

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024  
7:30 pm**

**6:30 pm – COUNCIL PHOTOS  
7:15 pm – SWEARING IN CITY COUNCIL**

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

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

**CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS:** none

*Motion to reappoint Bonnie Campbell as the Clerk of Council for a two year term moved by Baker, seconded by Aler*  
V All Ayes

*President Wagner opens the floor for nominations for President Pro Tem.*

*Mrs. Baker nominates Mr. Springs seconded by Mr. Aler.*

*Mrs. James nominates Mrs. Baker, seconded by Mr. Reser.*

*Motion to close the nominations moved by Aler, seconded by James.*

V All Ayes

*By a show of hand vote, Kyle Springs is voted President Pro Tem 7-0.*

*Mr. Aler nominates Mrs. Baker for Alternate President Pro Tem, seconded by Mrs. James*

*Motion to close nominations moved by Reser, seconded by Baker*

V All Ayes

*By a show of hand vote, Deb Baker is voted Alternate President Pro Tem 6-0 with Mrs. Baker abstaining.*

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

**Mayor -** After one week in office, lots of knowledge and information received. Looking forward to the next two years working with all. Invites any to visit the office or meet for coffee anytime and looks forward to working with all to better the city

**S/SD -** Welcomes Mrs. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Davis to their first city council meeting. Welcomes all back and looks forward to working with all in 2024.

There was a water main break at Pleasant and Reservoir over the weekend. Thanks crews for getting it fixed in just over 2 hours.

Would like to share information with Council as to what our crews are doing. Department heads meet for a round table discussion every month for department heads to give updates. These meeting minutes will be sent out to Council to share good work and insight. January meeting took place today and will be sent out to all.

Asks that new council members get a brief bio to put on the website along with photos. And anyone else to update information. *President Wagner adds that email phishing on the website has been corrected.*

**Law -** No report. Welcomes new members and sends a Happy New Year to the public.

**Auditor -** No report

**Police Chief -** Not present

**Fire Chief -** Not present

**Engineer-** Explained Ordinances 24-01 and 24-03, going out for bids, on the agenda.

The Planning Commission voted today to review and to accept the final plat of Phase II of Maris Park. We have inspected all the utilities that will be dedicated to the city. The roads and lighting are in place.

*Mr. Stolly adds that the plat is here this evening and the request is to consider if certain legislation could be passed on first and final and adopt it so they can immediately proceed with getting the plat filed and*

*move forward with construction.*

**Parks & Rec-**

Welcomes new members of Council and Mayor. Handed out Winter Walking flyer. The Parks Department has looked at how they can impact tourism with tournament schedules. There will be 4 additional tournaments run by outside vendors to bring people to our community to spend outside dollars. Three of the tournaments already have 50 plus teams signed up. Regarding the eclipse event that is coming in April 8<sup>th</sup>, please share that there will be lots of people coming to our county. Planning to manage how to utilize our parks.

**Economic Dev-**

Thanks for a great Christmas season shopping local. Persuing site certification for multiple locations across the county through Jobs Ohio Site Ohio program to help communities attract new business for potential industrial development land. Initially submitted 7 properties across the county. Four properties have advanced on, 3 properties within the city. These include Peak Industrial Park, land adjacent to that on the corner of County Rd 32 and State Route 47 and the Link Industrial Park on County Road 32. More updates will come.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:** Sarah Lewis, 766 E. Columbus Ave. Here to talk about two organizations that she works with and hopes to have ongoing city relationships with. Extending the Branch which she is the Public Relations Officer of. With the progress in the City of Bellefontaine it is very important to continue the bond and live in harmony. The other, which she is Secretary of, is the homeless shelter. There are two shelters, one that serves families and women and another that serves men. As a social worker with job and family, it is important that council and administration continue to understand. Invites all to attend their meetings and continue to help homelessness as our shelters are always full. For questions you may contact Ms. Lewis at [sarah.lewis2@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:sarah.lewis2@jfs.ohio.gov) Happy also to give tours of our shelters at any time.

4198 SR 68. Jeremy Levan, 4198 St. Rt. 68, West Liberty, hear to address the recommendation of the final plat for Maris Park Phase II . Asking for 1<sup>st</sup> and final as all the lots are spoken for. Builders would like to start as soon as possible.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST 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. 2024-02. **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 Springs 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 Aler 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-

24-06 F. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND CREATING THE DEPUTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER POSITION FOR BELLEFONTAINE MUNICIPAL COURT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

24-07 G. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PHASE II MARIS PARK SUBDIVISION DEDICATION PLAT CONTAINING 5.833 ACRES, INCLUDING 15 LOTS, IN JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **RULES**

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

R24-08 H. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND LOGAN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE REGARDING LOGAN COUNTY UNIFIED DRUG TASK FORCE MUTUAL AID AND DISTRIBUTION OF FOREITED PROPERTY AND MANDATORY FINES. **SAFETY**

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

**2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING**

**3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK:** Check with everyone for delivery of ordinance packets by email.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL:** Mr. Aler announces a Derelict Housing Meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Mrs. Baker will be absent for the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Aler will be absent for both meetings in March.

President Wagner reminds all to give a heads up for meeting absences.

President Wagner reminds all elected officials to complete Ohio Ethics reports by 5/15/24.

**ADJOURNMENT – 8:06 pm moved by Springs, seconded by James**

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Bonnie Campbell, Clerk of Council

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Zeb Wagner, President of Council