

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 04, 2022 – 7:30PM**

**PRESENT** Mayor Tommie Pierson, Sitting in for the City Attorney Susie McFarland, Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk pro tem Judy Mantych, City Clerk Semmie Ruffin-Hall

**ABSENT:** All Present

**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY** Mayor Pierson at 7:32pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Mayor Pierson

**ROLL CALL:** City Clerk pro tem Judy Mantych called the roll,  
Present: Alderperson Dinah Tatman, Alderperson Theresa Hester, Alderperson Peg Warnusz,  
Alderperson James Thomas, Alderperson Regina Harmon-Ward, Alderperson Alease Dailes,  
Alderperson Alicia Smith

**BOARD APPROVALS**

Semmie Ruffin-Hall sworn in as City Clerk

Discussion of Ward 2 vacancy Alderperson (Tracy Gibbs) Mayor Pierson called for a vote

- Alderperson Tatman-N
- Alderperson Hester-N
- Alderperson Warnusz-N
- Alderperson Thomas-Y
- Alderperson Harmon-Ward-N
- Alderperson Dailes-N
- Alderperson Smith-N

Approval failed

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approve Agenda Alderperson Dailes 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderperson Smith  
Alderperson Dailes made a motion for the resolution to approve the agenda under new business for Resolution Rodman & Associates and for the Fire District to be placed on the next agenda.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (With 3-minute time limit)**

- John Krsul-107XX Old Running Brooks Drive  
-Concerned about situation on Belgrove (trucks and weeds)

- **Barbara West-97XX Calumet Drive**  
-Concerned about Influence Church (not in compliance) no occupancy permit, tractor trailer issues
- **Mary Krsul-107XX Old Running Brooks Drive**  
-Tires, trash on side of road on Belgrove
- **Marcie Gooden-94XX Duenke**  
-Trash can and occupancy permit concerns
- **Tracy Gibbs- 104XX Bellefontaine Road**  
-QT issue .What does Alderperson do with concerns
- **Anthony Green-92XX Waldorf Drive**  
-Building Inspector Update  
-Speeding Enforcement Update  
-Audit Update for June 30, 2021  
-Collector Missing  
-Segregation of Duties in Finance Department
- **Blaine Lillard-10XX Oran Drive**  
-Concern with teenagers walking with semi-automatic weapons  
-Police presence needed during school hours of 2:45pm-3:30pm
- **Wanda Lane-99XX Martingale Drive**  
-Spoke on Short staff all over  
-Spoke on QT having a Conditional Use Permit  
- Riverview Gardens Fire District Community outreach last Saturday (7/30/22) was a total success  
-Riverview Gardens Back to School event held on 8/2/22 was a success  
-8/20/22 Community clean up on all Riverview Garden Campuses  
-9/24/22 Real Community Planting Day for Riverview
- **John Bolton-Non residence**  
-Concerned about why Alderperson for Ward 2 was not appointed today
- **Walter Giles-14XX Blackhurst**  
-Sidewalk tore out since winter (12 sections) unable to walk  
-Drag racing  
-Abandoned House in rear (Dwight) grass 4 feet high and a pool (2 feet of stagnant water)  
-Two abandoned pick-up trucks being worked on and one in driveway with canvas on it

#### **APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER 500**

Approval of Invoices over \$500 dated 7/19/2022-8/02/22 by Alderperson Thomas 2nd  
Alderperson Harmon-Ward

Discussion by Alderperson Smith-Verizon Bill and request for approval for Police Department for a bill -Paragon Micro-Inc (\$2,024.97) not listed on check register to be approved and Verizon bill amount is incorrect amount. Chief Ihler stated Paragon is not a bill and should not be in the invoices.

Motion made by Alderperson Dailes to remove item #45078-Verizon in the amount of \$642.00 indicated by Alderperson Smith it is not the correct amount 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderperson Smith-Total amount approved tonight is \$35, 831.55 with the removal of Verizon check #45078  
Question from Alderperson Smith for Jimmy-Bill from Four Seasons Distributors invoice says \$376.65 but balance is \$1,374.50 paying \$376.65 what happens with balance-Jimmy states \$1000 outstanding balance we owe them but \$376.65 is for specific order what is due now

Mayor called for approval of Invoices over \$500-AYES have it

## **COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS**

### **A. PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – JIMMY KIRINCICH**

Updates:

1. American Water Grant- We received a grant in the amount of 1,073 to replace one of our water fountains with a bottle filler. That water fountain was installed and we've received the reimbursement check.
2. Municipal Park Grant- Phase 2 of the gym renovation is replacing the gymnasium floor (\$115,000) weight room equipment (\$193,500), and basketball goals (\$4,700). Total of \$313,200 if we applied and received the municipal grant the city would have to pay \$15,000 for this phase the rest would be covered by grants. There needs to be a resolution passed by the BOA at the August 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting and the application deadline is August 26<sup>th</sup>.
3. Gymnasium roof update: We received the final bid documents and drawings from Frontenac Engineering. Pending approval from Clayton Klein the City Engineer we will be able to mail out the bid forms within the next two weeks. We have not yet created a timeline for bid submission. I will have a full update with documents submitted to the board at the September 1 board meeting.
4. A PO was approved to purchase and install a new DVR, back up battery and rack for the recreation centers camera system. This will get our system back up online until we can go out to bid for a full city wide camera upgrade. We are waiting for the contractor to schedule the work with us.
5. The fall brochure will be out roughly the week of August 22-26. Fall program registration will start on August 30 for residents and September 6 for open registration.

