

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022  
7:30 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Zeb Wagner

**PLEDGE & INVOCATION:**

**ROLL CALL:** Springs *First Chair*  
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Baker  
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Reser *Minister* All present

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

**CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS:** none

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

**Mayor -** Handed out to all, the most recent flyer for Best Hometown Celebration, which will start at 5:30 on November 4<sup>th</sup> along with a Best Hometown window cling. Ohio Magazine’s editor, Jim Vickers, will be in attendance. Jon Cross will present something from our House of Representatives. Attended the Ohio Municipal League with Mr. Dodds on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Kicked off the United Way today with the annual chili contest. Judges for the event were Ben Vollrath, Joe Antram, Sheriff Randy Dodds and Shannon Reese. Ring of Lights was last Saturday with between 1200-1300 people in attendance at Blue Jacket Park. Handed out copies of November-December Ohio Magazine from Ben Vollrath. Bellefontaine is on the cover for the West Central Ohio copy and will also be featured in the summer issue.

**S/SD -** Participated in another hiring process for the police department. Received resignation notice from an officer to take effect on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Spent the day interviewing last Thursday along with Chief Standley, Mayor Staler and members of the Civil Service Commission. The Civil Services will approve the list on Friday. Offer coming to one candidate shortly thereafter. Greg Vanbuskirk resignation left the department one officer short. Participated in interviews on Friday with Chief Fissel and members of his staff for the replacement of Lisa Kennedy, billing clerk, who will retire at the end of this year. Out of 100 applications, narrowed down to 3 interviews, a strong candidate was found and offered the position who will start in November. Last Friday attended Ohio Hi-Point for the visioning meetings and toured their new facilities. Guest speaker was Mark Perna, a motivational speaker. Encourages all to tour the new facilities.

**Law -** No report

**Auditor -** Announces that the temporary budget for 2023 will be presented to Council at the next council meeting.

**Police Chief -** Beggars night/day is Saturday from 3-5 pm. Annual awards ceremony on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the airport, 5:15pm, social hour and ceremony at 6:00 pm. Key note speaker will be Roy Hall Jr. Recently made aware that the Ford Cruiser order has been cancelled. There are no 2022 models available. Ford assured they will pick up all orders placed in 2022. Due to backlog of 2022 orders, project winter of 2023 before the order will be filled. Dodge is getting out of the police cruiser business entirely.

**Fire Chief -** No report

**Engineer-** Not present

**Parks & Rec-** Not present

**Economic Dev-** Reminds all that the ED411 event is December 2<sup>nd</sup> at The Ohio State University Student Union. Let Mr. Vollrath know if interest. It is a breakfast/lunch event with 11 counties. Speakers and a variety of topic sessions will be offered. Middle School Career Day this Friday at Riverside. Industries across the county will be there to share

information from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
 Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission will have a group of 30-40 in Bellefontaine for rural Ohio and understanding how communities develop on Thursday from 10 am -1 pm.  
 Shout out to Citizens Federal for their move to their new location at the corner of Columbus and Main.  
 Also commends the motivational speaker, Mark Perna, at Ohio Hi-Point.  
 Mayor Stahler adds that Lt. Gov. Husted was in attendance at the Ohio Hi Point event. Thanks Mr. Vollrath for inviting him to attend.  
 Questions answered.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- Finance –** Explained ordinances/resolution on the agenda.
- Rules -** No report
- 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**

- 22-77 A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER FOR THE BELLEFONTAINE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**  
 3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by DeSomma V All Ayes  
 Passage-  
 Adoption-
- 22-78 B. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION OF THE BELLEFONTAINE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**  
 3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes  
 Passage-  
 Adoption-
- R22-79 C. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A NEW LINE ITEM ACCOUNT - INDIGENT BURIALS – GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND. **FINANCE**  
 Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes

**2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING**

- 22-69 A. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR THE FULL-TIME MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR POSITION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**FINANCE**

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

22-71 B. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, COUNCIL MEMBERS, CLERK OF COUNCIL, MAYOR, LAW DIRECTOR AND AUDITOR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024. **FINANCE**

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

22-72 C. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF YOUTH SPORTS, WATER DEPARTMENT AND CAPITAL EQUIPMENT – AMBULANCE 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

22-73 D. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. (2023 SUPERVISORY WAGE ORDINANCE) **FINANCE**

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

22-74 E. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (2023 CLERICAL WORKERS PAY ORDINANCE) **FINANCE**

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

22-75 F. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (2023 SERVICE WORKERS PAY ORDINANCE) **FINANCE**

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

**3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING**

22-68 A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME TEMPORARY EVIDENCE ROOM MANAGER FOR THE BELLEFONTAINE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK:** Received a new liquor license request for Tokio Investment LLC, 729 Rush Ave., and a liquor license STCK for NNP of Ohio, Inc 511 S. Main St. No objections, these will be mailed.  
Read an invite received for “Coffee with your Candidate”, Jacob Estes, on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Sweet Aromas.  
Read a letter/invite from American Legion Harold Kerr Post 173 for the November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Ceremony at the Courthouse at 11:11 am and following at the Holland Theatre with guest speaker Mayor Stahler.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL:** none

**ADJOURNMENT** - 8:02 pm moved by Lile

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Bonnie Campbell, Clerk of Council

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Zeb Wagner, President of Council