

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMAN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2022**

PRESENT: Mayor Tommie Pierson, Alderwoman Dinah Tatman, Alderwoman Theresa Hester, Alderwoman Peg Warnus , Alderman James Thomas, Alderwoman Alease Dailes , Alderwoman Alicia Smith. City Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman, Major Warren Willis, Acting City Clerk Steven Flowers.

ABSENT: Alderman James Carroll Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Mayor Tommie Pierson called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

ROLL CALL: Clerk Flowers called the roll and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Alderwoman Dailes to approve the agenda and Alderman Thomas seconded it. All ayes motion carried.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER \$500.00: A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith to pay invoices over \$500.00 and Alderwoman Dailes seconded it. Motion carried all ayes.

CITY COLLECTOR: Absent

CITY ENGINEER: Mr. Klein presented a report to the board. There were questions in regards to utility companies obtaining permits. Mr.Klein stated that companies such as Missouri American Water, and MSD were never charged a permit fee. There was a question about the work being

inspected after the work is completed. Mr. Klein stated he would have to consult with the City Attorney on how to proceed.

PLANNING AND ZONING: Mr. Barrett gave a summary of what was discussed in Planning and Zoning meeting.

- Property Maintenance
- Administrative Search Warrants
- Saint Louis County Inspections

Chief of Police: Major Willis stated that the fireworks are illegal. Major Willis stated signs are being posted throughout the city and more signs are being ordered. Major Willis stated that he had received two request for having a block party on the 4th of July Holiday. It was stated that there was an amendment to the ordinance in 2019. It was stated that a resolution needs to be passed and a permit form needs to be filled out. There questions is to who would have the permit form? Alderwoman Warnus stated that it would be unfair to the resident to wait to another meeting to be approved because the city did not know the procedures. It was suggested that a special meeting via zoom can be discussed this issue. The Mayor stated it would be ok to have the block party. Alderwoman Dailes brought to Major Willis attention that there was someone soliciting in the City without a peddler's license. . Alderwoman Dailes stated she called the police no one responded to her request. Major Willis stated he would look into this matter.

CITY ATTORNEY: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The mayor read a veto message regarding BILL NO 2618 stating that it would not be in the best interest to pass this ordinance. There was discussion in regards to moving forward with the bill. Alderwoman Dailes

stated it would be unfair to the employees who do a raise. While the board work on an ordinance for the capped employees. There was discussion on the floor in regards to ordinance 2618 in regarding employee pay plans. Attorney WhiteColeman explained that if override the Mayor veto the bill will stay in an effect. Alderwoman Smith stated in reference to MML, State Statues, once a employee is capped in order to get an increase in salary is to change the job title or cost of living. Alderwoman Smith also stated that it separate exempt and non-exempt employees. Alderwoman Warnus stated she is concerned that capped employees not included in the pay plan that may resign. Alderwoman Warnuz also stated that the City cannot afford to lose anymore qualify employees. Alderwoman Smith and Alderwoman Warnus agreed to work together on drafting new bills including exempt and non-exempt employees. There was a roll call vote to override the mayor veto.

Roll Call

Alderwoman Tatman Yes

Alderwoman Hester Yes

Alderwoman Warnus Yes

Alderman Thomas No

Alderwoman Dailes Yes

Alderwoman Smith Yes

There was no simple majority the veto is honored and a new bill be drafted and voted on.

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2630 Introduced by Alderwoman Dailes: 1st reading A motion was made by Alderwoman Dailes to accept Bill NO. 2630 and it was seconded by Alderman Thomas. There were all ayes and zero nays . 2nd reading A motion was made by Alderwoman Dailes to accept BILL MO 2630 and it was seconded by Alderman Thomas.

Roll Call Vote:

Alderwoman Tatum Yes

Alderman Hester Yes

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Alderman Thomas Yes

Alderwoman Dailes Yes

Alderwoman Smith Yes

Six ayes zero nays motion carried.

BILL NO: 2631: Introduced By Alderwoman Dailes: 1st reading A motion was made by Alderwoman Dailes to accept BILL NO 2631 and it was seconded by Alderwoman Smith. There were all ayes. 2nd reading A motion was made by Alderwoman Dailes to accept Bill NO 2631 and it was seconded by Alderwoman Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Alderwoman Tatman Yes

Alderwoman Hester Yes ‘

Alderwoman Warnus Yes

Alderman Thomas Yes

Alderwoman Dailes Yes

Alderwoman Smith Yes

Six ayes and zero nays motion carried.

