

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023
7:30 pm**

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

Motion to excuse the absence of Mrs. James moved by Springs, seconded by DeSomma V Ayes

SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES: moved by Springs, seconded by DeSomma V Ayes

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: none

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mayor - Introduction of Jim Bischoff, City Engineer, who comes to the city with 23 years of engineering experience, 9 years on the private consulting side, 13 years in municipal government, 7 of which were the Director of Public Works/City Engineer for the city of Marion.

S/SD - Shares the good news that, because of funding through the Ohio Tech Cred Program, we were able to further the education of city team members with technical training in the area of GIS.

Law - Thanks the service and safety crews for the efforts that were put in over the Christmas weekend. Light agenda with no new legislation. Upcoming matters will include grants and a potential amendment to the community reinvestment area. Concerning the CRA's that were previously passed in 2018, looking at annexing new land into the city. Under the CRA Laws through the State of Ohio we cannot just pass a resolution and add the land to our existing CRA, but must go through a more administrative process.

Auditor - Three deadline dates to remind Council including the 1st petition for reelection needs to be in by 4:00 pm on February 1st, April 3rd deadline to file 2022 financial disclosure statement with the Ohio Ethics Commission and by the end of December 31st everyone must take public records course if not already taken in this term.

Police Chief - Not present

Fire Chief - No report

Engineer - No report

Parks & Rec - Not present

Economic Dev - Received news concerning Ohio Development Brown Field Remediation Program that the applications for our community for Lewistown School and the McBeth School were both awarded city funding to move forward for remediation and possible demolition. Thanks all for support. Attended a CRA meeting with the school board last evening regarding the CRA application for the hotel in Bellefontaine. Should be on track for a resolution at next meeting. The goal to set up agreement for compensation to schools. Thanks again for all support. Renovation was started at the Chamber Office yesterday and are temporarily located on the on 2nd floor as renovations take place on the 1st floor.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance – The finance committee met this evening concerning capital budget requests with department heads and working on the permanent budget.

Rules - No report

Safety - No report

Utilities - The committee will plan to meet when notified that the City of Oakwood Annual Survey is received.

Streets - No report
Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks -No report
Audit – No report

Mayor - State of the City Address (copy att to clerk’s official minutes)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS: Danielle Stefaniszyn, 1712 White Pines, 1st Ward, here to express concerns over a metropolitan city type float in the recent Christmas Parade.
Devan Palmer, 1612 White Pines Dr., Ward 1, here to express disappointment over some of the content in this year’s Christmas Parade. Asks to put forth a possible resolution in collaboration with the Downtown Bellefontaine Partnership and other private organizations to develop a standard of conduct as it relates to community events with young audiences in attendance, with example including but not limited to costumes, outfits, behavior, attitudes, language, music and dance moves being appropriate for young audiences.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. **ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING**

2. **ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING**

3. **ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: A new liquor license for Eicholtz, Inc., 321 N. Main Street. No objections, this will be mailed.
Read an invitation for Council to celebrate the retirement of Office Blake A. Kenner, Police Department on Friday, February 10, 2023 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in Council Chambers.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL:

ADJOURNMENT - 8:10 pm moved by Lile, seconded by Aler