

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023
7:30 pm**

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

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

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

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: none

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mayor - Not present

S/SD - There was a water main break on N. Main St. and others in the last few days. Checking pumps for problems. Thanks the Water Department for all of their long hours. Court Street will close next week for concrete repair work. It will remain closed for the week of 18th. Vets to DC trip will be leaving on September 22nd. There will be a send off downtown from the fairgrounds. Chief Fissel will have our current ladder truck and our new ladder truck to make an appearance to hang the flag.

Law - No report

Auditor - No report

Police Chief - The two new officers, Mason Trane and Braden Jacobs, have made it through all the initial phases of their hiring process and will soon be assigned to field training officers. One will start in October and one in November to hopefully have them as patrol officers by winter/early spring. Both are currently Hardin County Sheriff Deputies. Mr. Dodds adds that they will be sworn in at the next council meeting.

Fire Chief - The department will take delivery of the aerial ladder the first week of October. The majority of the department did complete a Rail Car Emergency Hazard Training class last week.

Engineer- Ord 23-59 for first reading is an update to our existing chapter on flood damage prevention to incorporate the FEMA maps and some minor language clean ups, definitions and updates. They are starting to move ground at Calvary School for the next project. Maris Park phase II is also underway.

Parks & Rec- Not present

Economic Dev- Not present

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance – Explained ordinances/resolution on the agenda.

Rules - Explained ordinances 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

R23-54 A. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED. **FINANCE**

Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V Ayes

23-55 B. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF WEEDS AND LOTS – DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

Passage- Moved by Baker, seconded by Aler V Ayes

Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V Ayes

23-56 C. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF STATE AUDIT EXPENSES – AUDITOR AND CAPITAL EQUIPMENT – POLICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

Passage-

Adoption-

23-57 D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND CREATING A FOURTH ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF POSITION IN THE BELLEFONTAINE FIRE DEPARTMENT. **FINANCE**

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

Passage-

Adoption-

23-58 E. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE SIDEWALK PROJECT IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE 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

23-59 F. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1313 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **RULES**

3RR- Moved by Reser, seconded by Lile V Ayes

Passage-

Adoption-

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

23-48 A. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF INCIDENTALS- REVOLVING LOAN-HOUSING 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

23-53 B. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY/ REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, CONTAINING 15.058 ACRES, OWNED BY TOD JOHNSON ET AL, LOCATED IN LAKE TOWNSHIP 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 Aler V Ayes
Passage-
Adoption-

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: Read a letter sent to Mr. Brentlinger from the Lutheran Community Services thanking Council for the gift of \$5,000 for their Capital Campaign (letter att to clerk’s official minutes)
Read an invitation to Council from the Lutheran Community Services for their opening celebration on Thursday, September 21, 2023 from 4-6 pm at 820 W. Sandusky Ave.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: Mr. Reser commends the Police Department for their part in the Bellefontaine City School Teachers Alice Training.
President Wagner will not be at the next meeting. President Pro Tem Baker will head the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:50 pm moved by Lile, seconded by DeSomma

Bonnie Campbell, Clerk of Council

Zeb Wagner, President of Council