

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023
7:30 pm**

HEARING – 7:00 PM – Matt Robinson of Robinson Investments LTD, 1 Hunter Place, is requesting a change of zone from the current zoning of an R3, Multi Family Residence District to a B3 General Business District for parcel #'s 17-077-20-06-003-000 and 17-077-20-06-004-000 located at the intersection of North Main Street and Reynolds Avenue and extend from Main to Lafayette.

Dr Chris Gamble, 108 N. Main here to ask about the plan for this property. His property is downwind of this and he is concerned about trash blowing onto his property. Mayor Stahler states that property is surrounded by R-1 and R-3. The city acknowledges zoning changes first and then plans for a particular business.

Wes Dodds, speaking for the Planning Commission, the vote was unanimous. Property is located at the intersection of Main and Reynolds. High traffic area.

Mickie Wuescher, 1015 N. Main St., concerned about the type of business. Has lived there since 2001 and has had problems with the Super 8 since it has been there. Lots of progress in the area, mostly good. Husband and she have a deep interest that something like Motel 8 not go in. Countless people come to their door at all times during the night ringing their door bell. They have fenced in around the front area with a gate. Some man opened the gate and came in. They have installed 11 cameras and 2 ring door bells. Countless times people have been outside on their property. Fearful that the crime will increase. Would like to find out the type of business before it goes in and would ask if Council has any say as to what the plans for the property are.

President Wagner states it is a proposal to change the zoning classification. If the use fits the classification, the property owner can put a business there or he could sell it to someone after the zoning change as long as it fits within the zoning classification.

Mayor Stahler states that an upscale hotel is a possibility. Not a Super 8. Suggests that she should call the police department with issues of people on the property. Request from the owner is to be a business property.

CALL TO ORDER:

Zeb Wagner

PLEDGE & INVOCATION:

ROLL CALL:

Aler	<i>First Chair</i>	
Baker		
DeSomma		
James		
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Springs	<i>Minister</i>	All present

SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES: Moved by Springs, seconded by Aler

V All Ayes

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: none

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mayor - Held a meeting with neighbors in Pent Bines concerned about the buzzard problem. US Fish and Wildlife Service along with our Logan County Wildlife Services were there to offer alternatives and solutions. Great volunteer effort for the 2nd Annual Downtown Clean-up, 100 volunteers gave up their morning. There will be a swearing in ceremony on Friday at 1 pm for two police officers. Two of our officers left to go to Marysville, and they have requested to come back. The department will be at full staff on Friday.

The process continues to name the permanent Chief of Police. Meeting with a rep that will offer assessment for candidates and with Civil Service.

S/SD - Thanks for excuse of absence. Thanks for the baby outfit and blankets gift from Council. Stormwater project at Madriver has been completed. Moving on the to the West Street project with new sidewalks and curbs. Engineering delivered letters to homes in the area concerning street closures. Levans estimate 6 weeks to complete the project.

Paving for 2023 is going out to bid this week. Second week of May will open bids.

Law - Not present
Auditor - Not present
Police Chief - In addition to swearing in on Friday, the department held the swearing in for Savarra Crabtree on the 23rd.
 In the process of retro fitting the new cruiser.
 Placed the order for the 2nd half of body worn cameras. This will provide cameras for all officers.
Fire Chief - Received results from judging by ISO in the fall. Results were a 4 and 4x, same category.
 Fire insurance premiums see a direct correlation to these results.
Engineer- Not present
Parks & Rec- Not present
Economic Dev- No report

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance – Explained the resolution and ordinance on the agenda. Attended the Tree City Recognition with 2 other committee members where we received the Growth Award and the Tree City Award.
 Also attended a Tree Trimming Workshop on Friday with a city employee.

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:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING

R23-22 A. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR PARKS SUPERINTENDENT TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A BWC SAFETY INTERVENTION GRANT FOR PURPOSES OF PURCHASING AN AUTOMATED FIELD LINING MACHINE. **FINANCE**

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

23-23 B. AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF 929 AND 933 N. MAIN STREET FROM R-3, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, TO B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP. **RULES**

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

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

23-21 A. 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-
Passage-
Adoption-

Moved by Baker, seconded by DeSomma

V All Ayes

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: Read a letter from the Autumn Woods Condominium Unit Owner's Association (copy att to clerk's official minutes, copy to Mrs. James, Safety Chair, Administration and Police Chief) *President Wagner assigns this to Mrs. James and the Safety Committee.*

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: none

ADJOURNMENT – 7:45 pm moved by Lile, seconded by DeSomma

Bonnie Campbell, Clerk of Council

Zeb Wagner, President of Council