

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023
7:30 pm**

CALL TO ORDER: Zeb Wagner
PLEDGE & INVOCATION:
ROLL CALL: Springs *First Chair*
Aler
Baker
DeSomma
James
Lile
Reser *Minister*

SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES: Moved by Springs, seconded by James V All Ayes
CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: none
ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mayor - Congratulations to Wes and Katie Dodds who had a son on Saturday, Wyatt Randall.
The Planning Commission met with no agenda but to review future plans.
The 2nd annual Downtown Clean-up is planned for Friday the 21st. Let Mayor Stahler know if interested. It will include a t-shirt and lunch will also be provided.
Tomorrow we are swearing in police officer Savarra Crabtree. She will be the 2nd female officer in the department.
The list of the 14 condemned properties demolition process has started.

S/SD - Not present
Law - No report
Auditor - No report
Police Chief - Took possession of the new cruiser. The city garage has the cruiser now. Maybe 2-3 weeks to be completed.
Savarra Crabtree will be sworn into the department tomorrow.
Radio console issue is being resolved.
The Body Worn Camera grant is being finalized and will provide one body cam per officer.
Main Street will be closed for the After Prom Crawl on Saturday, April 15th. Police presence will be there to help out.

Fire Chief - No report
Engineer- Spoke to Ordinance 23-19 concerning the annual resurfacing project that is on the agenda this evening.
Parks & Rec- No report
Economic Dev- Attended a meeting this morning with school superintendents across the county. Collaboration is good between schools. We are very fortunate with schools that have high standards. Many Positive remarks were shared. The biggest challenges faced are mental health. Questions answered.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance – Explained ordinances and resolutions on the agenda.
Motion to remove Resolution R23-18 and Ordinance 23-20 moved by Baker, seconded by Aler V All Ayes
Rules - Explained ordinance on the agenda.
Safety - No report
Utilities - No report
Streets - No report
Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks – No report
Audit – No report

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS: Diana Fessler, 4th Ward B, 413 Woodside Place, Bellefontaine, retired member of the House of Representatives and currently serving on the State Board of Education. Presented Council with a

hand out (att to clerk’s official minutes). Here with complaints including the governing body of the city enabling immorality to go unchecked through silence, letting a business remain open despite State Fire Marshal’s determination that the building is a fire hazard, receiving advice and counsel on issues of morality from the statutory agent of the business devoted to showcasing immortality and failing to notice how other states Constitutionally limit “adult entertainment”. Also concern for Council to be more judicious when designating a resolution an emergency.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING

23-19 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO SEEK PROPOSALS AND/OR ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE SELECTED CONTRACTOR AND/OR BIDDERS FOR THE 2023 STREET PAVING AND RESURFACING PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

23-21 D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY AUDITOR TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A \$5,000 CONTRIBUTION TO THE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR ITS NEW FOOD PANTRY PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

23-12 A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR POLICE CHIEF TO ACCEPT A \$5,000 GRANT AWARD FROM WAL-MART AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

23-13 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR FIRE CHIEF TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A \$3,000 GRANT AWARD FROM WAL-MART AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

23-14 C. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING UPDATES TO THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **RULES**

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: Reminder that there will be a hearing at the April 25th meeting at 7:00 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: none

ADJOURNMENT – 8:02 pm moved by James, seconded by Desomma

Bonnie Campbell, Clerk of Council

Zeb Wagner, President of Council

* Technical difficulties occurred with the recording device for this meeting.