

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

HEARING – 7:00 PM

Justin Warner of 221 Plumvalley St., Bellefontaine, is requesting to vacate the 10’ north south alley between city lot numbers 992, 993, 994 and 995. This property is zoned R2 One & Two Family Residence District.

No one in attendance for opposition.

Mayor Stahler states that this was passed unanimously by the Planning Commission

Mr. Dodds adds that Mr. Warner is hoping to put up a fence around the property.

Mr. Stolly asks that the Engineer produce a map for county approval.

CALL TO ORDER:

Zeb Wagner

PLEDGE & INVOCATION:

ROLL CALL:

Aler	<i>First Chair</i>	
Baker		
DeSomma		
James		
Lile		
Reser		
Springs	<i>Minister</i>	All Present

SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES: Moved by

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: none

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mayor - Offered a proclamation for Joanne Ritter for serving 30 years on the Shade Tree Committee. Also a proclamation to Brewfontaine for their 8th anniversary
Tomorrow a swearing in ceremony for a firefighter will be held. This will bring the department to seven for all three shifts. Will also conduct interviews for five candidates, one to replace a retirement for early next year.
Would ask Council for approval of Rick Niece to the Planning Commission for a 6 year term, Scott Shellhaas to a 3 year term on the Civil Service Commission and Mark Butler a 5 year term on the Board of Building Code Appeals.

Motion to appoint Rick Niece to a 6 year term on the Planning Commission moved by Aler, seconded by Reser V All Ayes

Motion to appoint Scott Shellhaas to a 3 year term on the Civil Service Commission moved by Reser, seconded by Springs

V All Ayes

Motion to appoint Mark Butler to a 5 year term on the Board of Building Code Appeals moved by Aler, seconded by Reser

V All Ayes

S/SD - The Hometown Christmas Parade has been postponed until the 8th of December due to weather. The parade will start at 6 pm with other downtown festivities starting at 4 pm.
A solution for health care for our associates has been found with a local based carrier that will save in premiums, be more feasible for the city with better coverage for associates. More carrier details to come.

Law - Thanks Council/Administration for the heavy agenda. Also for the 2 ordinances that relate to the Prosecutors Office. Crystal Welch will be returning to the Prosecutor’s Office on Dec 11th. Amending Ord. 23-71 to add one to three people will enable two part time starting one day a week with James Henderson on Mondays and one day a week with Nick Aler on Wednesdays.

Auditor - No report

Police Chief - Concerning department trainees, both Columbus Academy cadets are now on civil patrol. Mason Treen also is on solo patrol and Braden Jacobs should complete and be on patrol by the end of December. This will put all 4 trainees out by the end of December.

Fire Chief - Not present

Engineer- No report

Parks & Rec- Not present
Economic Dev- No report

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance – Explained ordinances/resolutions on the agenda.
Rules - No report
Safety - Explained ordinance on the agenda.
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

R23-84 A. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INVESTMENTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE DR. EARL SLOAN ENDOWMENT FUND FOR 2023 AND RETURN OF UNUSED GRANTS. **FINANCE**

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

R23-85 B. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE TO ORDER THE LOGAN COUNTY AUDITOR TO REMOVE AN ADDITIONAL TAX LIEN ON CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TAXES AS STATED HEREIN. **FINANCE**

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

23-86 C. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MIAMI VALLEY LIGHTING, LLC OF DAYTON, OHIO FOR A FIVE-YEAR STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

23-87 D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME UTILITY BILLING CLERK FOR THE CITY UTILITY’S OFFICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

23-67 A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 192 INCOME TAX OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

Adoption-

- 23-69 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR USE IN 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by DeSomma

V Ayes, James abstain
re: family business involvement

Passage-
Adoption-

- 23-70 C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ACCOUNT CLERK POSITION TO THE ASSISTANT DEPUTY AUDITOR POSITION FOR THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by DeSomma

V All Ayes

Passage-
Adoption-

- 23-71 D. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR THE ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

Motion to amend ordinance in Section II to read "up to three part-time employees" moved by Baker, seconded by Lile V All Ayes

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 Aler

V All Ayes

- 23-73 E. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR THE BELLEFONTAINE MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR FOR 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by DeSomma

V All Ayes

Passage- Moved by Baker, seconded by James

V All Ayes

Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by DeSomma

V All Ayes

- 23-74 F. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION OF THE BELLEFONTAINE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by James

V All Ayes

Passage-
Adoption-

- 23-75 G. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, COUNCIL MEMBERS, CLERK OF COUNCIL, MAYOR, LAW DIRECTOR AND AUDITOR FOR 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

Motion to amend ordinance to add the Treasurer to the wage scale moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes

3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by James

V All Ayes

Passage-
Adoption-

23-76 H. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2024 SERVICE WORKERS PAY ORDINANCE) **FINANCE**

Motion to amend the pay scale and substitute new Exhibit A moved by Baker, seconded by DeSomma V All Ayes

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

23-77 I. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2024 CLERICAL WORKERS PAY ORDINANCE) **FINANCE**

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

23-78 J. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2024 SUPERVISORY WORKERS PAY ORDINANCE) **FINANCE**

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

23-80 K. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OR POLICE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH FLOCK SAFETY FOR TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SAFETY**

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

23-83 L. AN ORDINANCE MAKING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: none

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: President Wagner asks Council for opinions on cancelling the 2nd meeting in December as has been done in past years. If so decided, the agenda would need to be cleared on the December 12th meeting. *Motion to cancel the 2nd meeting in December (December 26th) moved by Lile, seconded by DeSomma* V All Ayes

Judge Jacob Estes will swear in Council and Administration on January 9th at 7:15 pm.
City Council photos will also be taken that evening starting at 6:30 pm. Mr. Dodds will contact Heather Harpst for the task of photographer.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:03 pm moved by Lile, seconded by Aler

Bonnie Campbell, Clerk of Council

Zeb Wagner, President of Council