

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016
7:30 PM**

HEARING-7:00 PM- Affordable Gas and Electric, 2nd Hearing, Jeff Harmon, Managing Partner from Illinois provided fliers (att to Clerk’s official minutes) and gave a brief overview of community choice aggregation, what to expect on the ballot, bulk buying power, supplier choices and savings. Questions answered. Tom Reynolds, 312 E Auburn Ave., asked about the lock-up period of choosing a supplier. Mr. Harmon explained that you can switch every month if you would like with no penalties. It was also explained to Mr. Reynolds that the vote authorized the city to operate with aggregation and Council could choose to suspend the contract if lower rates were found.

If passed at election, Council will then be asked to adopt the rules of aggregation.

No one present in opposition.

HEARING-7:15 PM- Annexation for Nolan Property. Mr. Stolly explains, on behalf of Mr. Nolan, the change of zoning classification to R-1 Single Family. All properties on all sides of Mr. Nolan’s property are already annexed into the city.

Mr. James Nolan, 133 CR 10, Bellefontaine, states that the process was started a year ago and requests that Council consider passing on 1st and Final reading this evening, so that work could proceed before the bad weather sets in.

Mrs. Hager states that her committee does plan to waive the 3 Reading Rule and proceed with the ordinance.

No one present in opposition.

CALL TO ORDER:

David Henry

PLEDGE & INVOCATION:

ROLL CALL:

Lile

First Chair

Springs

Wagner

Baker

DeSomma

Hadley

Hager

Minister

All Present

SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES: Moved by Hager, Seconded by Hadley

V All Ayes

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: None

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mayor- The Shade Tree Commission has two vacancies. Mayor Stahler offers his recommendations of Cathy Dinovo and Deb Baker to fill these vacancies.

Motion to appoint Cathy Dinovo and Deb Baker to the Shade Tree Commission moved by Hadley, seconded by DeSomma
V Ayes-Baker, abstain

Gives a reminder that the last Thursday in October is Beggars Night. Chief Standley and the police department will be out in full force.

The Chili Cook Off and Kick Off for United Way was held on Wednesday. Envelopes for United Way donations are handed out and appreciation for consideration is given.

Friday will be “Flu Shot Day” administered by the Mayor.

The Commemorative Coin made for the 25th Anniversary visit of our Sister City of Suzuka was shared and handed out to all Council members. The document signed by both cities was read as well. The Mayor thanks all who attended the celebration. The visit was brief but wonderful.

Invites Police Sergeant Bob Holderman, retired from the Bellefontaine Police Department, to present to Council and the City of Bellefontaine, a hand carved bust of Blue Jacket to be displayed

in the police department. Sgt. Holderman also shared another hand carved Blue Jacket bust to be presented to the Courts. The bases of these statues are carved from an original timber from the court house tower.

The Mayor expresses his gratitude and reads /presents a resolution to Sgt. Holderman for these hand carved Blue Jacket busts.

S/SD - Excited to share the ADD life saving device that will now be in the lobby of the City Building. The project was supported by a \$5000.00 donation from the Mary Rutan Foundation and a generous \$5000.00 donation from Mick Reed of Mobile Instruments. Asks that everyone make time to take a CPR Course. Our Fire Department will provide this training for free.

Discussion of the water main break on Lake Ave. including a meeting tomorrow with the Director of the Health Board, the federal regulated and EPA “boil advisory” due to the loss of pressure from the break and the tireless efforts to restore water to the community. Will continue to work towards improvements.

Law - Recommends that Mrs. Hager waive the 48 Hour Notification Suspension Rule for the Nolan Annexation and zoning request and ask for 1st and final reading this evening.

Auditor - Tomorrow voting will start and Mr. Reser encourages all to vote yes for the Road and Bridge Levy.

Police Chief - No report

Fire Chief – Absent

Engineer- Absent

Parks & Rec- Gives an update on the revitalization of the shelter house in Mary Rutan Park including replacement of the roof and the installation of a playground.

