

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022  
7:30 pm**

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

**SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES:** Moved by Springs, seconded by  
**CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS:** none  
**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

**Mayor -** 5 x 7 council photos handed out to all. Also changed the three most recent mayor photos to black and white. Very proud of Heather for the work she did on the council photos.  
Thursday at 6:30 pm will be the “Pink Out” around the fountain. All are invited.  
Shares a press release (copy att to clerk’s official minutes). SmartAsset compiled data for ranking communities near large metropolitan areas. There are thirteen criteria including affordable housing, low crime rate and a variety of entertainment options. There are four major regions of the country with the Midwest ranking the highest. The City of Bellefontaine ranked 14 out of 494 places considered. Delaware, Johnstown and Canal Winchester also made the list. We are getting noticed with that small town feel with a lot to offer and safety as well.

**S/SD -** Attended the International City Managers Association Conference in Columbus. There were 150 educational sessions to pick from. Good connections made from around the country.  
The S. Main Paving Project has a tentative start date of October 3<sup>rd</sup> that will resurface S. Main from Pine Ave. to Auburn Ave.  
Downtown Business Partnership will have a Pumpkin Walk on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-8:00 pm.  
Met with Finance Committee last week and heard budget requests from department heads. With the continued growth of our city and the increased demand for all of our city services, reads a letter that he composed (copy att to clerk’s official minutes) concerning the growth of the city, our facilities and the best way to utilize our resources to meet those needs.

**Law -** Comments on the light agenda this evening and offers to answer any questions.  
**Auditor -** No report  
**Police Chief -** Not present  
**Fire Chief -** No report  
**Engineer-** Not present  
**Parks & Rec-** Not present  
**Economic Dev-** Mayor Stahler shares a report from Mr. Vollrath including the successful kick off of the 3E Initiative Program. And a speech/presentation by retired Captain Mike Abrashoff on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:30 am at the Holland Theatre. To register for the event, go to the Community Calendar at [logancountyohio.com](http://logancountyohio.com)

**Municipal Court-**no report

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Finance –** Explained ordinance on the agenda. Met with department heads last Thursday to look at budget requests.  
**Rules -** No report  
**Safety -** No report  
**Utilities -** No report

**Streets -** No report  
**Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks -**No report  
**Audit –** No report

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:** Judge Ann Beck, 226 W. Columbus Ave., here to speak about the need for a new Municipal Court Building, including the needs for the City, Municipal Court and comprehensive plans. Since bringing the issue before Council previously, the Finance Committee tabled the proposal but since a survey for the Parks Department has been started. At the Finance Committee meeting for budget proposals, spoke about the ability of the Municipal Court special projects fund to give \$100,000.00 to the Common Pleas Court for their specialized docket and how many lives have been changed because of this. There are so many people with mental health issues that go to the hospital, end up in jail and go right back at Municipal Court. Without a specialized docket, this cannot be changed or dealt with. There are serious cases every week and no room. There is no room in the lobby, no ability to accommodate people or protect each other. No room in the court room. One unisex bathroom only. Municipal court should be at the top of the list.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST 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**

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

**2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING**

**3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK:** none

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL:** Mr. Lile adds that Hand bags for cancer survivors will be handed out at 5:30 pm before the “Pink Out”.

**ADJOURNMENT –** 7:57 pm moved by Lile, seconded by James

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Bonnie Campbell, Clerk of Council

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Zeb Wagner, President of Council

