46506-(\$378.01) can't see where it was reissued., check #46507-\$5,000 no bill, Electric Werks bill and check do not match, check #'s 46508 and 46509 are payroll checks and should not be in the register. Check #46525-Gamma (\$22,550.00) and check #46528-MML Convention (\$60.00). Pull those checks out.

Aldерwoman Smith motioned to amend invoices (October 26, 2023 –November 8, 2023) from total of \$128,277.17 to \$114,322.38, Second Aldерwoman Harmon-Ward.

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- Aldерwoman Alicia Smith-**Yes**

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

RFP-AUDIT-CR Williams & Associates

Aldерwoman Theresa Hester motioned, Second Aldерwoman Peg Warnusz

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- Aldерwoman Regina Harmon-Ward-**Yes**
- Aldерwoman Alease Dailes-**No**
- Aldерwoman Alicia Smith-**Yes**

5-Ayes/1-Nayes-Ayes have it. Motion Passed.

LOOMIS CONTRACT/ARMOR CAR SERVICE- DISCUSSION AND VOTE -BILL #2677-
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH LOOMIS ARMORED US, LLC TO PROVIDE SECURITY, CASH MANAGEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI (INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN REGINA HARMON-WARD)

First and Second read by Alderwoman Regina Harmon- Ward.

Alderwoman Harmon-Ward motioned, Second by Alderwoman Peg Warnusz.

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- Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward-**Yes**
- Alderwoman Alease Dailes-**Yes**
- Alderwoman Alicia Smith-**Yes**

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

WAIVER OF NCFD BUILDING FEES -BILL #2678-AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING A
WAIVER OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT SERVICE FEES UNDER SECTION 5-7 OF
ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF
BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS FOR THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE
PROTECTION DISTRICT (INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN ALEASE DAILES)

First and Second read by Alderwoman Alease Dailes.

Alderwoman Harmon-Ward motioned, Second by Alderwoman Alicia Smith /Alderwoman Harmon-Ward.

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- Alderwoman Alicia Smith-**Yes**

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

IT/LAPTOP POLICY- DISCUSSION AND VOTE (Policy and Procedures)-TABLED.

REJIS AGREEMENT-DISCUSSION AND VOTE (Intergovernmental Master Agreement)-TABLED.

RFQ-HVAC PRESENTATION (Replacement and Improvements)

Treasurer Rognan states there is \$1.5 million dollars in ARPA Fund to spend. President Thomas motioned to approve bid from Deka in the amount of \$197,300.00, Second by Alderwoman Warnusz.

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- Alderwoman Alicia Smith-**Yes**

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ALDERMAN'S REPORT

Alderwoman Alease Dailes

-Thank you for coming out.

Alderwoman Theresa Hester

-Giving out Turkeys for Thanksgiving.

-Thank you all for coming out.

President James Thomas, Sr.

-Signs should be in Board Room stating Audio & Video in progress.

-If 2023 Budget would have passed-\$25,000 that was included for sound system, would have happened post haste.

Alderwoman Alicia Smith

-Thank you.

-Happy Holidays.

-Ward 4- A lot of Citizens leaves will be emptied.

Alderwoman Peg Warnusz

-Remind people-Angel Tree.

-Food Drive-We want 1st Place due by 11/29/23.

-Pray for the people in the Middle East.

MAYORS REPORT

-Thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor called for a motion to adjourn-Alderwoman Regina Harmon ward made the motion to adjourn the meeting and go into close session (verbiage of closed session read) at 9:15pm **Second made by Alderwoman Peg Warnusz.**

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- Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward-**Yes**
- Alderwoman Alease Dailes-**Yes**
- Alderwoman Alicia Smith-**Yes**

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

ATTEST:


Simmie Ruffin-Hall, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on

