

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

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

*Motion to excuse the absence of Mrs. James moved by Reser, seconded by Aler* V Ayes

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

**CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS:** none

**ADMINISTRATION :**

**Mayor -** No report

**S/SD -** Had a meeting with community stakeholders for strategic planning, with several council members, business owners and economic developers participating also. Lot of positive. As a result we will be looking for a report from the Ohio Plan for a road map for more detailed planning into the future. Hopeful to have a report in a month or so.

Regarding Jeremy Levan request that council consider a change of service of electric provider for his development on Ludlow Road. After some research we do have the ability to do this as we have franchise agreements with both AES and Logan County Co-op. But after conversations with all involved it was decided to let utility districts alone as established by the state.

**Law -** No report

**Auditor -** No report

**Police Chief -** Not present f

**Fire Chief -** Capt. Wilson thanks Mayor and Service Safety Director for the opportunity to serve as interim fire chief.

Two new firefighters have gone through orientation for paramedic training on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Service Safety Director Dodds adds that Chief Fissel will be here through the end of July.*

**Engineer-** Not present

**Parks & Rec-** Not present

**Economic Dev-** Update on House Bill 349 Energize Ohio and Natural Gas Bill passed all the way through the House and was approved. It will now go through the Senate and hope it goes through by the end of the year.

Thanks to Mayor Crissman and SSD Dodds for the event today. With growth from Columbus and changes with Intel and Honda opportunity will continue to be here. Thanks all for supporting this.

Joint Business Impact Breakfast on August 22<sup>nd</sup> in Marysville 8-9 am. It will include Logan County Chamber, Union County Chamber and Dublin Chamber. Will send registration links as soon as available.

Available to answer questions on Solar and the presentation from Hodson Energy.

**Hodson Energy-** Kyle West, Senior Developer, here to present a Hodson overview slide presentation on Blue Jacket Solar Project under development since September 2020. Components including racking, collection lines, inverters, landscaping. Operations and Maintenance including mowing. Location of project, project details and site plan. Comparison of uses industrial vs solar. Economic benefits include an estimated \$11 million for use by Logan County, Lake Township, Indian Lake School District, Bellefontaine City Schools and Ohio Hi-Point Career Center increased income tax, job creation and attracting new business. Proposing an annexation into the city for ongoing revenue to benefit schools. The site is in keeping with the city's surrounding uses and properties (light industrial). Encourage long-term thinking and responsible land use planning to meet the needs of the future.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- Finance –** Explained ordinances on the agenda.
- Rules -** No report
- Safety -** No report
- Utilities -** Utilities Committee met on June 6<sup>th</sup> in Council Chambers and discussed rates, cap fees and Lincoln Street Project which will stay with the homeowner responsible. Will also be discussing trash service as our current contract ends at the end of 2025.
- Streets -** Explained ordinance on the agenda.
- Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks -**No report
- Audit –** No report

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:** Ben Stahler, 304 Ashbrook Dr., here to show support and appreciation to Hodson for the presentation. Thanks Council for thinking of the future and tax dollars for schools and county.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**1. ORDINANCES FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 Springs V Ayes
  - Passage-
  - Adoption-
  
- 24-52 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO SEEK PROPOSALS AND/OR ADVERTISE FOR 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 Springs V 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 Aler V Ayes
  - Passage-
  - Adoption-
  
- 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- Moved by Baker, seconded by Aler V Ayes
  - Passage-
  - Adoption-

**2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND 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**

3RR- Moved by Aler, seconded by Springs  
Passage-  
Adoption-

V Ayes

**3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK:** A memorial wind chime was sent from Council and Administration for Mayor Lentz. Current Flower Fund Report handed out to all Council and Administration.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL:** Mrs. Baker mentions certified records training via virtual on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July also one in August and September. These are through Fabers office.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 8:15 moved by Aler, seconded by Springs

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Bonnie Hosier, Clerk of Council

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Zeb Wagner, President of Council