

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022
7:30 pm**

COUNCIL PHOTOS – 6:30-7:00 pm – Individual photos
7:15 pm - Group photo

CALL TO ORDER:	Zeb Wagner		
PLEDGE & INVOCATION:			
ROLL CALL:	James	<i>First Chair</i>	
	Lile		
	Reser		
	Springs		
	Aler		
	Baker		
	DeSomma	<i>Minister</i>	All Present

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

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: none

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mayor - Thanks Heather for in house photography. Images will be made and a new set printed for downstairs. Parks Department master plan is now underway. Over 300 early responses were received. Sending a link to all for input, which is vital for the process. Consultant that is working on the master plan is fully underway.

S/SD - Attended the 52nd Annual Midwest Japan Trade Association Meeting in Chicago. In two years the conference will be in held in Columbus hosting between 400-500 attendees. Ben Vollrath also attended. Update on airport runway resurfacing project shows completion on phase 1. It is 100% grant funded from FAA. Phase 2 will be started next week with stripping, pavement markings and grooving the end of the runway. The Airport will be closed next week to air traffic. The Street Department crews will be there to crack seal all that did not get paved.

Bid/issued an award for street painting and stripping project. Contract has been issued.

Budget hearings start next Thursday with Finance Committee and Department Heads from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Bellefontaine High School Homecoming Parade will be on Thursday the 22nd at 6:30 pm starting from Chillicothe Ave. to Main Street to Washington Ave. and ending at the High School.

The Vets to DC send off will be Friday the 23rd.

Law - No report

Auditor - No report

Police Chief - Lt. Marlow for Chief Standley reports that two part-time dispatchers have been hired and will start their training phase next week.

Still accepting NTN tests and police applications through September 23rd. Looking to establish a new list of applicants. Currently the list is at zero. A position has been offered to the only person left from the previous list.

Reminds all that school is back in session. There has been an unsolved hit/skip at Lake and Ludlow where a bicycle was struck by a dark colored sedan. Investigation continues.

The department has been awarded two grants, the Wellness Grant to provide fitness, nutritional advice and mental health checks. This amounts to a little over \$119,000.00 and will be in partnership with Mary Rutan Hospital. The other grant is Project Safe Neighborhoods and will establish a position (reassignment) to monitor kids during the off school season of spring, summer and fall and will be in collaboration with the courts, juvenile probation, parks department and police department.

Fire Chief – The aerial ladder is still on schedule to start building in December with a delivery date of April 2023.

The Firefighters Union will host their annual pancake breakfast on October 8th from 6-11 am with proceeds going to their scholarship fund. Breast cancer awareness shirts will be available in October.

The department has been awarded the Assistance to Firefighter SAFER Grant which will fund 3 new firefighter positions for 3 years. This amounts to \$838,000.00 to pay for salaries and benefits. Only cost to city is uniforms and pre physicals. Questions answered.

Code Enf.-

Hands out copies of Code Enforcement Activity Summary January 2022 to current. (copy att to Clerks official minutes). Summary includes code violations, tall grass/weed notices, condemnations. Nine condemnations have been issued this year. Two have been resolved. These (9) nine are added to the previous condemned properties for a total of (28) twenty-eight. The cause of the high number is citizens wanting to fix structures or bring their property out of the order and then not doing so. Work is being done along with Mr. Dodds, and Law Director Stolly to find a resolution to the problem. Law Director Stolly adds that the property owner has 60 days to begin the rehabilitation process and bring the property into compliance or out of condemnation. Our ordinance with the revised code states that if they fail to comply after the 60 days, a 30 day notice is provided saying that the property will be razed.

Concerning jobs that go out to bid, Bid Express has been implemented to streamline the process with great improvement.

Putting old maps in digital GIS is another project being worked on.

Working on many different graphic designs, including DORA signs and rough draft of a DORA handout.

Mr. Dodds expresses his gratitude for her work in code enforcement. Mr. Springs also adds commends her work.

Engineer- Not present

Parks & Rec- Not present

Economic Dev- Not present

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance – Explained ordinances and resolutions on the agenda. Budget meetings will start next Thursday for operating budget for 2023.

Rules - No report

Safety - No report

Utilities - No report

Streets - No report

Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks -Comments on the improvements made with the curb project on Main Street.

Audit – No report

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING

22-66 A. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF INCIDENTALS – FIRE DEPARTMENT 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

R22-67 B. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. **FINANCE**

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

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

- 22-62 A. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF GENERAL FUND-POLICE DEPARTMENT AND GENERAL FUND-DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**
- 3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Aler V All Ayes
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3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

- 22-59 A. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR CITY HALL, COMPUTER ACCOUNT, OPIOD SETTLEMENT FUND, AND WATER DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**
- Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by James V All Ayes

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: Read an invitation to a retirement open house in honor of Officer Greg Van Buskirk on Friday, September 16, 2022 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in Council Chambers.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: none

ADJOURNMENT – 7:55 pm moved by Lile, seconded by James

Bonnie Campbell, Clerk of Council

Zeb Wagner, President of Council