

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023  
7:30 pm**

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

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

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

**CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS:** none

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

**Mayor -** We hosted the CCAO (County Commissioners Association of Ohio) lead by Joe Antram. They spent time in our downtown and at Indian Lake.  
Volunteered for Jr. Achievement last week with kindergarteners and third grades. Also attended Dare Graduation for 5<sup>th</sup> graders.  
Mr. Reser is in Washington DC with middle schoolers.  
Tomorrow all 3<sup>rd</sup> grades will visit the city building on a walking tour.  
Memorial Day Parade will be Monday and finish at the cemetery.  
All 13 demolished properties have been razed, debris hauled off and only step left is to restore grounds.  
Waiting to see if the State budget will dedicate more dollars for this program.  
Interviews were conducted for nine (9) candidates for Police Department.  
In the absence of Ben Volrath, updates all 3E Campaigns wrapped up throughout the county. Bellefontaine graduates, 49% will be employed, 49% are off to college and 2% are considered enlisted in the military.

**S/SD -** With Memorial Day and parade event and many summer events planned, reads a letter from the Mayor and Service Safety offices concerning conflicting opinions and safety during these events. (copy att to Clerk's official minutes) Questions answered.

**Law -** No report  
**Auditor -** No report  
**Police Chief -** No report  
**Fire Chief -** Not present  
**Engineer-** No report  
**Parks & Rec-** Not present  
**Economic Dev-** Not present

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Finance –** Explained ordinances and resolutions on the agenda. Explained the re addition of previously tabled Resolution 23-18 and Ordinance 23-20 to this evenings agenda. Law Director Stolly also spoke concerning these additions to the agenda.  
*Motion to take previously tabled R23-18 and 23-20 and add to the agenda this evening moved by Baker, seconded by Aler* V Ayes  
*Motion to waive the 48-hour notification suspension moved by Aler, seconded by DeSomma* V Ayes

**Rules -** Explained ordinance on the agenda  
**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**

- 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 James V Ayes  
Passage-  
Adoption-
- 23-25 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE ONE (1) DUMP TRUCK CAB AND CHASSIS THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR USE BY THE STREET DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**
- 3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V Ayes  
Passage- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V Ayes  
Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by DeSomma V Ayes
- 23-26 C. 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 James V Ayes  
Passage-  
Adoption-
- 23-27 D. 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 James V Ayes  
Passage-  
Adoption
- R23-28 E. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE POLICE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A 2023 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT POLICE TASERS. **FINANCE**
- Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V Ayes
- R23-18 F. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NEW EXPENSE ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE SPECIAL PROJECTS - MUNICIPAL COURT FUND. **FINANCE**
- Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V Ayes

23-20 G. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BELLEFONTAINE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE TO HIRE ONE PART-TIME MAGISTRATE FOR GENERAL COURT PURPOSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

**2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING**

**3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING**

23-23 A. AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF 929 AND 933 N. MAIN STREET FROM R-3, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, TO B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP. **RULES**

Adoption-	Moved by Lile, seconded by James	V Ayes
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**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK:** Read an invite to celebrate the retirement of Officer Allen Huffman, Police Department, on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 from 1 – 3 pm in Council Chambers.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL:** none

**ADJOURNMENT** – 7:54 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