

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Kyle Springs, President Pro Tem

PLEDGE & INVOCATION:

ROLL CALL:

Springs *First Chair*

Aler

Baker

Davis

Fitzpatrick

James

Reser

Minister

All Present

Motion to excuse the absence of President Wagner moved by Reser, seconded by James

V All Ayes

SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES: Moved Reser, seconded by Aler

V All Ayes

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: none

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mayor -

In the last couple weeks, attended the Logan County Fair which had better attendance than the previous year.

This coming Saturday the Downtown Business Partnership will have a Toss and Tour. August 2nd will be A Taste of Bellefontaine and August 10th Hot Summer Nights Car Show. Thanks the DBP and Bellefontaine for a nice downtown for people to enjoy and have business in.

S/SD -

In a previous meeting we spoke about the electric aggregate and questions are coming up about the natural gas aggregate that is up at the end of October. Our broker is currently working on getting bids for this. This will look different than the electric aggregate in the form of an insurance policy for residents against rising rates. Hoping for an update by the second meeting in August.

Law -

No report

Auditor -

Council may be receiving emails from the Ohio Ethics Commission concerning a one-hour session at the library. This not required for elected officials and should not be confused with Sunshine Law and Public Records which is a three hour session that is required at least once every term.

Police Chief -

Update on Officer Sheeley who is now a solo patrol officer as her field training experience cut her field training in half. Colin Stahler is also on pace to do his field training in half the time and should be on his own by August 4th.

We received confirmation that one vehicle should be built at the end of the month. Ford cancelled one order and it was immediately reordered. The other vehicle is confirmed and is ready to be scheduled.

Taser order was completed but currently on back order.

The Drone was ordered and we should take ownership in September.

The computer project and 911 project are ongoing.

National Night Out, organized by the Citizens Police Academy, will be on August 6th at Brown Park from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

The Canine Chicken Dinner is August 17th. Tickets sales are ongoing and will end August 12th.

Fire Chief -

The transition is going smoothly for the interim position.

There was a situation with the old Medic 3 that spilled all of its oil on an emergency call. Patient was still transported to the hospital without issue. We are in the cycle of getting its replacement which is a custom unit with a three-year lead time. However, we were informed of a Demo Unit that may be available within the next fifteen months.

We held Agility Tests on July 13th. Two participants, one pass, one fail with the option to take the Firefighter Mile or the CPAP test before interviews begin. This makes four still in the process for interviews.

New hires, Seth Snow and Aaron Morrow will graduate from fire school on July 30th. After completion they will start their 24/48 on their respective shifts.

Engineer-

Friday we opened bids for the annual resurfacing project and received 3 bids. A new contractor was awarded the bid and should begin within three to four weeks. Approximately \$860,000.00 for paving this year.

Ludlow Ridge development is going strong. They anticipate having building pads ready to start homes in October. Maris Park Phase 3 will begin shortly with another 40 homes. Received a 100% grant for \$15,000.00 for handheld data collectors to help the water department in the field. The equipment and the license will be purchased and submitted.

**Parks & Rec-
Economic Dev-**

Not present
Receive requests from the State, Jobs Ohio, One Columbus for site selection on a routine basis. The past week we received four site selection requests. We look for properties that match and in this case there were two of them submitted, Link Industrial Park and Peak Industrial. We submit and they go off with other submissions across the state and sometimes a multi-state region. Consultants check qualifications. If Council is interested in learning more about site certification/authentication/development, coming up on September 13th the State will be here to do an in-depth on-site visit of three of our properties. That afternoon there will be a community education session at Ohio Hi Point. Let the COC know if you are interested in being put on the list.
Mid-Ohio Development Exchange is partnering with Ohio Economic Development Association for a webinar concerning everything you want to know about incentives in schools. If interested this will take place on August 14th from 10:00-11:30 am. Contact COC for registration.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS: Andrea Rockledge, 6254 St Rt 540, Bellefontaine, here as the Downtown Business Partnership President, thanks the city for the opportunity of attending the strategic planning seminar. Attended a special Streets Committee meeting last Thursday. Introduces Maddie Stotler, newly hired Events Coordinator for the DBP.

Maddie Stotler, 821 County Rd 34 South, Huntsville, Event Coordinator, here to meet Council and tell a bit about herself. Looks forward to working with Council and Administration.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING

R24-55 A. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A NEW REVENUE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE PARK FUND. **FINANCE**

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

24-56 B. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF MAYOR DEPARTMENT, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, FIRE DEPARTMENT, AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT, PARK DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT, CONCESSIONS AND POOL DEPARTMENT AND WATER DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

24-57 C. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 2024 STREET PAINTING & STRIPING PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **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

24-58 D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE COOPERATIVE CURB AND SIDEWALK PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

25-59 E. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO DISPOSE OF A 1995 SMEAL LADDER TRUCK BY DONATION TO OHIO HI-POINT CAREERS CENTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

24-51 A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO SEEK PROPOSALS AND/OR ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE RICHARD AVENUE WATERLINE IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT 2024-02W AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

24-52 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO SEEK PROPOSALS AND/OR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPAVING, PROJECT 2024-2R AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

24-53 C. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO SEEK PROPOSALS AND/OR ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE SUMMIT DRIVE WATERLINE IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT 2024-01W AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

24-54 D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO SEEK PROPOSALS AND/OR ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT 114 N. DETROIT ST., BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, PROJECT 2024-01D AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

3RR-
Passage-
Adoption-

Moved by Baker, seconded by Aler

V All Ayes

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

24-49 A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE CERTAIN REAL ESTATE AS A DONATED GIFT FROM TOD JOHNSON IN THE VICINITY OF WREN AVENUE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **STREETS**

Adoption-

Moved by Aler, seconded by Reser

V All Ayes

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: none

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: Mr. Davis thanks Maddie Stotler for attending this evening. Thanks the Administration for recognizing the importance of helping to invest in an Events Coordinator position to help navigate challenges in our community.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick is thankful for the accommodation made to receive feedback concerning the Strategic Planning Session. Now is the time to visit the Farmers Market. Produce is in peak season. A lot of smaller vendors are bringing creative collection of produce items as well.

President Pro Tem Springs gives a reminder that there will be a hearing at the next meeting on August 13th at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 pm moved by Aler, seconded by Reser

Bonnie Hosier, Clerk of Council

Kyle Springs, President Pro Tem of Council