

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023
7:30 pm**

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

Motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Springs moved by Aler, seconded by DeSomma V Ayes

SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES: Moved by James, seconded by Aler V Ayes

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: none

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mayor - Reports a housing update. (copy att to Clerk's official minutes)
Swearing in of Firefighter Tyler Matthew Overman.

S/SD - At a previous time, Councilman Reser brought attention to some historic street markers that are located in the Indian Park neighborhood. The neighborhood was platted in 1920. The city has procured a contractor to redo 6 street markers. The six street markers are at Park and Williams, Palmer and Park, Seminole and Park and a larger monument on the island at Palmer and Iroquois.
Employment updates include two conditional letters of employment to two local men that are already sworn police officers. Another position we are advertising for is a laboratory technician at the waste water treatment plant.
First Friday event in August will be the Art and Wine Walk with 22 stops.
Questions answered.
President Wagner asks for before and after pictures of street markers.

Law - Not present

Auditor - Reminder that each elected official is required one time during their term to complete Sunshine Law Public Record Training. There are some in person classes and virtual online classes which will be sent out to those who have not completed the training.

Police Chief - Canine Chicken Dinner, along with the Safety Event, is coming up in August to benefit the canine program. A couple new hires are in process. Thanks Council and Administration for moving forward in support of this.
There is a Safe Neighborhoods Violence Reduction Grant that was previously applied for by Chief Standley. Originally the grant was for a juvenile prevention officer that would have been for this summer. The department only recently found out that we were awarded this. As it was rolled out extremely late, we have been awarded to file an extension for September 2024. The grant is approximately for \$60,000.00.
Questions answered.

Fire Chief - No report

Engineer- Contacted by Shelley Co. concerning the Annual Resurfacing Program and we are somewhere in between the pencil in and ink for first full week of August to begin the program.
Working with ODNR and FEMA on updating the community mapping. The maps will be effective November 30, 2023. There may be some changes to codified ordinance Chapter 1313 which is our flood controller needing updated for the mapping. There may also be some additional requirements. The city was required to develop an MS4 Program back in 2007. Our Ohio EPA storm water permit renews every five years. This year we completed the first update which is a full rewrite of that plan and is available on the Engineers website. Handed out 75 flyers with the Downtown Clean up and more of that will be coming out over the next year. Created a Comprehensive Storm Water Manual that will be uploaded to the website soon. Along with that we worked with our utility and street departments in developing standard

construction drawings which will be on the website as well. These 50-60 sheets and standard drawings can be used by developers when they do work in our area.

Working with the Utility Departments to update our permitting process and permit forms for zoning, street openings, storm and sanitary to condense to a cleaner form. There may also be fees changes.

Parks & Rec- Not present

Economic Dev- Logan County and Bellefontaine are part of the Columbus region. As a member of the Mid Ohio Development Exchange Mode Board, which is a group responsible for the professional development of Economic Developers in the Columbus region, attended a retreat last week with the mode board to spend time looking at regional economic development strategy and trends that impact our area. One of the big topics is housing. Columbus metro area is the least affordable housing market in the Midwest. Because housing supply is so low housing prices have gone up. This becomes an area of concern but also provides an opportunity for Bellefontaine.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance – Explained ordinances 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: April King, 2365 CR 57W Huntsville, Starting August 1st as the News Director at WPKO. Looking positive to working with City Council and Administration. Would appreciate any positive news from Council and Administration.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING

23-37 A. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF PARK DEPARTMENT REPAIRS AND WATER DEPARTMENT CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

23-38 B. 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 FIRE DEPARTMENT ROOF REPAIRS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V Ayes

23-39 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 FIRE DEPARTMENT APRON REPAIRS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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| | Adoption- | Moved by Baker, seconded by James | V Ayes |
| 23-40 | D. | AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CLERICAL WORKERS PAY SCALE TO ADD THE PERMANENT PART-TIME EVIDENCE ROOM MANAGER/CRIME SCENE POSITION TO SAID SCALE. | FINANCE |
| | 3RR-
Passage-
Adoption- | Moved by Baker, seconded by James | V Ayes |
| 23-41 | E. | AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEMPORARY PART-TIME EVIDENCE ROOM MANAGER/CRIME SCENE POSITION TO A PERMANENT POSITION. | FINANCE |
| | 3RR-
Passage-
Adoption- | Moved by Baker, seconded by James | V Ayes |
| 23-42 | F. | AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 1185.26 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. | RULES |
| | 3RR-
Passage-
Adoption- | Moved by Reser, seconded by Lile | V Ayes |
| 23-43 | G. | AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNEXATION BY LEVAN INVESTMENTS LLC TO CORRECTLY IDENTIFY THE ACREAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. | RULES |
| | 3RR-
Passage-
Adoption- | Moved by Reser, seconded by Lile | V Ayes |

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

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| 23-31 | A. | AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE 2023 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE. | RULES |
| | Adoption- | Moved by Reser, seconded by Aler | V Ayes |

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: none

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: none

ADJOURNMENT – 8:05 moved by Lile, seconded by James

Bonnie Campbell, Clerk of Council

Zeb Wagner, President of Council

