# CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023-7:30 PM

Notice is hereby given that the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors will hold a Board of Aldermen meeting on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 9641 Bellefontaine Road, Bellefontaine Neighbors, and MO. 63137 as well as VIA ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE

To Join The Meeting Via Website:

(1) Go to Zoom at <a href="https://zoom.us">https://zoom.us</a>
(2) Select Join a Meeting

(3) Enter Meeting ID: 825 620 8214 (4) Enter Password: 4i85eK

To Join the Meeting By Phone Call (Audio):
(1) Call 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
(2) When prompted, enter the Pass Code 452739

Persons interested in making their views known on any matter will be able to speak during the meeting under "Public Comments". In addition, anyone may send an email with his or her comments to the City Clerk at <a href="mailto:sruffin-hall@cityofbn.com">sruffin-hall@cityofbn.com</a> no later than Thursday, August 3, 2023 by 12:00pm. All comments received by email will be entered into the public record and publicly as time allows. All emailed comments will also be distributed to the entire Board at or before the meeting.

#### **AGENDA**

# BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS CITY HALL

# 9641 BELLEFONTAINE RD BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MO. 63137 AND VIA ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE

### THURSDAY-AUGUST 3, 2023-7:30 PM

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
- 3. ROLL CALL
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 5. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)
- 6. PRESENTATION OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES (Special B.O.A Meeting Minutes 06-06-23 and B.O.A. Meeting Minutes 06-15-23)
- 7. PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT-(JIMMY KIRINICH)-EXCUSED (REPORT ATTACHED)
- 8. STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT- (JEFF ROSS)
- 9. POLICE REPORT (CHIEF JEREMY IHLER)-EXCUSED (MAJOR WILLISS)
- 10. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT (DOROTHY WHITE COLEMAN)
- 11. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. Approve additional money from ARPA funds for Tree Removal.
  - B. Allocate funds for two additional laborers for public works department
- 12. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  - A. Approve Pay Scale & Job Description for Assistant Finance Director
- 13. TREASURER'S REPORT-(RICK ROGNAN)
  - A. BUDGET-2023/2024
- 14. MAYOR'S REPORT
- 15. ALDERMAN'S REPORT
- 16. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2023 SUBJECT TO A MOTION DULY MADE AND ADOPTED, THE BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS MAY HOLD A CLOSED MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING MATTERS RELATING TO ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: LEGAL ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, LITIGATION OR PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVES AND ITS ATTORNEYS (SEC. 610.021(1): LEASE, PURCHASE OR SALE OF REAL ESTATE (SEC. 610.021(2); HIRING, FIRING DISCIPLINNING OR PROMOTING EMPLOYEES (SEC. 610.021(3); PREPARATION FOR

NEGOTIATIONS WITH EMPLOYEE GROUPS (SEC. 610.021(9); BIDDING SPECIFICATIONS (SEC 610.021(11); AND /OR PROPRIETARY TECHNOLOGICAL MATERIALS (SEC 610.02 (15).

THIS AGENDA WITH PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERPERSON'S MEETING ON AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2023, WAS POSTED ON AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2023, AT 6:00 PM IN BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS CITY HALL (FRONT DOOR) AND ON THE CITY'S WEBPAGE AT <a href="www.cityofbn.com">www.cityofbn.com</a>. FOR A COPY, CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

COPIES OF THIS NOTICE MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING: SEMMIE RUFFIN-HALL, CITY CLERK, CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS-9641 BELLEFONTAINE ROAD-ST. LOUIS, MO 63137-(314) 867-0076.

# CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL VIA ZOOM MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY JUNE 06, 2023-6:00 P.M.

City Clerk had technical difficulties

PRESENT Mayor Dinah Tatman, City Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman.

Mayor Tatman CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER at 6:05 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Mayor Dinah Tatman at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** City Clerk Semmie Ruffin Hall called the roll:

- Alderman Peg Warnusz-EXCUSED
- Alderman Theresa Hester-NOT Present
- Alderman Lynette VonSeggern-Ward-Present
- Alderman (Board President) James Thomas, Sr.-Present
- Alderman Regina Harmon-Ward-Present
- Alderman Alease Dailes-Present
- Alderman Alicia Smith-Present
- Five Present/ Two Absent -Quorum was established.

