

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023
7:30 pm**

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

SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES: Moved by Springs, seconded by Aler V All Ayes

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: none

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mayor - Wishes all Happy Holidays. One final appointment for the year to Civil Service, Kelli Bader.
Motion to appoint Kelli Bader to Civil Service moved by James, seconded by Baker V All Ayes

Council has been a great group to work with and have really enjoyed it.

SSD Our Christmas Parade had great weather, great turn out. It was a good decision to reschedule it. A special thanks to our city crews, especially the Police Department, the Street Department for placing the barricades and the Fire Department and Water Department for their participation in the parade.

Thanks Councilman DeSomma and Councilman Lile. Pleasure to work with them and wishes them well.

Thanks all for a great year and looking forward to a lot of great work next year.

Law - Thanks our outgoing Mayor. It has been a pleasure working with him and thanks his leadership in hiring Mr. Dodds. Looking forward to working with Mayor Crissman going forward. Also thanks Mic and Pete for all of their work for the city.

Auditor - Reminds all that there is one last chance to take Sunshine Law Training on Thursday the 21st of December. It takes about 3 hours and is virtual on the Attorney Generals website. Sending an email reminder also. Great working with Council and appreciates working with Mic and Peter Looking forward to working with incoming Council and Mayor.

Police Chief - The Driving Simulator that took a catastrophic failure was able to receive a final donation thanks to Mr. Springs and Kiwanis members and we were able to order a new system. It has been ordered and hopefully will be up and running very quickly.

Thanks Mayor and the Administration for their support through 2023 and Merry Christmas.

Fire Chief - Not present

Engineer- No report

Parks & Rec- Youth basketball and wrestling participation is up for the year. We have rec programs and competition teams in both sports. Adaptive bowling program is kicking off this weekend with 20 registrants. Winter walking will begin on January 2nd Monday through Thursday at Bellefontaine Elementary from 6- 7:30 pm. Parks and Rec sponsored Letters to Santa Mailbox downtown. So far there have been 48 responses and ongoing.

Economic Dev- Thanks for those who attended the ED 411 event. Great partnership between the Chamber office, the city, the county and beyond. Positive things are happening in the region.

Reminds all while doing Christmas shopping to shop local. Lots of great gifts and services. Merry Christmas.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance – Explained resolution and ordinances on the agenda.

Rules - No report

Safety - Explained ordinance on the agenda

Utilities - 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

R23-88 A. A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING SUPPLEMENTAL INCOME TAXES IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, IN EXCESS OF ONE PERCENT FOR PURPOSES OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SAID QUESTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ELECTORS THEREOF. **FINANCE**

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

23-89 B. AN ORDINANCE VACATING THAT CERTAIN PUBLIC NORTH-SOUTH ALLEY BETWEEN LOTS 993, 994 AND 995 ON THE WEST AND LOT 992 ON THE EAST IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, LAKE TOWNSHIP, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO. **STREET**

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

Motion to waive the 48 Hour Notification Suspension Rule for Resolutions R23-90, R23-91 and R23-92 moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes

R23-90 C. A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO PETER DESOMMA, 3RD WARD BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DUTIFUL SERVICE AND ENDURING COMMITMENT TO THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

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

R23-91 D. A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO MICK LILE, 4TH WARD BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DUTIFUL SERVICE AND ENDURING COMMITMENT TO THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

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

R23-92 E. A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO BEN STAHLER, MAYOR, FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DUTIFUL SERVICE AND ENDURING COMMITMENT TO THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

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

Gifts to Mayor Stahler, Councilman DeSomma and Councilman Lile were given from Council.

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

23-86 A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MIAMI VALLEY LIGHTING, LLC OF DAYTON, OHIO FOR A FIVE-YEAR STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

23-87 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME UTILITY BILLING CLERK FOR THE CITY UTILITY’S OFFICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

23-67 A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 192 INCOME TAX OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

Adoption-	Moved by Baker, seconded by DeSomma	V All Ayes
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23-69 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR USE IN 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

Adoption-	Moved by Baker, seconded by DeSomma	V Ayes-James abstain re: affects family business
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23-70 C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ACCOUNT CLERK POSITION TO THE ASSISTANT DEPUTY AUDITOR POSITION FOR THE AUDITOR’S OFFICE OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

Adoption-	Moved by Baker, seconded by DeSomma	V All Ayes
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23-74 D. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION OF THE BELLEFONTAINE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

Adoption-	Moved by Baker, seconded by DeSomma	V All Ayes
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23-75 E. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, COUNCIL MEMBERS, CLERK OF COUNCIL, MAYOR, LAW DIRECTOR AND AUDITOR FOR 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

Adoption-	Moved by Baker, seconded by Springs	V All Ayes
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23-76 F. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2024 SERVICE WORKERS PAY ORDINANCE) **FINANCE**

Adoption-	Moved by Baker, seconded by DeSomma	V All Ayes
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23-77 G. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2024 CLERICAL WORKERS PAY ORDINANCE) **FINANCE**

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| | Adoption- | Moved by Baker, seconded by Springs | V All Ayes |
| 23-78 | H. | AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2024 SUPERVISORY WORKERS PAY ORDINANCE) | FINANCE |
| | Adoption- | Moved by Baker, seconded by DeSomma | V All Ayes |
| 23-80 | I. | AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OR POLICE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH FLOCK SAFETY FOR TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. | SAFETY |
| | Adoption- | Moved by James, seconded by DeSomma | V All Ayes |
| 23-83 | J. | AN ORDINANCE MAKING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. | FINANCE |
| | Adoption | Moved by Baker, seconded by DeSomma | V All Ayes |

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: You are all invited to celebrate a final farewell to Mayor Stahler on Wednesday, December 20 from 2-4:00 pm in Council Chambers.
 You are all welcome to the swearing in ceremony for Mayor Chrissman on Friday, December 22, 2023 at 3:00 pm in Council Chambers.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: Mr. DeSomma states that it has been an honor and pleasure working with all and expresses his appreciation for all the kindnesses.
 President Wagner expresses his gratitude to the Mayor, Mic and Peter for all their years of service to the City of Bellefontaine. Blessed that our community has had three very involved individuals. Thanks all for their many years of service.
 This is the last meeting of the year. The first meeting in January will have head shots available and group photo.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:07 pm moved by Lile, seconded by Desomma