### **B. STREET DEPARTMENT – JEFF ROSS**

Updates:

1. 7 Vacant properties cut
2. Contract out for 4 trees: 909 Fontaine; 1200 Yukon; 10217 Unicorn and 1208 Garwood
3. Waste Management Meeting 8/4 to discuss trash can pick ups
4. MSD –Program to help remind people not to dump in sewers to eliminate flooding

5. 8/31 Audit with Department of Natural Resources and MSD to make sure we are in compliance
6. Wilderness Park-cleaning up branches to help eliminate dumping

**C. IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION – JENNIE STEWART**

Updates:

NO REPORT

**D. CHIEF OF POLICE – JEREMY IHLER**

Updates:

1. Six Month Review:  
-2021-January -6%-Crime down
2. October 1-(11am-6pm)-Backstoppers BBQ
3. October 11-(6pm-8:30pm)-National Night Out
4. October 31-(6pm-8pm) Trunk or Treat (Registration Required)

**E. CITY ATTORNEY – DOROTHY WHITE-COLEMAN**

Updates:

NO REPORT

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES EQUIPMENT REQUEST (CHIEF IHLER)**

FIRST READING: Alderperson Dailes 2<sup>nd</sup>Alderperson Smith.

Mayor Pierson called for a vote

- Alderperson Tatman-Y
- Alderperson Hester-Y
- Alderperson Warnusz-Y
- Alderperson Thomas-Y
- Alderperson Harmon-Ward-A
- Alderperson Dailes-Y
- Alderperson Smith-Y

Placed on Agenda (Special Meeting) 8/11/22

**B. ROGNAN & ASSOCIATES**

Motion by Alderperson Dailes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderperson Tatman-Ayes have it

**C. FIRE DISTRICT**

Placed on 8/18/22 to be discuss waiving fees

**REPORT OF MAYOR**

Updates:

NO REPORT

## **REPORT OF ALDERMEN**

### **TATMAN**

- Seriously change ordinance and enforce them to protect citizens especially our homeowners
- Enforcement, Enforcement, Enforcement

### **HESTER**

- Police need consider this as their community they are here to protect serve
- Crime Prevention and Public Safety Summit coming up-10/1/22 (10am-2pm) at Riverview Gardens Gymnasium
- Run Walk-10/08/22 (JADASA) Anti Violence Outreach Program-Registration if you want to participate but can come and just enjoy festivities

### **WARNUSZ**

- Thanked Judy Mantych for going above and beyond for stepping up as City Clerk

### **THOMAS**

- NO REPORT

### **HARMON-WARD**

- NO REPORT-Thanked Judy Mantych for stepping up as City Clerk

### **DAILES**

- Congratulated Cori Bush and Reta Days
- Day of Election (7:30am-6pm) this is what was said-Property violation, Speeding, City falling in decline, lack of police presence, and Rudeness when calling building department
- Board of Aldermen given Senate Bill 5 and ordinance written for Florissant residents called Residential Realestate

## **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (With 3-minute time limit)**

- **Marcie Gooden-94XX Duenke**
  - Building Inspector is needed
  - Priority is not trash pick-up for Kelsie
- **Faye Davis-Non resident**
  - Not enough Residential street lights
  - Speeding
- **Barbara West-97XX Calument**
  - Ordinance written about taxes for Fire District approved by WhiteColeman
  - Ordinance written dealing with rental properties and landlords
  - Point system needed for Businesses that are not in compliance
- **Anthony Green-92XX Waldorf Drive**
  - Speeding

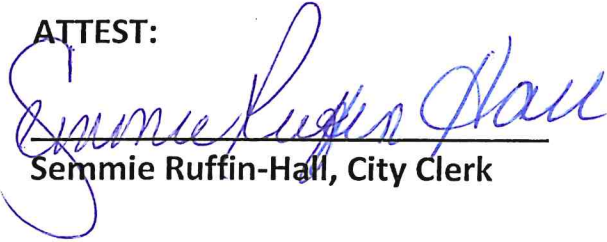
-Expired Tags

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Alderperson Dailes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderperson Warnusz

Ayes have it: 9:42pm

**ATTEST:**

  
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Semmie Ruffin-Hall, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on

October 6, 2022