

BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017
7:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER: David Henry
PLEDGE & INVOCATION: Lile *First Chair*
Springs
Wagner
Baker
DeSomma
Hadley
Hager *Minister All Present*

SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES: Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS:

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mayor - Resolution 17-11 will be added to the agenda concerning opposition to the Governor’s proposal for centralized collection of municipal income taxes. The state takeover of collection of municipal income taxes would affect Bellefontaine and municipalities of all sizes.
A three year agreement has been signed for the aggregated electric rate of 5.29 cents. Working forward on gas aggregation for continued savings. Ms. Stratton is working on how citizens will be able to sign up for all who want to take advantage of this aggregated electric rate.
Paying of utility bills with a credit/debit card is now available for citizens as well.
Mr. Everson, owner of Shady Lane, will be here in two weeks concerning Ordinance 17-09 and he has expressed his gratitude on this consideration.
Young Professionals members met this evening to visit businesses and share ideas.
The Holland Theatre has reached out to the city concerning a grant from the Jefferies Foundation in the amount of \$430,000.00 if matched by the Theatre with \$430,000.00. The County Commissioners have committed to \$50,000.00 over three years and have challenged the City to match their commitment.
The cannon was used Monday thru Friday last week and was effective in moving the buzzards to another location away from the Whispering Pines area.

President Henry officially adds Resolution 17-11 to the agenda. The 48 Hour Notifications Suspension Rule will be needed.

S/SD - Thanks the Fire Department for their help in retraining the buzzards.
Law - No report
Auditor - No report
Police Chief - Absent
Fire Chief - No report
Engineer- The Main Street water line should be completed by the next Council meeting. Paving will then move forward. Appreciates all the patience involved in this project.
Tax Dept- Absent
Utility Dept- Online payment of utilities is now available. Log onto the city website and access the utility tab portal for easy set up of an account and to show current balance, water consumption use and check billing information. Questions are answered.
Parks & Rec- Absent
Economic Dev- Absent
DP&L- No report
Shade Tree- Year end report is given, including the tree steward training certifications, planting of 78 trees and completion of tree inventories. Commends the Street Department for help in planting the trees. Logged 568 volunteer hours. Thanks Wes Dodds for setting up a web page on the Parks and Rec site. A second tree steward program is now running. The Tree City Banquet will be on April 19th. Russ Miller, Jubilee Partners, will be screening a documentary, on Arbor Day at 7:30 pm at the Holland Theatre. A \$5.00 donation will be collected. Participation taking place with the United Way and also at the Farmers Market. Signage for trees in the parks will be added. Questions answered.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- Rules -** No report
- Finance -** Explained ordinances and resolution on the agenda. Handed out minutes from the Park Board Meeting (copy att to Clerk’s official minutes)
- Utilities -** The Utility Committee will meet on March 23rd at 8:00 am in Council Chambers
- Safety -** No report
- Streets -** Explained ordinance on the agenda.
- Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks –**No report
- Audit -** No report

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING

Motion to waive the 48 Hour Notification Suspension Rule moved by Baker, seconded by DeSomma V All Ayes

- 17-11 A. A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE GOVERNOR’S PROPOSAL FOR CENTRALIZED COLLECTION OF NET PROFIT TAX RETURNS AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX WHICH WILL CAUSE A SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF REVENUE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO.

FINANCE

Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by Wagner V All Ayes

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

- 17-09 A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED AND A PERPETUAL EASEMENT FROM EVERSON ENTERPRISES II LLC FOR SHADY LANE DRIVE IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO FOR PUBLIC STREET, RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENT PURPOSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO.

STREET

3RR - Moved by Hadley, seconded by Lile V All Ayes

Passage -
Adoption –

- 17-10 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENGAGE THE LAW FIRM OF VORYS, SATER, SEYMOUR AND PEASE LLP TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO DEVELOPING NEW COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREAS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO.

FINANCE

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

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

17-05 A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO ONE OR MORE CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE BACKHOE FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND ONE SKID STEER FOR THE WASTE WATER DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

Adoption – Moved by Baker, seconded by Hadley V All Ayes

17-08 B. AN ORDINANCE MAKING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by DeSomma V All Ayes

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: none

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: Mr. Hadley asks for a moment of silence for Eileen Mitsch
President Henry reminds all who are going to the Sunshine Laws Seminar on Thursday, March 16th.

ADJOURNMENT-8:06 pm

Bonnie Campbell, Clerk of Council

David Henry, President of Council