

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024  
7:30 pm**

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

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

**CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS:** none

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

- Mayor -** Busy last two weeks along with the Service Safety Director, attending many meetings around the city and getting up to speed on the different items and committees.
- S/SD -** Busy month so far. Looking forward to continuing good work. Thanks several departments during the blast of winter weather. The Fire Department as the city had two significant fires on Sunday and Monday. The Street Department for keeping streets plowed. The Water Department for responding to multiple frozen pipes, meters and water main breaks.
- Law -** No report
- Auditor -** Shares the good news that the payment made in December 2023 paid off the Airport Improvement Bond that was issued in 2004 for just under \$2 million. Recaps the rest of the city debt including, one other bond series, Energy Bond Series 2010, with the original total of \$4.3 million that will be paid off in 2027. One through the Ohio Public Works Commission containing 5 separate interest free loans which the last of which will be paid off in 2032. The total balance being \$422,000. The Airport Improvement Bond that was paid off solely out of the Airport Fund at a total of \$155,000 per year. The temporary budget included appropriations principal and interest for this which can now be reallocated.
- Police Chief -** Surprise delivery of one cruiser that was ordered some time ago has been marked and delivered to Park Public Safety to be outfitted for duty.  
The Cruiser that was ordered 18 months ago, through Ford, has an anticipated build date of March. The original price will be honored.  
The Bern Jag Grant that was received will give enough funding for a new taser for every patrol officer. Currently working through the training for this.  
The next Citizens Police Academy will start February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Fire Chief -** Last Thursday, Mayor Crissman swore in the latest firefighter, Jesse Keaton who will replace Asst. Fire Chief Reames.  
Issues a standing invitation to all of Council to come ride with them.
- Engineer-** No report
- Parks & Rec-** No report
- Economic Dev-** No report
- Municipal Ct.-** No report

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- Finance –** Explained ordinances on the agenda. The Finance Committee will meet tomorrow morning to start the Capital Budget process.
- Rules -** The Rules Committee will meet tomorrow in Council Chambers at 4:30 pm to discuss marijuana dispensaries within the city limits given the changes to state law, discussion on PTO gifting between city employees and any other business that comes before the committee.
- Safety -** No report

**Utilities -** No report  
**Streets -** No report  
**Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks -** Explained resolution on the agenda. Spent time with superintendent Myers during the last week to learn how the department operates. Thanks Mr. Myers for his time and the amazing work being done.  
**Audit –** No report

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING**

24-09 A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SERVICE WORKERS PAY SCALE TO INCREASE THE PAY FOR THE PART-TIME CEMETERY MAINTENANCE WORKER. **FINANCE**

*Motion to amend the description in the title to read FULL TIME ELECTRICIAN, moved by Baker, seconded by Springs*  
*V All Ayes*

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

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

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

24-11 C. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR FIRE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AWARD MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH OHIO FIRST RESPONDERS GRANTS, LLC FOR THE FY2023 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT AWARDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

24-12 D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR FIRE CHIEF TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FY2023 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FUNDING FOR A FIRE TANKER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

R24-13 E. A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION BY THE BOARD OF LOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR A CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST AND/OR THE ONE-TIME STRATEGIC COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND (OTSCIF) REQUEST FOR THE URBANA-BELLEFONTAINE CONNECTOR OF THE SIMON KENTON TRAIL; TO PAVE A FINAL COURSE OF HOT-MIX ASPHALT; PERFORM WORK TO RESOLVE GEOMETRIC AND DRAINAGE ISSUES; AND,

ADD BIKE PATH RAILING WHERE WARRANTED BY THE TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM.  
**SIDEWALKS, CURBS & PARKS**

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

**2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING**

24-01 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 CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE GARFIELD AVENUE SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2023-02. **FINANCE**

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

24-02 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH QUALITY CARE PARTNERS FOR EMERGENCY/AMBULANCE SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

24-03 C. 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 2024 CITYWIDE STREET RESURFACING PROJECT NO. 2024-01 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

24-04 D. 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 CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE BLUE JACKET PARK WALKING PATH PROJECT NO. 2024-02 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

24-05 E. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH HICKORY MEDICAL DIRECT PRIMARY CARE, LLC FOR MEMBERSHIP AND HEALTH CARE BENEFITS TO CERTAIN CITY EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

**3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK:** Handed out an Ethics Commission Filing Reminder sheet.  
Received and handed out a Department of Agriculture letter concerning spongy moth treatments planned in our area. (att to clerk's official minutes).

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL:** Mr. Davis will be absent for the next meeting.  
President Wagner reminds all that with two members absent from the next meeting, council cannot waive the 48 Hour Notification or pass an ordinance on 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 7:54 pm moved by Springs, seconded by James

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Bonnie Hosier, Clerk of Council

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Zeb Wagner, President of Council