

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020
7:30 pm**

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

SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES: moved by Kurtz, seconded by Springs V Ayes
CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: none
ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mayor - absent
S/SD - There were two water main breaks, Springhill and 900 block of Eastern. Both were fixed, no boil alert issued.
Law - absent
Auditor - No report
Police Chief - absent
Fire Chief - absent
Engineer- No report
Code Enf- No report
Parks & Rec- absent
Economic Dev- The Opportunity Zone is gaining interest. Initiation for the mock site visit in Dublin takes place tomorrow.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance- Explained ordinances/resolution on the agenda
Rules- Rules Committee met to discuss DORA on February 5th. Committee voted to recommend the approval of DORA by Council.
Safety - Safety Committee will meet on February 20th at 1:00 pm in Council Chambers.
Utilities - Explained ordinance on the agenda
Streets - Explained resolution on the agenda. Streets Committee met on February 4th concerning Resolution R20-10 and voted to approve.
Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks -No report
Audit – No report

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS: Todd Lamb, 227 Water Ave., with complaint of parking ticket for ¾ ton trucks being prohibited in angle parking. While he has no problem paying the ticket, he would like signage that announces the rules of parking. Would like the city to address and cease writing tickets until the issue is clarified. Warnings should be issued and should not have to pay to get a court date for a parking ticket that is non-refundable. *Service Safety Director Henry addresses the concerns and will take all into consideration. Discussion of downtown parking is continued.*

Jason Duff, 137-141 S. Main St., owner of the properties that have asked for outdoor seating at this location. Addresses the past empty street problem of downtown which is no longer an issue with many people on the streets. Also many people come from outside the area to enjoy all that is offered. Shares a letter from Todd and Amy Poole in support of the outdoor seating project and presents an overview of the project (both copies att to clerk’s official minutes)

Sharon Traul, 1324 Omaha Rd, read a letter from a contingent of women (copy att to clerk’s official minutes) who have a vested interest in downtown. The letter suggests that while they are not opposed to outdoor seating per se; decisions such as

these should be made in a fair manner with regard to all downtown businesses with questions answered and discussed before passing a resolution such as this.

Nancy Funderburgh, owner of Craft, Paper, Scissors, 145 W. Columbus Ave., expresses reservations about the outdoor seating due to complaints from customers about the lack of parking. She feels that decisions are being made for the benefit of one business and also thinks the handicapped spaces in front of Hickory Medical should be converted to regular spaces in order to gain other regular spaces. Urges the consideration of all options and requests that Council should table the resolution in order to look at all options.

Ben Volrath, 100 S Main St., Chamber of Commerce, states that Bellefontaine is a special place. He appreciates that our Council and Administration will work with businesses for creative solutions that make Bellefontaine a destination. Something significant is to be said about outdoor seating. Most small towns have a parking issue and it is not the intention of the Chamber of Commerce to take sides. Just to say that Bellefontaine is a special place. Also touted the importance of co-working space that is a part of the project, and the importance to attract entrepreneurs and other businesses.

Zach Weber, Bellefontaine, Ohio Properties, 137-141 W. Columbus Ave., gives both perspectives of outsider and insider. On the outside, hometown of Delphos is where Bellefontaine was 10 year ago. Everything he needs is here. People are on fire for what is happening in Bellefontaine. As an insider it is misleading to say that this is being done for the benefit of one business. It is about what can be done to bring more people to Bellefontaine. People visit and tour and want to come back. Other towns are asking how Bellefontaine is doing this. All successful small towns have parking issues. He expresses his appreciation of the conversation and perspective.

Tim Notestine, City Engineer, adds that nine foot parking spaces are not new. He has been looking at historical plans that show parking. Six (6) spaces have been added along Chillicothe last year when the striping was done. Eight (8) spaces gained on West and East Columbus after court house parking was completed. There is accessible parking spaces for the city as a whole, plus sub areas. Will be looking at accessible spaces as part of the city paving and re-striping project.

Brittany Saxton, owner of 600 Downtown, adds that the investment of a patio is at the risk of owner, but becomes part of the community.

Jason Berton, 132 W. Columbus Ave., has mixed feelings about the project. Parking is his biggest issue. Concerned about how decisions are made about who gets a patio. Why keep taking away parking and adding parking. The patio will only be beneficial part of the year. Snow and ice removal is already an issue. This will only add to the decision.

Andrea Wrecklege, 4 Acre Clothing and Hi Point Graphics, deals with large orders of 5-10 boxes, no parking, but has worked around the parking issue. The patio next to 4 Acre has been a boom to her business. Also feels the benefit of foot traffic of those who can't park directly in front of their destination.

Laura Haverkos, owner of Flying Pepper, 137-141 W. Columbus Ave, chose Bellefontaine because of it being progressive and the business friendly environment. Sees a huge benefit of outdoor business. Sees no issue with walking a half block or more to businesses.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING

20-05 A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES FOR SUMMER 2020 EMPLOYMENT FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFORE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

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

Adoption-

- 20-06 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEE FOR THE CITY UTILITY’S OFFICE FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2020 EMPLOYMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

Motion to amend Ord 20-06 to read “one (1) part-time seasonal employee” moved by Baker, seconded by Springs V all Ayes

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

- 20-07 C. AN ORDINANCE MAKING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

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

- R20-08 D. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NEW EXPENSE ACCOUNTS WITHIN VARIOUS FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

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

- 20-09 E. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF WATER AND SANITARY SEWER UTILITY SERVICE OUTSIDE THE CORPORATION LINE OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT TWP RD 179, JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **UTILITIES**

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

- R20-10 F. A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE PERMITTING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED AT 137-141 W. COLUMBUS AVE., IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **STREETS**

Mr. DeSomma speaks to resolution R20-10.

Motion to table until the next meeting, moved by DeSomma, moved by Reser

V Ayes, Kurtz-no, Lile-no

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

- 20-02 A. 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 2020 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by Springs

V All Ayes

20-04 B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORD. 11-3 AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO HIRE UP TO TWO (2) PART TIME JANITORS FOR CITY HALL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by Kurtz

V All Ayes

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: Read a letter of thanks from Simon Kenton Pathfinders (copy att to clerk's official minutes)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: President Wagner addresses Council on setting a time for council pictures. *President Wagner refers Mr. Lamb's issue to the Rules Committee.*

ADJOURNMENT – moved by Lile, seconded by DeSomma

Wes Dodds, Substitue Clerk of Council

Zeb Wagner, President of Council