

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI
BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND MAYOR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY-MAY 2, 2024-7:30 PM**

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

PRESENT Mayor Dinah Tatman, City Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman, Recreation Director Marvin Crumer, Interim Police Chief(s) Major Timothy Sanders and Major Warren Willis, City Engineer Clayton Klein and City Clerk Semmie Ruffin-Hall.

Excused Absence(s) Director Of Finance Lori Lenz and City Treasurer Rick Rognan

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK-SEMMIE RUFFIN-HALL

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| ➤ Alderwoman Theresa Hester | Present |
| ➤ Alderman Wesley Gillispie | Present |
| ➤ Alderwoman Peg Warnusz | Present |
| ➤ Alderman Micheal Weise | Present |
| ➤ Alderman (President)James Thomas | Present |
| ➤ Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward | Present |
| ➤ Alderwoman Alease Dailes | Present |
| ➤ Alderwoman Alicia Smith | Present |

Eight Present/0-Absent-QUROUM was met.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-Motion by Alderwoman Theresa Hester for May 2, 2024 at 7:30pm; second Alderwoman Peg Warnusz. President Thomas **amended agenda to table C.O.R.E under New Business and the Laptop Policy which is under Old Business**, second by Alderwoman Dailes.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK FOR AGENDA TO BE AMENDED-Semmie Ruffin-Hall

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| ➤ Alderwoman Theresa Hester | Yes |
| ➤ Alderman Wesley Gillispie | Yes |
| ➤ Alderwoman Peg Warnusz | Yes |
| ➤ Alderman Micheal Weise | Yes |
| ➤ Alderman (President)James Thomas | Yes |
| ➤ Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward | (Did not call Harmon –Ward-Clerks Oversight) |

- Alderwoman Alease Dailes Yes
 - Alderwoman Alicia Smith Yes
- Seven Yes/Motion passed to amend Agenda.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES-

- **Pulled from April 22, 2024 (\$2,817.94) Motion by Alderwoman Alicia Smith to table;** second by Alderwoman Dailes.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK TO TABLE INVOICES FROM APRIL 22, 2024 (\$2,817.94)-Semmie Rufin-Hall

- Alderwoman Theresa Hester Yes
- Alderman Wesley Gillispie Yes
- Alderwoman Peg Warnusz Yes
- Alderman Micheal Weise No
- Alderman (President)James Thomas Yes
- Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward **(Did not call Harmon –Ward-Clerks Oversight)**
- Alderwoman Alease Dailes Yes
- Alderwoman Alicia Smith Yes

7- Yes/Motion passed to table invoices for April 22, 2024 (\$2,817.94)

- **APRIL 17-APRIL 30, 2024 (\$45,477.52) Motion by Alderman Micheal Wiese;** second by Alderman Wesley Gillespi.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK TO TABLE INVOICES FROM APRIL 17,-APRIL 30,2024 (\$45,477.52) -Semmie Rufin-Hall

- Alderwoman Theresa Hester Yes
- Alderman Wesley Gillispie Yes
- Alderwoman Peg Warnusz Yes
- Alderman Micheal Weise Yes
- Alderman (President)James Thomas Yes
- Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward **(Did not call Harmon –Ward-Clerks Oversight)**
- Alderwoman Alease Dailes Yes
- Alderwoman Alicia Smith No

6 -Yes/1-No Motion passed to pay invoices for April 17, 2024 –April 30, 2024 (\$45,477.52).

DISCUSSION 3 MINUTES AND VOTE Board Member(s) Appointments for Parks & Recreation. Motion by Alderwoman Smith; second by Alderwoman Hester to table until next meeting.

• **Parks & Recreation**

*Barbara West

*Judy Mantych

- *Tina Fitcher
- *Kathy Endorf
- *Dave Cross
- *Linda Boyle

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

- Alderwoman Theresa Hester Yes
- Alderman Wesley Gillispie Yes
- Alderwoman Peg Warnusz Yes
- Alderman Micheal Weise Yes
- Alderman (President)James Thomas Yes
- Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward Yes
- Alderwoman Alease Dailes Yes
- Alderwoman Alicia Smith Yes

8- Yes- Motion passed for To Table Parks & Rec. Appointments until next meeting.

Commission Board Member(s) Appointments for Youth Commisson. Motion by President Thomas; second by Alderman Gillespi.

