

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024
7:30 pm**

CALL TO ORDER: Zeb Wagner
PLEDGE & INVOCATION:
ROLL CALL: Fitzpatrick *First Chair*
James
Reser
Springs
Aler
Baker
Davis *Minister* All Present

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

Mayor - Have been in contact with Fish and Wildlife concerning the return of the vultures roosting in Whispering Pines and in the Southwest side of town. We are discussing other ways to deter them instead of the propane cannons we have used in the past. After consideration we are going to choose other methods to get them out of the city. Questions answered.

S/SD - Last week attended the Borys, Sater, Seymour and Pease Economic Conference in Columbus with Mark Fissel, our City Treasurer. The information fits in well with our work with the Chamber to review our incentive packages and how to better utilize them in the future.
Handed out Examiner article (copy att to clerk’s official minutes) concerning the Eclipse on April 8th. City offices, county offices and schools will be closed. Our first responders will be working overtime. Downtown Business Partnership will have an event downtown Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Our entire staff of firefighters will be on staff on Monday along with increased police presence. Our primary concern is for our residents and suggest they prepare ahead of time.

Law - No report

Auditor - Council has before them, for 1st reading, the permanent budget for 2024. It has an increase of just over \$2.6 million from last year’s permanent budget. The majority being capital assets.

Police Chief - Not present

Fire Chief - No report

Engineer- Through the winter we did a citywide sidewalk project and this has been completed.
Water Department building on S. Main has been delivered and they will start setting the building in the next 10 to 14 days.
There are three pieces of legislation on the agenda. Those items were discussed in the December Planning Commission meeting. A 30-day notice was issued and they were discussed again in the February meeting. Both meetings had no complaints from residents. Planning Commission passed unanimously.

Parks & Rec- Not present

Economic Dev- Not present

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance – Explained ordinances/resolution on the agenda.
Rules - Explained ordinances on the agenda
Safety - No report
Utilities - No report
Streets - No report
Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks -No report
Audit – No report

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS: Andrea Wrocklage, 6254 St. Rt. 540, Bellefontaine, current Downtown

Bellefontaine Partnership President. Here to give updates including seeking to fill the position of Downtown Coordinator position, the Eggstravaganza family friendly event on Friday, Brews and Blarney Crawl on March 16th and gearing up for the eclipse event.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING

24-16 A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH PRESCRIPTION BLISS LLC FOR PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE SERVICES TO CERTAIN CITY EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

R24-17 B. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NEW EXPENSE ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE SPECIAL PROJECTS – MUNICIPAL COURT FUND, AND WITHIN THE MRH ENDOWMENT SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND. **FINANCE**

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

24-18 C. AN ORDINANCE MAKING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Aler
 Passage-
 Adoption-

24-19 D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH PRIORITY POWER MANAGEMENT, LLC FOR ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

24-20 E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1147.01(a) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, B-2 DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT, PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **RULES**

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

24-21 F. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1145.01(a) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, B-1 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT, PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **RULES**

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

24-22 G. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1149.01(a) AND (d) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **RULES**

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

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

24-15 A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE LEAVE DONATION PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **RULES**

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

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

24-10 A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FUND TO PAY FOR THE DEPUTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER FOR BELLEFONTAINE MUNICIPAL COURT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: none

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: Mrs. James will be absent for the July 9th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:50 moved by Aler, seconded by Springs

Bonnie Hosier, Clerk of Council

Zeb Wagner, President of Council