

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023  
7:30 pm**

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

**SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES:** Moved by Springs, seconded by Aler V All Ayes  
**CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS:** none  
**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

**Mayor -** Tim Newland, Director of the Water Department, has finished his last day. The last day for Chief Standley is this week. His retirement celebration will be Thursday, April 6th from 1:00-3:00 pm in Council Chambers. Lt. Chris Marlow has been named interim Chief. Recognizes Lt. Marlow.  
*Lt. Marlow addresses Council to state that even in the interim things will run smooth with the great team the department has. Administration is good to work with and appreciates the support of Council.*  
Mayor presents the name of Jerod Dowdy for an expired three-year term to the Shade Tree Committee and asks the President for a motion to appoint.

*Motion to appoint Jerod Dowdy to a three-year term to the Shade Tree Commission moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes*

Moment of silence for Phil Beasley, Service Safety Director from 1983 to 1995 who passed away this morning.

**S/SD -** The city took delivery of a new squad today. It has been on order since 2019. It was shipped to the outfitter today.  
One of the two police cruisers is ready and being outfitted at Parr Safety. Still one cruiser with no update. Have had complaints of Vultures from residents in Whispering Pines that are roosting in the pines. After speaking with residents, Ohio Dept of Natural Resources, local game warden and US Fish and Wildlife, we have been using propane cannons in the evenings to encourage the vultures to move along to a more appropriate dwelling. Hopeful this takes care of the problem.  
Mrs. Baker adds that this can be very damaging to tree health.

**Law -** No report

**Auditor -** No report

**Police Chief -** The department did take delivery of the new cruiser. Parr Health and Safety has completed the cruiser and it will be brought to the garage for finishing.  
There is an issue with the new camera systems offloading to the wi-fi at the department and are working to fix the situation.  
Waiting for the three recruits in the Police Academy. We have a conditional offer to Severa Crabtree upon her completion, field training and probationary period. She will finish at Delaware Career Center in April. We also have Greg Haines and Cody Reed who have been hired from Marysville Reformatory for Women. They are at Columbus Police Academy and will complete graduation in June and training in July.  
Questions answered.

**Fire Chief -** Not present

**Engineer-** No report

**Parks & Rec-** Not present

**Economic Dev-** Not present

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- Finance –** Explained ordinances on the agenda.
- Rules -** Explained ordinances on the agenda.
- Safety -** Explained resolution on the agenda. At their quarterly meeting, the EMA will be adopting a resolution for railway safety as well.
- Utilities -** No report
- Streets -** No report
- Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks -**The committee met last Wednesday with the Service-Safety Director and Engineer to discuss sidewalks and curbs in the city. It was decided to fix sidewalks in the parks and pool area first. Another meeting will be scheduled to discuss fixing street sidewalks and where the money should come from.
- Audit –** No report

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:** Jacob Estes, 702 TR 30 E West Liberty, campaigning for for Municipal Court Judge.  
 Crystal Welch, 450 Cristina Drive, Apt. 3D, Bellefontaine, campaigning for Municipal Court Judge.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING**

R23-17 A. URGING THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS THE STATE OF OHIO TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO FURTHER PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO FROM THE INHERENT DANGERS OF A TRAIN DERAILMENT ON THE TRACKS LOCATED IN OR NEAR OUR CITY. **SAFETY**

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

**2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING**

23-11 A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR AND POLICE CHIEF TO HIRE ONE FULL-TIME TEMPORARY DISPATCHER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR 2023 EMPLOYMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

23-12 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR POLICE CHIEF TO ACCEPT A \$5,000 GRANT AWARD FROM WAL-MART AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

23-13 C. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR FIRE CHIEF TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A \$3,000 GRANT AWARD FROM WAL-MART AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

23-14 D. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING UPDATES TO THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **RULES**

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

23-16 E. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY/  
REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO OWNED BY LEVAN INVESTMENTS  
LLC, LOCATED ON COUNTY ROAD 1 ADJACENT TO THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO,  
ESTABLISHING ZONING CLASSIFICATION THEREFORE, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **RULES**

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

**3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING**

23-07 A. AN ORDINANCE MAKING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND  
OTHER EXPENDITURES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

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

23-08 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR  
FIRE CHIEF TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT 2023 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT  
FUNDING FOR A FIRE/RESCUE PUMPER TRUCK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**FINANCE**

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

23-09 C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL RULES REGARDING  
FACIAL COVERINGS AND RECORDING DEVICES AT COUNCIL MEETINGS AND DECLARING  
AN EMERGENCY. **RULES**

Adoption- Moved by Reser, seconded by James V All Ayes

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK:** none

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL:** President Wagner issues a reminder that Financial Disclosures are due on  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a hearing for a zoning modification request on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.  
Mrs. Baker will not be present for the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 7:57 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