• **Youth Commission**

- *Tina Wright
- *Sylvia White
- * Hycinth Vincent

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- Alderwoman Alicia Smith Abstain
- Alderman Alease Dailes No
- Alderman (President)James Thomas Yes
- Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward (Internet connection lost)
- Alderman Michael Wiese Yes
- Alderwoman Peg Warnusz Yes
- Alderman Wesley Gillespi Yes
- Alderwoman Theresa Hester Yes

5-Yes/1-Abstain/1-No-Motion passed for Youth Commisson Board.

Commission Board Member(s) Appointments for Public Saftey. Motion by Alderwoman Hester; second by Alderman Gillespi. (Alderwoman Hester can not serve as the representative of this commission the members will pick their own chair and vice chair)

• **Public Safety Commission**

- *John M. Rueckert
- *Susan Berck
- *Bryant Nelson
- *Claudia Harris

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

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| ➤ Alderwoman Alicia Smith | Abstain |
| ➤ Alderwoman Alease Dailes | No |
| ➤ Alderman (President)James Thomas | Yes |
| ➤ Alderman Micheal Weise | Yes |
| ➤ Alderwoman Peg Warnusz | Yes |
| ➤ Alderman Wesley Gillispie | Yes |
| ➤ Alderwoman Theresa Hester | Yes |
| ➤ Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward | (Not Feeling Well) |

Yes/1-Abstain/1-No-Motion

Commission Board Member(s) Appointments for Planning and Zoning. Motion by AldermanWiese; second by Alderwoman Warnusz

• **Planning & Zoning**

*** Alderman Michael Weise Aldermanic Representative.**

- *Patrick Barret
- *Leo Gordon
- *Greg White
- *Stephanie Royal
- *Rhodia Taylor
- *Roy Ross

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

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| ➤ Alderwoman Alicia Smith | Abstain |
| ➤ Alderwoman Alease Dailes | Yes |
| ➤ Alderman (President)James Thomas | Yes |
| ➤ Alderman Micheal Weise | Yes |
| ➤ Alderwoman Peg Warnusz | Yes |
| ➤ Alderman Wesley Gillispie | Yes |
| ➤ Alderwoman Theresa Hester | Yes |
| ➤ Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward | (Not Feeling Well) |

6-Yes/1-Abstain/-Motion passed for Planning and Zoning Board

Commission Board Member(s) Appointments for Human Relations. Motion by Alderman Gillespie; second by Alderwoman Hester

• **Human Relations**

- * Carla Hudson

* James Harris

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

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| ➤ Alderwoman Alicia Smith | Abstain |
| ➤ Alderwoman Alease Dailes | No |
| ➤ Alderman (President)James Thomas | Yes |
| ➤ Alderman Micheal Weise | Yes |
| ➤ Alderwoman Peg Warnusz | Yes |
| ➤ Alderman Wesley Gillispie | Yes |
| ➤ Alderwoman Theresa Hester | Yes |
| ➤ Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward | (Not Feeling Well) |

5-Yes/1-Abstain/1-No-Motion passed for Human Relations Board.

DISCUSSION 3 MINUTES AND VOTE- BILL NO. 2686- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CTY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS WITH CRWILLIAMS & ASSOCIATES LLC FOR AUDIT SERVICES. (Alderwoman Peg Warnusz).

Alderwoman Hester made motion to **discuss and vote on Bill #2686**. Alderwoman Dailes-seconded.

1st Read-Alderwoman Warusz

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

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| ➤ Alderwoman Alicia Smith | Yes |
| ➤ Alderwoman Alease Dailes | Yes |
| ➤ Alderman (President)James Thomas | Yes |
| ➤ Alderman Micheal Weise | Yes |
| ➤ Alderwoman Peg Warnusz | Yes |
| ➤ Alderman Wesley Gillispie | Yes |
| ➤ Alderwoman Theresa Hester | Yes |
| ➤ Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward | (Not Feeling Well) |

7-Yes--Motion passed for 1st Read

2nd Read-Alderwoman Warusz-President Thomas-seconded for

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

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| ➤ Alderwoman Alicia Smith | Yes |
| ➤ Alderwoman Alease Dailes | Yes |
| ➤ Alderman (President)James Thomas | Yes |
| ➤ Alderman Micheal Weise | Yes |

- Alderwoman Peg Warnusz Yes
- Alderman Wesley Gillispie Yes
- Alderwoman Theresa Hester Yes
- Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward (Not Feeling Well)

7-Yes--Motion passed for 2nd Read. Bill #2686 will become Ordinance #2659-A if and when the Mayor signs. It.

