

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2020 7:00 – 9:00PM
VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: Mayor Tommie Pierson, Alderwoman Barbara West, Alderwoman Dinah Tatman, Alderwoman Theresa Reed, Alderman James Carroll, Alderman James Thomas, Alderman Jim Christian, Alderwoman Alease Dailes, Alderwoman Miranda Avant-Elliott, City Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman, Police Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk Fran Stevens

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Pierson at 7:01pm.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk called the roll and all members were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion to** approve agenda made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Mayor asked for yeas and nays. Mayor stated the **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Pierson read a statement regarding the Emergency Special Board Meeting held on August 12, 2020. The statement was referring to the meeting not conforming to the Sunshine Law. The Mayor asked the City Attorney to render a legal opinion regarding the findings of this meeting by the next regular meeting to be held August 20, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The meeting was opened to the public to speak 3 minutes each.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET

a. APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER \$500

Motion to approve 11 invoices over \$500 in the amount of \$38,172.29 with the removal of the City Attorney's invoice #27423 in the amount of \$10,133 for time to review made by Alderwoman Reed seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Tatman-no, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the invoices will stay in **with a 5-3 vote.**

Motion to approve invoices over \$500 in the amount of \$48,305.29 made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no, Alderwoman Tatman-yes, Alderwoman Reed-no, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. Mayor stated the **Motion failed with a 5-3 vote.**

Motion to move approval of over \$500 to the next general board meeting to give the board time for complete review made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Mayor stated that **Motion passed with everyone saying yea and Alderwoman Tatman opposing.**

b. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVESTIGATION

Motion that the BOA form a committee of four Alderpersons to investigate accounts payable and at the next BOA meeting (August 20th) make nominations and appointments to this committee made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Mayor stated the **Motion passed unanimously.**

c. BUDGET AMENDMENTS (CITY ADMINISTRATOR SALARY)

Motion to go into informal discussion regarding the budget amendments made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor stated the Motion passed unanimously.

d. ZOOM WEBINAR PACKAGE PURCHASE

Motion that the board purchase the additional zoom package to include the webinar feature to add Video Webinars (starting at \$40/mo.) made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-left at 7:44pm, Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. **Motion passed with a 5-2 vote.**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

a. BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE-THRU

Motion that the board allow me to chair a back to school drive-thru event with the youth commission, fire department, and the police department made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman West. Mayor stated the Motion passed unanimously.

b. APPROVAL OF MASKS DISTRIBUTION

Motion that the recreation staff facilitate the process of distributing masks donated to the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors from the St. Louis County Health Department made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman West. At this point Alderwoman Tatman stated she has returned to the meeting. Mayor stated the Motion passed unanimously.

c. PARTNERSHIP WITH UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI EXTENSION'S "PASSPORT TO THE ARTS"

Motion that the Board of Alderpersons refer to the Parks and Rec Board to partner with and take on the planning process with the University of Missouri Extension's "Passport to the Arts" program made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman West. Mayor stated the Motion passed unanimously.

TRAINING

a. APPROVAL OF CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL TRAINING

Motion to rescind the motion and adoption of allowing Alderman Carroll to attend online courses to become a Certified Municipal Official from the July 2, 2020 Board of Alderpersons meeting made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderman Christian. Mayor stated the Motion passed unanimously.

Motion that the Board of Alderpersons approve Alderman Carroll and Alderwoman Avant-Elliott in becoming a Certified Elected Official at a cost of \$150 for an administrative fee and to take up to 16 hours of online courses offered by the Municipal League at a cost of \$10 per course/per hour of training made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion to amend the motion to add any Alderperson can take classes to become a Certified Elected Official made by Alderwoman Tatman seconded by Alderman Carroll. Mayor stated the Motion passed unanimously.

b. APPROVAL OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS TRAINING FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Motion that the Board of Alderperson approve the City Clerk, the Building Department Clerk, and up to four Alderpersons take an online course, Minutes Made Easy, offered by the National Association of Parliamentarians at the cost of \$25 per individual, the BOA will decide these four Alderpersons at the next BOA Meeting (August 20th) made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion to amend the motion to strike four alderpersons to add any alderpersons made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Thomas. Mayor stated the Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE ADOPTION

a. BILL NO. 2020-2589- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DIVISION 4 OF ARTICLE III RELATING TO THE CITY ATTORNEY AND SECTIONS 18-8, 18-9, AND 18-25 OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS CITY CODE RELATING TO THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AND THE OFFICE OF PROVISIONAL JUDGE. – ALDERMAN CARROLL

Motion to do the first and second readings and adoption of Bill No. 2020-2589 made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderman Christian. Mayor stated the Motion passed unanimously with Alderwoman Dailes and Alderman Thomas voting no. Alderwoman Tatman seconded 2nd read. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 8-0 votes.**

Bill No. 2020-2589 will become Ordinance No. 2582 if and when signed by the Mayor.

b. BILL NO. 2020-2590-SECTION 106.4-VIOLATION PENALTIES OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE REGARDING MUNICIPAL CODE VIOLATIONS – ALDERMAN CARROLL

Motion to do the first and second readings and adoption of Bill No. 2020-2590 made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Mayor stated the Motion passed unanimously. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded 2nd read. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 8-0 votes.**

Bill No. 2020-2590 will become Ordinance No. 2583 if and when signed by the Mayor.

c. BILL NO 2020-2591-AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1-10(a) GENERAL PENALTY PROVISIONS AND SECTION 17-1, DEFINITIONS, OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS CITY CODE REGARDING MINOR TRAFFIC CODE AND MUNICIPAL CODE VIOLATIONS– ALDERMAN CARROLL

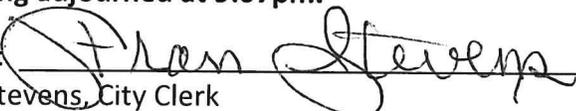
Motion to do the first and second readings and adoption of Bill No. 2020-2591 made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Mayor stated the Motion passed unanimously. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded 2nd read. Votes are as follows: Alderwoman West-yes, Alderwoman Tatman-yes Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 8-0 votes.**

Bill No. 2020-2591 will become Ordinance No. 2584 if and when signed by the Mayor.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion to go into Closed Session for Legal Actions, Causes of Action, Litigation or Privileged Communications Between The City’s Representatives and Its Attorneys (Sec. 610.021 (1) and Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting Employees (Sec. 610.021 (3) made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Christian. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-left, Alderwoman Tatman-yes Alderwoman Reed-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated **Motion passed with 7-0 votes.**

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. Mayor stated **Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.

Attest: 
Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by Board of Alderpersons Sept 10, 2020