

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024
7:30 pm**

CALL TO ORDER: Zeb Wagner
PLEDGE & INVOCATION:
ROLL CALL: Springs *First Chair*
Aler
Baker
Davis
Fitzpatrick - absent
James
Reser *Minister*

Motion to excuse the absence of Mrs. Fitzpatrick moved by Springs, seconded by James V Ayes

SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES: Moved by Springs, seconded by James V Ayes

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: none

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mayor - Safety forces worked this weekend and Monday for the eclipse event. Monday the Parks Department and other city employees as well. They were here and everything went off without a hitch. Thankful for the good employees in our city.

S/SD - Glad the eclipse was over and also glad it happened. Expresses gratitude and appreciation for safety forces and all others who took part. Thanks the DBP and others for all the effort for the community and out of town visitors. Great event and thanks to them.
Attended Morsey Northwest Region event last week.
Today, along with Heather Feasel, met with our insurance broker for a first quarter update.
Amber Palmer, new Code Enforcement Officer, started last week and is doing well.

Law - The County Board of Elections certified their results. From the city's perspective the next Council meeting will see the ordinance that was approved by the voters to make permanent the increase of income tax for purposes of the parks.

Auditor - The Audit for 2023 financials has begun. The Auditors will plan on being here all next week. All should have received an email from Julian and Grube with a fraud and related party questionnaire. Questions answered.

Police Chief - The evening of the tornado the department went to assist along with many of our city partners. There were twenty plus that showed up to assist. We supplemented patrol for a little over a week with the Sheriffs office, Russels Point and Washington Township Police through the following Sunday. All went well. The eclipse ran in two 12 hour shifts. No issues. Nice crowds. Nothing significant with traffic. Worked with Mr. Dodds and Mr. Brentlinger to shore up another position for the police department. Two candidates did really well and put themselves above anyone on the existing list. The number one spot was Jade Sheeley, a Champaign County Sheriff's Deputy for the past 5-6 years. A job was offered to her and she went through all the remaining steps and processes and will be sworn in on May 3rd. She will begin May 19th. Mid June she should begin as an individual patrol officer.

Fire Chief - No report
Engineer- Not present
Parks & Rec- Not present
Economic Dev- DPB and volunteers did an incredible job with the eclipse event. Things were a little slower than expected on Saturday and Sunday but Monday made it all worthwhile.
Three sites remain in the Site Ohio Program, Job Ohio Site Certification Program. The three sites that made it through are Peak Industrial Park, the property at the corner of 32 and 47 and Link Industrial Park. On Thursday, September 12th. 2:30 and 4:30 there will be a site visit from Jobs Ohio and their consultant for a mock site visit. The afternoon will be open to our community leaders and elected officials to get an education from Jobs Ohio and insight on site selection.
Recent report concerning housing in the Columbus region from the Building Industry Association shows that in 2023 the Columbus Region was down 17% from the prior year. Total number of homes built was

approximately 10-12,000. To keep pace with population growth we should see building of 14-19,000 per year. As part of the Columbus Region we are starting to see housing opportunity here and encourage Council to continue to be supportive of that.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- Finance –** Explained the ordinances/resolution on the agenda
- Rules -** Explained the ordinances on the agenda
- Safety -** No report
- Utilities -** The City of Piqua Report, which was previously the Oakwood Report, is in and Bellefontaine remains on the low end of water and sewer rates at 6th out of 66. They have added tap fees and Bellefontaine is 3rd out of 66.
President Wagner requests a copy of the report.
- Streets -** No report
- Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks -**No report
- Audit –** No report

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS: Andrea Rockledge, 6254 St. Rt. 540, DPB President, here to thank the city for the manpower and help for the Eclipse Event. Many positive comments were made. A lot of sales were generated for downtown businesses as well.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING

- R24-31 A. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TWO NEW ACCOUNTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT #2 FUND AND THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT. **FINANCE**
Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by Aler V Ayes
- 24-32 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND FIRE CHIEF TO ISSUE A PROMISSORY NOTE FROM FUND 410 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT #2 TO FUND 610 WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**
3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Aler V Ayes
Passage-
Adoption-
- 24-33 C. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF CAPITAL FUND, CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, WASTEWATER LOAN REPAYMENT AND LOAN TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT #2 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**
3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Springs V Ayes
Passage-
Adoption-
- 24-34 D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR FIRE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SUTPHEN FOR THE PURCHASE OF A HEAVY DUTY CUSTOM PUMPER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**
3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Aler V Ayes
Passage-
Adoption-

24-35 E. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR TO DISPOSE OF A 1995 SMEAL LADDER TRUCK THROUGH GOVDEAL.COM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Springs V Ayes
Passage-
Adoption-

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

24-26 A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1133.02, ACCESSORY BUILDINGS IN R DISTRICTS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, ADDING SECTION 1133.02(g) TEMPORARY STORAGE CONTAINERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **RULES**

3RR- Moved by James, seconded by Aler V Ayes
Passage-
Adoption-

24-27 B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1127, ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATIONS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, ADDING 1127.09 FEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **RULES**

3RR- Moved by James, seconded by Aler V Ayes
Passage-
Adoption-

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: none

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: none

ADJOURNMENT – 7:55 pm moved by Springs, seconded by Aler

Bonnie Hosier, Clerk of Council

Zeb Wagner, President of Council