The Ring of Lights in Blue Jacket Park will be held on October 22nd.

There are now two (2) ADD in the parks as well. One will be in the Southview concession stand and one will be shared between the swimming pool and Blue Jacket concession stand.

Tax Dept- Starting tomorrow, the auditors from RITA will be working on tax delinquencies.

Utility Dept- No report

Economic Dev- No report

DP&L- No report

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Rules - Explained ordinances on the agenda.

Finance - Explained ordinance on the agenda.

Utilities - Explained ordinance on the agenda. The Utility Committee has met seven (7) times since March to discuss generating revenue to update city infrastructure. Thanks the committee members, Utility Department and Mr. Stolly for all of their time and input in this matter.

Safety - No report

Streets - No report

Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks – Handed out meeting minutes to Council and Administration. (copy att to Clerk’s official minutes) On October 15th there will be family camping at Myerah Nature Reserve. Call the Park Office for reservations.

Audit - No report

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS: Tom Reynolds, 312 E. Auburn Ave, Bellefontaine, asking Council not to vote for Ordinance 16-56 for first reading concerning utility, water and sewer rate increase based on his opinion that the 100 year old infrastructure needs studied, replaced and remapped. In his opinion, the city infrastructure should be planned out and then rate increase implemented based on the repair, replace and remap costs. He also handed out and explained a pamphlet concerning destructive water hammer conditions (att to Clerk’s official minutes)

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING

- 16-56 A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO REGARDING THE UTILITY, WATER AND SEWER RATES. **UTILITIES**
- 3RR - Moved by Wagner, seconded by Springs V All Ayes
 Passage -
 Adoption -

- Motion to waive the 48 Hour Notification Suspension Rule moved by Hager, seconded by Hadley V All Ayes*
- 16-57 B. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY/REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE OHIO, OWNED BY JAMES NOLAN, LOCATED ON COUNTY ROAD 10 ADJACENT TO THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, ESTABLISHING ZONING CLASSIFICATION THEREFORE, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. (NOLAN ANNEXATION) **RULES**
- 3RR - Moved by Hager, seconded by Hadley V All Ayes
 Passage - Moved by Hager, seconded by Hadley V All Ayes
 Adoption - Moved by Hager, seconded by Hadley V All Ayes

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

- 16-53 A. AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 89-87 PROVIDING THE AMOUNT OF FIDELITY BONDS COVERING CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **RULES**
- 3RR - Moved by Hager, seconded by Hadley V All Ayes
 Passage -
 Adoption -

- 16-54 B. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF GENERAL, PROBATION, POLICE DONATIONS, FIRE DONATION, WATER, SEWER AND AMBULANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**
- 3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Wagner V All Ayes
 Passage-
 Adoption-

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: Reads an invitation to Council to attend the Domestic Violence Awareness Day on October 13th at 12:00 pm, at Union Station located at 813 Hamilton Ave.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: Mrs. Hager attended a performance of Young Americans and states that it was fantastic. Also attended the Core Presentation and learned a lot. Also inquires of when to expect the next Water Report.

President Henry thanks all Council and Administration that participated in the Suzuka visit.

Mr. Holycross addresses the previous comments made by Mr. Reynolds and assures all that the city does have a master plan for utilities. Discussions have been held with the Engineer’s office to upgrade the master plans. A study such as he suggested would cost upwards of \$25,000.00 and the Engineering office as well as the Service Safety office want to make sure that a good result will come out of it. Questions can be asked at any time and he assures all that the city

is not as ill informed as Mr. Reynolds comments.

Mr. Hadley brings up the date of the first Council meeting for November being on election night. It is then decided to move the meeting to Wednesday, November 7, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

Motion to change the 1st Council Meeting in November to Monday, November 7, 2016 at 7:30 pm moved by Hadley, seconded by Hager *V All Ayes*

ADJOURNMENT - 8:28 pm

Bonnie Campbell, Clerk of Council

David Henry, President of Council