

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023  
7:30 pm**

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

**SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES:** Moved by Springs, seconded by Aler V All ayes

**CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS:** none

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

**Mayor -** Last week attended, on Wednesday and Thursday, the Mayors Association of Ohio Conference in Columbus. Also in attendance were Jobs Ohio and Development for Ohio. The building beside the Holland Theatre has been razed. The work was done by Levan Excavating. Today was a full morning session with Community Health Assessment. A Survey of 400 community members for data and survey results. Thanks Jenna, Kris Myers and Chief Marlow for their attendance. Topics included homelessness, housing, mental health issues, drug and other substance abuse issues. Goals and plans come together and this helps the city apply for grants.

**S/SD -** Attended RITA Regional Council of Governments with Tax Supervisor, Julie Stevens for tax updates. Working on interviews for water department with Ryan Shields, one to replace his vacancy and one to fill a position that council approved at the last meeting. W. Williams and West St. curbs and sidewalks are complete. Streets are closed in preparation for paving. State Route 540 from the bridge to out past Loves is in preconstruction conference for badly needed resurfacing. Received a good paving bid last week for our paving. List has been shared with Council by email.

**Law -** We have six items of new legislation for this evening. Each year we receive replacement pages for codified ordinances. Updated reference pages etc. are sent to the city to adopt to keep our ordinances in compliance with the State. There are also a few grants and alley vacations. Both alley vacations were recommended unanimously for approval by the Planning Commission.

**Auditor -** No report

**Police Chief -** The National Night Out is on August 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm. The Community Safety Event will be on August 19<sup>th</sup> with Canine chicken dinner tickets going on sale this week. Nelson's Catering price went up to \$15.00. All proceeds go to the Canine Unit for medical care, dog food and a highly specialized canine ballistic vest.

**Fire Chief -** Not present

**Engineer-** West Street is open to traffic as it will be resurfaced as part of our paving project. Levans has excavated Williams and will get it paved hopefully by the end of the week.

**Parks & Rec-** No report

**Economic Dev-** Not present

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Finance –** Explained resolutions/ordinance on the agenda.  
**Rules -** Explained ordinance on the agenda.  
**Safety -** Explained ordinance on the agenda.  
**Utilities -** No report  
**Streets -** Explained ordinance on the agenda

**Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks** -No report  
**Audit** – No report

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:** Nick Davis, 125 ½ W. Columbus Ave., Suite 2, running for city council to represent the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward. Here to introduce himself, to get an idea how things work and to have a good start and be prepared to take office in January.

*President Wagner recommends that he attend as many council meetings as possible, as he is running unopposed.*

Pat Ellis, 800 Allison Rd., President of Joint Park District member, member of committee to develop a master plan for our 17 parks which assessed their conditions. Met with city, school and community leaders to gain input and complete the results. Thanks the members of the committee for their efforts in producing the final document. Our park equipment is old, worn out and does not meet today's standards. Increased activity is at Mary Rutan with pickle ball and new playground equipment. The swimming pool is over 55 years old. The restrooms are in dire need of upgrade and replacement. In addition of a new pool, one major recommendation is a total revamping of Harmon Field and adding a splash pad. In comparison to other communities our size, our annual per capita funding is \$35.52 per person compared to the national average of \$85.84 per person. Asks to entertain a resolution to allow additional income tax levy to replace funding on the November ballot for our voters to decide the merits of providing the means of a revitalization of our fabulous parks systems. Thanks Council for their consideration.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING**

R23-29 A. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAW DIRECTOR, AUDITOR AND/OR BELLEFONTAINE MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A CERTAIN COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ACT GRANT FROM THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AT THE BELLEFONTAINE MUNICIPAL COURT. **FINANCE**

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

R23-30 B. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAW DIRECTOR, AUDITOR AND/OR BELLEFONTAINE MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A VOCA GRANT FROM THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO THIS GRANT. **FINANCE**

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

23-31 C. AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE 2023 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE. **RULES**

3RR- Moved by Reser, seconded by Lile V All Ayes  
Passage-  
Adoption-

23-32 D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND POLICE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BELLEFONTAINE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PROVISION OF A SEASONAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER. **SAFETY**

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

23-33 E. AN ORDINANCE VACATING THAT CERTAIN PUBLIC EAST-WEST ALLEY BETWEEN LOTS 1901 AND 1934 ON THE NORTH AND LOT 1902 AND LOT 1935 ON THE SOUTH, IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, LAKE TOWNSHIP, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO. **STREET**

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

23-34 F. AN ORDINANCE VACATING THAT CERTAIN PUBLIC NORTH-SOUTH ALLEY BETWEEN LOT 416 ON THE WEST AND LOT 415 ON THE EAST, AND THAT CERTAIN PUBLIC EAST-WEST ALLEY BETWEEN OT 415 ON THE NORTH AND LOT 418 ON THE SOUTH IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, LAKE TOWNSHIP, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO. **STREET**

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

**2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING**

**3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD 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**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK:** none

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL:** none

**ADJOURNMENT** – 7:43 pm, moved by Lile, seconded by DeSomma

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Bonnie Campbell, Clerk of Council

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Zeb Wagner, President of Council