

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017  
7:30 pm**

**HEARING – 7:00 PM**      **To discuss changes to the Display Signs and Outdoor Advertising Chapter, Specifically 1185.15 (d) (1) concerning attached signs.**

The Planning Commission met on February 7<sup>th</sup> and voted to recommend to Council to remove language from the ordinances that prohibit signs from projecting outward from walls at right angles. The Rules Committee had no objections but suggest that owner responsibility be added for removal of signs if and when a business goes out of business. Mr. Notestine states that this is already in the language. The Mayor adds that only a very few businesses would actually use these types of signs due to the expense. All signs are based on approval of the City Engineer. A State approved permit is also required.  
No one present to object to the changes.

<b>CALL TO ORDER:</b>	David Henry	
<b>PLEDGE &amp; INVOCATION:</b>	Springs	<i>First Chair</i>
		Wagner
	Baker	
	DeSomma	
	Hadley	
	Hager	
	Lile	<i>Minister</i> <b>All Present</b>

**SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES:** Moved by Hager, seconded by Hadley  
**CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS:** none  
**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

**Mayor -** Mayor Stahler drafted a letter to citizens explaining the aggregation of electric rates. The letter should be received within the week. Gas rate aggregation will follow.  
“Doors of Encouragement” are on display throughout downtown for the next month.  
Encourages  
all to take a walk through town to see these works of art.

**S/SD -** absent

**Law -** Wishes a Happy Birthday to Chief Standley

**Auditor -** The State Audit process has begun and consists of a four member audit team.

**Police Chief -** The IRS phone scam is alive and well. Reminds all citizens that the IRS will not call your home or threaten you. A security company scam is also going on. Warns citizens to be aware.  
With warmer weather comes more and more bicyclists. Asks that all citizens use caution and awareness as reports of distracted driving have been putting bicycles in the ditch. The law states that a 3 foot clearance be given to bicycles and encourages all to share the road.  
Warm weather means more children are out and about also.

**Fire Chief -** No report

**Engineer-** Along with Mr. Levan, Mr. Notestine reports that paving will begin tomorrow through Thursday on the South Main Street project. A situation occurred at 5<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Bank that caused the business to be without water after all the mains were reconnected. Mr. Notestine thanks Mr. Levan and the efforts of his crew to reinstate and rectify the problem.

**Tax Dept-** RITA was in Council Chambers today to help citizens with their taxes. A turn out of 58 residents attended. The RITA representatives were very positive with the outcome. Ms. Stevens thanks the Examiner and WPKO staff for getting the RITA tax session information out to the public.  
Ms. Stevens reminds all that taxes are due by April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Utility Dept-** absent

**Economic Dev-** absent  
**DP&L-** absent

*Mayor Stahler asks that the Boy Scouts, who are in attendance at this evenings meeting, introduce themselves. They are Jaden Marshall, Seth Taylor and Devon Marshall.*

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Rules -** A letter was received by the Clerk stating that all Liquor Licenses will expire on June 1, 2017. Any renewals that come in will be presented before Council for consideration.  
**Finance -** Explained ordinance on the agenda.  
**Utilities -** Tree City Banquet will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Bellefontaine will be receiving a growth award. The Utility Committee met on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 am in Council Chambers. Topics discussed included utility rates, no increase at this time and refuse contract renewal. Explained ordinance on the agenda.  
**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**

17-12 A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUESTS FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVICES NECESSARY TO COMPLETE A WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO.

**UTILITIES**

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

**2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING**

**3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD 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**

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

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**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK:** none

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL:** The Allenwood Project was discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT-**7:50 pm

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Bonnie Campbell, Clerk of Council

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David Henry, President of Council