

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020
7:30 pm**

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

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

Mayor - The E. Sandusky bids are back for the road widening, water lines and storm sewers. The lowest bid came in at 7% above the estimate.
The cancellation of the bicentennial event was due to news headlines showing that Corona Virus is on the rise. Dr. Hoddinott reports cases in Logan County are up to 71 with 7 hospitalizations. With four of the seven criteria having been met to show Logan County going red it is not advisable to have a public event. Two DORA events are on schedule with the vintage race cars at Mad River Mountain. The cars will be on display on Chillicothe Ave. The First Friday Event next weekend will also be a DORA event. Police Department reports that the Community Safety Event was very successful.
Finance Committee meeting discussed using Cares Act dollars to add video equipment to Council Chambers for future meetings.
A Bicentennial Tree has been ordered with a \$200 donation from Rotary and \$200 donation from Kiwanis to cover the cost of the tree. A ceremonial planting with Jason Robson, Rotary President and Scottie Elliott, Kiwanis President will take place. Invites City Council to be present to witness the event and take part in a photo op.
Asks President Wagner for a vote on appointments for Colton Lawry to the Civil Service Commission and Joe Antram to the Chairman of the Shade Tree Commission.

Motion to appoint Colton Lawry to a 3 year term of the Civil Service Commission moved by Springs, seconded by Reser V All Ayes
Motion to appoint Joe Antram to Chairman of the Shade Tree Commission moved by Baker, seconded by Springs V All Ayes

S/SD - absent
Law - Confirmation has been received from the Bond Council that they have received all necessary paper work to fund the new bond refinancing. Closing is set for the first week of September. They are waiting for funds to be placed in escrow, then they will re-issue and save the city money.
Asks for President Wagner to assign two issues to Rules Committee for consideration and review. A matter brought to Wes Dodds concerning above ground pool language in city ordinance has conflicting language for height and use. Details will be provided by the Law Director. *President Wagner assigns to Mr. Kurtz and the Rules Committee.*
A matter brought to attention by the City Prosecutor regarding potential conflict of a city and state ordinance. Direct contact with the City Prosecutor will be provided. *President Wagner assigns to Mr. Kurtz and the Rules Committee.*

Auditor - The Audit Office has been busy with the Cares Act money allocation and usage and with budget planning. Defers to Mrs. James the report of the audit released by the Auditor of State.

Police Chief - absent
Fire Chief - absent
Engineer- absent
Code Enf- absent

Parks & Rec- absent
Economic Dev- absent

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance- Explained ordinances/resolution on the agenda
Rules- No report
Safety - No report
Utilities - No report
Streets - Explained resolution on the agenda.
Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks -No report
Audit – Auditor of State has released the audit. A copy may be viewed at the Auditor of State website and also at the city website.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS: none

Jason Duff, Bellefontaine Ohio Properties, speaks to Resolution R20-56, detailing plans for improvements in the public right of way for the Flying Pepper Restaurant and Build Space on W. Columbus Ave. Highlighting positive points include the success of outdoor dining during COVID, additional dining is a covered outdoor space, huge amenity for downtown, support from the Planning Commission. A rendering was provided to Council by email. Asking for support of the resolution. Questions answered.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING

- 20-53 A. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE COUNTY CORONAVIRUS RELIEF DISTRIBUTION FUND FOR PURPOSES OR GENERAL FUND (FIRE, POLICE & MISCELLANEOUS), AND AMBULANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**
- 3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Springs V All Ayes
 Passage- Moved by Baker, seconded by Springs V All Ayes
 Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by Springs V All Ayes
- 20-54 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR POLICE CHIEF TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT AN OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY ARMOR PROGRAM GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**
- 3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Springs V All Ayes
 Passage-
 Adoption-
- R20-55 C. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NEW REVENUE ACCOUNTS WITHIN GENERAL FUND (101) COURT (405), WATER (605) AND AMBULANCE (630). **FINANCE**
- Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by Springs V All Ayes
- R20-56 D. A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 20-10 PERMITTING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY LOCATED AT 137-141 W. COLUMBUS AVE., IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **STREETS**
- Adoption- Moved by DeSomma, seconded by James V All Ayes

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: none

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: Mr. Reser alerts all to the fact that he was diagnosed positive to COVID 19 and would urge all to take this seriously and wear masks and wash hands. President Wagner adds his thanks again to Kris Myers and the Mayor for their efforts in setting up remote council meetings, keeping all of us safe from being exposed to the spread of COVID.

President Wagner-A hearing for P Allan zoning request needs to be set. It must have 30 days to publish, so possibly plan for the October 13th meeting. A way to include the public at this hearing will be discussed with the Law Director and the Administration. Clerk will be contacted for publication of the hearing.

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

Bonnie Campbell, Clerk of Council

Zeb Wagner, President of Council