DISCUSSION 5 MINUTES AND VOTE- BFN HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Alderwoman Dailes motioned to **discuss and Vote on BFN in the \$1,036,689.21 from ARPA.** Seconded by President Thomas. Mayor Tatman vacated her seat to join in the discussion and President Thomas took over. Time was at 5 minutes and President Thomas asked that a motion be made to increase time to 3 minutes. Alderwoman Hester motioned and seconded by Alderwoman Warnusz and Alderman Gillespi./President Thomas called for an all in favor. Members of the Board present stated yes.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK Vote To Adopt The BFN Home Improvement Program

- Alderwoman Alicia Smith Yes
- Alderwoman Alease Dailes Yes
- Alderman (President)James Thomas Yes
- Alderman Micheal Weise Yes
- Alderwoman Peg Warnusz Yes
- Alderman Wesley Gillispie Yes
- Alderwoman Theresa Hester Abstain
- Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward (Not Feeling Well)

6-Yes/1-Abstain. Motion passed to Adopt BFN Home Improvement Program.

DISCUSSION 3 MINUTES AND VOTE- LAPTOP POLICY.-TABLED UNITL NEXT MEETING.

DISCUSSION 7 MINUTES AND VOTE – APPROVING ALLOCATION OF ARPA FUNDS.

No motion made for the remaining ARPA Funds. Motion failed.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION - 3 MINUTES BOARD OF ALDERMAN PRESIDENT.

Alderwoman Dailes nominated James W. Thomas, Sr. –Ward 3. Seconded by Alderwoman Smith.

ROLL CALL- NOMINATION OF JAMES W THOMAS, SR FOR BOARD PRESIDENT

- Alderwoman Alicia Smith Yes
- Alderwoman Alease Dailes Yes
- Alderman (President)James Thomas Yes

- Alderman Micheal Weise Yes
- Alderwoman Peg Warnusz No
- Alderman Wesley Gillispie No
- Alderwoman Theresa Hester No
- Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward (Not Feeling Well)

Alderwoman Hester nominated Wesley Gillespi –Ward 1. Seconded by Alderwoman Warnusz.

ROLL CALL- NOMINATION OF WESLEY GILLESPI FOR BOARD PRESIDENT

- Alderwoman Alicia Smith No
- Alderwoman Alease Dailes No
- Alderman (President)James Thomas No
- Alderman Micheal Weise Yes
- Alderwoman Peg Warnusz Yes
- Alderman Wesley Gillispie Yes
- Alderwoman Theresa Hester Yes
- Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward (Not Feeling Well)

Vote for Alderman President was at a stale mate, will take vote again at next meeting.

DISCUSSION 5 MINUTES AND VOTE-PARTNERSHIP WITH C.O.R.E – HEALTH AND VACCINATION BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT. **TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.**

DISCUSSION 3 MINUTES AND SETTING UP A NEW MOSIP ACCOUNT-

President Thomas motioned to put \$750,00.00 into a New Mosip Account.-Seconded by Alderwoman Warnusz.

ROLL CALL- FOR \$750,000.00 TO BE PUT IN A NEW MOSIP ACCOUNT.

- Alderwoman Alicia Smith Yes
- Alderwoman Alease Dailes Yes
- Alderman (President)James Thomas Yes
- Alderman Micheal Weise Yes
- Alderwoman Peg Warnusz Yes
- Alderman Wesley Gillispie Yes
- Alderwoman Theresa Hester Yes
- Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward (Not Feeling Well)

7-Yes. Motion passes to set up new Mosip Account with \$750,000.00

DISCUSSION 3 MINUTES AND VOTE TREE REMOVAL BIDS—President Thomas motioned.-Seconded by Alderwoman Warnusz.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

- Alderwoman Alicia Smith Yes
- Alderwoman Alease Dailes Yes
- Alderman (President) James Thomas Yes
- Alderman Micheal Weise Yes
- Alderwoman Peg Warnusz Yes
- Alderman Wesley Gillispie Yes
- Alderwoman Theresa Hester Yes
- Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward (Not Feeling Well)

7-Yes-Motion passes for tree removal bids.

ADJOURNMENT-Alderwoman Dailes motioned to adjourned.-seconded by Hester. All members present-Yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:57pm.

ATTEST: SEMMIE RUFFIN-HALL
Semmie Ruffin-Hall-City Clerk

APPROVED BY BOA: 07-18-24