

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2022  
7:30 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Zeb Wagner

**PLEDGE & INVOCATION:**

**ROLL CALL:** Baker *First Chair*  
DeSomma  
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Aler *Minister* All Present

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

**CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS:** none

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

**Mayor -** A new police office has been sworn in to replace Greg VanBuskirk in his retirement. The new officer will be heading off to the academy.  
“Letters to Santa”, a project created by Tim in the Parks Dept, will have a mailbox in place before Santa arrives on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Parents need to provide an addressed stamped envelope and Santa will reply to all children’s wish lists.  
At the annual LUC Regional Planning activity last week, Wes Dodds was elected Chairman/President for the upcoming year.  
Along with his wife, the Mayor will be flying to Suzuka next week for 3 nights to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our sister city.  
Asks President Wagner for an appointment to replace Karen Brady on the Park Board. Recommends Kaileigh Vermillion to a three year term to the Bellefontaine Joint Rec Park Board.

*Motion to appoint Kaileigh Vermillion to a three year term to the Parks Board moved by Baker, seconded by DeSomma*  
V All Ayes

**S/SD -** Was not able to attend the last Council meeting due to the Lake Township meeting. That issue is now in order.  
Painting and stripping on Main Street was completed as reported. However, there were still barrels in place to raise man holes covers. That project is now complete.  
Santa is coming to town December 2<sup>nd</sup> with a big event planned. Streets will be closed starting at 10 am. There will be a skating rink, Christmas Village, parade, a show at the Holland Theatre and food trucks. There will also be “A City Christmas”, sponsored by Marmon Valley Farm and Bellefontaine Grace Church.

**Law -** There is one new resolution, not on the agenda, concerning a time sensitive issue for the police department. (R22-91)  
Issues an apology to Council and Municipal Court Prosecutor for a pay decrease mistake. Ordinance for correct amount is on the agenda this evening. (Ord. 22-87)

**Auditor -** No report

**Police Chief -** The state just released the next round of possible grant funding for recruitment (R22-91).  
Posted today, a vacancy for a part-time dispatcher. Pay is \$17.35 per hour.  
A few openings are left for the next Citizens Police Academy. Starts in February through late April on Thursday evenings.

**Fire Chief -** Not present

**Engineer-** Not present

**Parks & Rec-** Not present

**Economic Dev-** On Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> is the Ohio Hi Point ribbon cutting and open house at 4:00 pm.

ED 411 Event will be December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Ohio State Student Union. There is still time to sign up. Contact Mr. Vollrath for information.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- Finance –** Explained ordinances/resolutions on the agenda.
- Rules -** No report
- 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:** Adam Brannon, 317 E. Williams Ave., here to invite all to Wreaths Across America National Day of Recognition on December 17<sup>th</sup> with a ceremony at Bellefontaine City Cemetery starting at 12:00 noon. Currently 387 wreaths are sponsored. They will be placed at veterans headstones. Our goal to cover all veterans in our cemetery. There is one week left for sponsorship this year. Sponsorships can be made through [wreathscrossamerican.org](http://wreathscrossamerican.org) Mayor Stahler will send link to all. Volunteers are needed also. A wreath sponsorship is \$15.00 and can be a specific sponsorship request.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING**

- 22-84 A. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF POLICE OVERTIME AND CLERKS SALARIES AND WAGES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**
  - 3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes
  - Passage- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes
  - Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes
  
- 22-85 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR AND FIRE CHIEF TO APPLY AND ACCEPT A STATE FIRE MARSHALLS MARCS GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**
  - 3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes
  - Passage-
  - Adoption-
  
- 22-86 C. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR 2023 COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, COUNCIL MEMBERS, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LAW DIRECTOR, TREASURER AND AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**
  - 3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes
  - Passage-
  - Adoption-
  
- 22-87 D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 22-69 PROVIDING FOR COPENSAATION FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

R22-88 E. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INVESTMENTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE DR. EARL SLOAN ENDOWMENT FUND FOR 2022 AND RETURN OF UNUSED GRANTS. **FINANCE**

Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V Ayes  
Aler, abstain due to family involvement

22-89 F. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SECURITY SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE AND MARY RUTAN HOSPITAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SAFETY**

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

22-90 G. AN ORDINANCE VACATING THAT CERTAIN PUBLIC NORTH-SOUTH ALLEY BETWEEN LOTS 1981,1982, 1983 AND 1984 ON THE WEST AND 1969, 1970, 1971 AND 1972 ON THE EAST, EXCEPT FOR THAT 16 FOOT PORTION OF THE EAST WEST ALLEY, IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, HARRISON TOWNSHIP, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **STREET**

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

*Motion to waive the 48 Hour Notifications Suspension Rule moved by Baker, seconded by Reser V All Ayes*

R22-91 H. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE POLICE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT RECRUITMENT FUND FOR RECRUITMENT PURPOSES. **FINANCE**

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

## 2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

22-80 A. AN ORDINANCE MAKING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

22-82 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR USE IN 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by DeSomma V Ayes

James, abstain due to family involvement

Passage-  
Adoption-

**3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING**

22-77 A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER FOR THE BELLEFONTAINE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

22-78 B. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION OF THE BELLEFONTAINE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK:** none

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL:** President Wagner-in years past we have voted not to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in December. Asks that Council think about it tonight to possibly plan to clear the agenda for the end of the year.

*Motion to cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> council meeting in December moved by DeSomma seconded James V All Ayes*

President Wagner also asks for any thought concerning committee assignments for the upcoming year. If anyone has thoughts on the matter please email President Wagner.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 8:00 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

