

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022  
7:30 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Zeb Wagner

**PLEDGE & INVOCATION:**

**ROLL CALL:** DeSomma *First Chair*  
James  
Lile  
Reser  
Springs  
Aler  
Baker *Minister* All Present

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

**CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS:** none

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

**Mayor -** Press release (copy att to clerk’s official minutes) concerning the Fire Department applied for and received a SAFER Grant, through FEMA, which will enable the hiring of 3 new fire fighters. The grant pays for 100% of their salaries and is estimated at \$880,000.00 over the next 3 years. Candidates have been interviewed and will be sworn in/hired just into the new year.  
Mr. Dodds and Code Enforcement Officer Heather have been working on a state funded grant through the Logan County Land Bank resulting in \$500,000.00 granted, through the Ohio Department of Development, to Logan County for demolition of 37 properties (14 in Bellefontaine).  
Greetings sent from Suzuka. Attended a special ceremony to celebrate 80 years of community.  
Mr. Notestine has announced his retirement. The position has been offered to a Professional Civil Engineer who will begin in the new year. Celebration for Mr. Notestine will also take place in the new year.  
In the last two weeks new police officer Cody Reed was sworn in and will attend the police academy in January.  
Asks President Wagner and City Council for consideration of Tammy Gump and Jason Robson to the Board of Tax Review.

*Motion to approve the appointment of Tammy Gump to the Board of Tax Review moved by Aler, seconded by DeSomma  
V All Ayes*

*Motion to approve the appointment of Jason A. Robson to the Board of Tax Review moved by Reser, seconded by Aler  
V All Ayes*

**S/SD -** An accident involving a passenger vehicle and a semi tanker hauling milk at the intersection of Hayes and Sandusky. No serious injuries were involved but the semi did destroy the our traffic signal on the west side of Sandusky. Currently it is a 4 way stop with the other signals flashing red and using a portable signal in the west bound lane flashing red. Assessment was made today from a company that will get something in place as soon as possible. Lead time for a new pole is six months. In the meantime a pole from Colton Ave. may work as a temporary solution. Working to get addressed as quick as possible. Thanks the Fire Department and Police Department for their work that evening.  
Ohio Tech Cred reimbursement has been received from the state. Another application is out for other employees to receive additional training paid for through the state.  
Appreciation expressed for the Land Bank for directing money to the city for demolition of properties. Will send a link to Council with the State’s press release that has all properties listed for Logan County. This is out for bid now with the bids due back January 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Attended Economic Development 411 Conference in Columbus. City was well represented

**Law -** Not present

**Auditor -** The Auditors Office has been busy monitoring each department’s spending. Overall, most are doing well. News from 2021 Audit, will defer to Mr. Aler.

**Police Chief -** Not present

**Fire Chief -** Not present

**Engineer-** No report  
**Parks & Rec-** Not present  
**Economic Dev-** Not present

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Finance –** Explained ordinances on the agenda. Mr. Holycross attended Finance Committee meeting this evening representing the Bellefontaine Hospitality, LLC concerning the CRA request. The committee will discuss this further in the new year.

**Rules -** No report

**Safety -** Explained ordinance on the agenda

**Utilities -** No report

**Streets -** Explained ordinance on the agenda

**Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks -**Attended the Bellefontaine Joint Rec meeting. They are starting the walking program in the schools. Planted 18 trees in the city in the last two weeks. Mr. Feasel has resigned from Camp Myeerah. Recognized and thanked Karen Brady for 22 years of service.

**Audit –** The 2021 audit was completed and submitted to the Auditor of State. AOS performed a review and accepted without modifications on Friday. AOS will certify and release in the next 2 weeks. Thanks Mr. Brentlinger and his staff for their diligence in completing the audit.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:** Mr. Tim Notestine here to express his thanks for putting up with him for the 34 ½ years. Been a pleasure to work for the city. Encourages Council to continue to do your best for our town.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING**

**2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING**

- 22-85 A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR AND FIRE CHIEF TO APPLY AND ACCEPT A STATE FIRE MARSHALLS MARCS GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**
- 3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes  
 Passage- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes  
 Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes
- 22-86 B. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR 2023 COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, COUNCIL MEMBERS, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LAW DIRECTOR, TREASURER AND AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**
- 3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes  
 Passage- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes  
 Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes
- 22-87 C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 22-69 PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**
- 3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes  
 Passage- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes  
 Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes

22-89 D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SECURITY SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE AND MARY RUTAN HOSPITAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SAFETY**

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

22-90 E. AN ORDINANCE VACATING THAT CERTAIN PUBLIC NORTH-SOUTH ALLEY BETWEEN LOTS 1981,1982, 1983 AND 1984 ON THE WEST AND 1969, 1970, 1971 AND 1972 ON THE EAST, EXCEPT FOR THAT 16 FOOT PORTION OF THE EAST WEST ALLEY, IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, HARRISON TOWNSHIP, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **STREET**

*Motion to amend ordinance title to read "LOTS 1981, 1982, 1983 AND 1984 ON THE EAST AND 1969, 1970, 1971 AND 1972 ON THE WEST" moved by DeSomma, seconded by Reser V All Ayes*

*Motion to waive the 48 Hour Notification Suspension Rule moved by DeSomma, seconded by Aler V All Ayes*

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

### 3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

22-80 A. AN ORDINANCE MAKING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

22-82 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR USE IN 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by Springs V Ayes, James Abstain  
Re: family involvement

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK:** Read an invitation for Council to the Zimmerman Realty Family Christmas celebration on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm. at the Roundhouse Depot Brewing Company. RSVP by December 16<sup>th</sup> at 592-4896

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL:** President Wagner wishes all a Merry Christmas.

**ADJOURNMENT** - 8:00 pm moved by Lile, seconded by DeSomma

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Bonnie Campbell, Clerk of Council

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Zeb Wagner, President of Council