Bill NO 2632: Introduced By Alderman Thomas 1st reading a motion was made by Alderman Thomas to accept BILLNO 2632 and Alderwoman Dailes seconded it. There all ayes. 2nd reading A motion was made by Alderman Thomas to accept BILLNO 2632 and it was seconded by Alderwoman Dailes.

Roll Call Vote:

Alderwoman Tatman Yes

Alderwoman Hester Yes

Alderwoman Warnus Yes

Alderman Thomas Yes

Alderwoman Dailes Yes

Alderwoman Smith Yes

Six ayes and zero nays motion carried.

Bill NO 2633: Introduced By Alderwoman Tatman 1st reading a motion was made by Alderwoman Tatman to accept BILL NO 2633 and Alderwoman Dailes seconded it. There were all ayes. 2nd reading a motion was made by Alderwoman Tatman to accept BILLNO 2633 and Alderwoman Dailes seconded it.

Roll Call Vote:

Alderwoman Tatman Yes

Alderwoman Hester Yes

Alderwoman Warnus Yes

Alderman Thomas Yes

Alderwoman Dailes Yes

Alderwoman Smith Yes

Six ayes and zero nays motion carried.

Discussion of 2021 -2022 and 2022 -2023 Budget:

Alderwoman Smith asked if the department heads know where they were in the budget. Mr. Ross stated he knew where he was but not real sure during the change of administration in the finance department. Major Willis stated the same for the Police Department. The board agreed that they need to

meet with the Treasurer and the departments to discuss the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mayor Report: The Mayor thank everyone for attending the meeting. He shared his experience with the newly elected officials and with the newly elected board members. He was glad he got a chance to get to know new members better and their eagerness to learn. The mayor read a Missouri Ethic Commission complaint that was brought against him from Alderman Carroll. The compliant is under investigation.

Alderman Tatman: No Report

Alderman Hester: Alderman Hester thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She informed the residents that on Saturday June 18 there is a Juneteenth parade starting 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. The parade will end Bellefontaine Park. She expressed she learned a lot at newly elected training seminar and she was glad she went.

Alderman Warnus: Alderman Warnus thanked everyone for coming. She expressed that she learned a lot the conference and getting know her colleagues. She expressed her concerns about vicious dogs and one her residents in her ward was attacked by a pit bull. Alderman Warnus thanked the officer who responded to incident.

Alderman Thomas: Alderman Thomas thanked everyone for attending and encouraged residents to attend the Juneteenth celebration.

Alderman Dailes: No Report Alderman Dailes stated due to mass murders that have happened she has requested more police presence at the Juneteenth celebration and Alderman Tatman agreed.

Alderman Smith: Alderman Smith thanked everyone for attending. Alderman Smith expressed her concern about officers sitting at the park

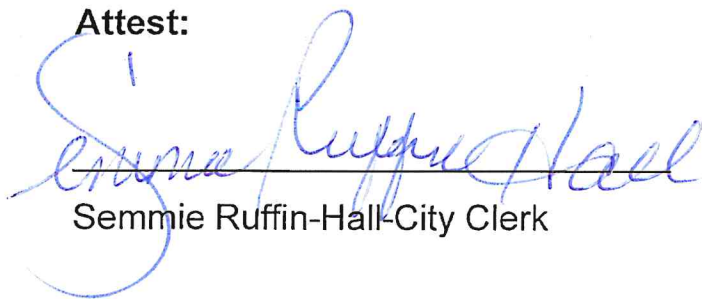
doing nothing for several minutes. Major Willis stated that they are doing reports.

Citizen Comments: Resident Terry who resides on Addison asked about the Shot Fighter similar to Moline Acres. Major Willis stated that the Chief is looking into it.

Ms. Marcy thanked the board for working together. She requested that speed bumps be included in the next year fiscal budget. She was glad that board is trying to work together on pay increases for the employees of Bellefontaine Neighbors.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Alderwoman Dailes to adjourn the meeting and Alderwoman Hester seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Attest:


Semmie Ruffin-Hall
Semmie Ruffin-Hall City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman 12-1-22