

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023
7:30 pm**

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

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

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: none

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mayor - Not present
S/SD - Testing process for Police Chief has completed. Our next Chief is Chris Marlow, who has been serving as interim Chief. We utilized the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police for Assessment Center and a local panel interview. Jason Lapp also tested and was a very close second. There will be a ceremony for Chief Marlow's Oath of Office on Friday the 23rd at 1:30 pm in Council Chambers. Thanks the police department for the extra time put in with the busy weekend in town. Lot of extra staff and hours for the department and fire department as well. There was a watermain break at Organ and Terrance. A boil order was issued for several addresses in that area. It has been repaired and samples taken to the lab. The boil order will be lifted after testing results are back. Thanks Parks and Streets Departments and Joe Jackson from the Maintenance Department for set up for the Downtown Business Partnership and others for the events downtown. Questions answered.
Law - Light agenda this evening. At least 4 new legislation for the next meeting. These will include alley vacations and approvals for grant applications.
Auditor - No report
Police Chief - Concerning last weekend events, thanks Mr. Dodds for all his hours getting ready the events of the weekend which went off without incident. Byrne Jag Grant has been applied for and should hear results from this around November. Body worn cameras were all configured today. Lt. Scott Marlow will be assigning these out and everyone will be equipped with their own body worn camera. Having been named the permanent Chief, thanks all for their patience and happy and honored to accept.
Fire Chief - Not present
Engineer- No report
Parks & Rec- The department were waiting on repairs at the pool and they are completed, back up and running. This weekend will be hosting a 26 team baseball tournament. Also a Coach Pitch 8U tournament for the county leagues. There will be 42 teams in all. Downtown Businesses do double business for these days.
Economic Dev- Still pursuing the Gap Year Program. There are 4 committed graduates and hosting two young men from Austin, TX. They toured TRC and AGC Automotive. This year is a pilot year and hoping this will grow to bring young people to our community. Applications are open through the end of the month. A lot of our manufacturers are highly focused on the automotive industry and we have the opportunity to introduce them to potential ways to diversify their business. The Department of Defense is actively seeking small businesses to enter their supply chain. We are welcoming, next Tuesday, APEX Accelerators to train how to diversify their business and become a qualified contractor for the government. From 10:00-11:30 pm, next Tuesday at Ohio High Point for any small business, especially automotive.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

23-24 A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 303.08 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE REGARDING IMPOUND AND STORAGE FEES. **FINANCE**

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

23-26 B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SERVICE WORKERS PAY ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE THE WATER SERVICE FOREMAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2023 SERVICE WORKERS PAY ORDINANCE). **FINANCE**

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

23-27 C. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF WATER SERVICE FOREMAN AS A POSITION IN FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF SAID POSITION. **FINANCE**

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

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: none

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: Mr. Reser asks that Finance Committee and Administration look into covering the cost of the SRO position at the Middle School after the School Board made the decision to eliminate that position. *President Wagner refers the issue to Mrs. Baker and the Finance Committee.* Discussion of the issue ensues.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:47 pm Moved by Lile, seconded by DeSomma

Bonnie Campbell, Clerk of Council

Zeb Wagner, President of Council