Mayor asked for a motion to pay the bills dated May 1-May 30, 2023, for the invoices over \$500 in the total of \$11,472.46, Alderwoman Dailes made a motion to pay the invoices under \$500 from May 16, 2023, through May 30, 2023, in the amount of \$41,620.38. Board President James Thomas, Sr. made second.

Alderman Dailes asked about a lot of AFLAC returns, do you know what that is.

Mayor Tatman stated money was being taken out of the police officers' paycheck but were not paid to AFLAC. So those amounts were paid back to the officers.

Alderman Dailes stated I did not see a receipt for \$132 back to the mayor. Mayor stated flowers were sent to Alderwoman Lynette VonSeggern for the loss of her

brother and her election. Alderman Smith stated she thought that the employee paid AFLAC as well as the employer. Mayor stated it is a combination of both. Alderman Smith stated she would like to make a correction to the motion because you stated Mayor for over \$500 when the motion was under \$500. Mayor asked or a second on the corrected motion. For the under \$500, Alderman Lynette VonSeggern seconded the motion. Mayor called for any other questions. Alderman Dailes stated unless not printed out it went from 45992, check #45993 is not here and #45995 is not in sequence. And we would like Lori the Finance Director to have those available for us. The City Clerk stated, Lori prints checks and she does not print over \$500 or under \$500 they are all printed together so those checks are there but are in with over \$500. Alderwoman Dailes states Ok, I see them. Alderman Dailes stated she would like to see all the receipts. We only receive the ledger we do not receive the actual bills themselves, that is what Alderwoman Dailes is requesting. Is that something we should receive? Mayor stated absolutely. Mayor asked The City Clerk are they in there, The City Clerk stated Mayor they should be, but I do have receipts for all. Mayor stated we all have fiduciary duties, and you should see them. Mayor called for an all-in favor if there are no other questions. Vote by the sign of Aye.

Five Ayes/0-Nays. Motion Passed for approval of invoices under \$500 dated May 16, 2023, through May 30, 2023, in the amount of \$41,620.38

Mayor asked for a motion to pay the bills dated May 1-May 30, 2023, for invoices over \$500 in the total of \$11,472.46. Mayor asked for a motion to approve. Board President Thomas made the motion to pay the invoices over \$500 dated May 1 through May 30, 2023, in the amount of \$11,472.46. Second by Alderman Lynette VonSeggern. Mayor asked for any questions. Alderman Smith stated at the last meeting there was a bill for \$6200 for the police department having an accident and The Chief said he would provide that information in detail, and we have not received that yet. Mayor asked if we could vote and this first and discuss this later because this amount is not in this bill total. Alderman Smith stated that would be fine. Mayor called for an all-in favor if there are no other questions. Vote by the sign of Aye.

Five Ayes/0-Nays. Motion Passed for approval of invoices over \$500 dated May 1, 2023, through May 30, 2023, in the amount of \$11,472.46.

The mayor stated, to your question Alderwoman Smith, yes you will because there is a report and think also was an issue with a vehicle needing to replace a boiler. I know it is hard when you look at these invoices the prices of labor has almost doubled. The pump was only \$80 but the labor was \$300.

The mayor stated she appreciated everyone's time. Mayor stated she made Fridays her field day. **Alderman Dailes** stated Ward 4 is having a meet and greet at the Advance Auto on Saturday at 10am. Everyone is welcome.

Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Board President Thomas made a motion to adjourn the Special Board Meeting, Second made by Alderman Dailes. Mayor called for an all-in favor.

Five Ayes/0-Nays.

	The	meeting	ad	journed	at	6:30	pm.
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ATTEST:	
Semmie Ruffin-Hall, City Clerk	
Approved by the Board of Aldermen on	

## CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL VIA ZOOM MEETING MINUTES MONDAY JUNE 26, 2023-6:00 P.M.

PRESENT Mayor Dinah Tatman, City Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman.

Mayor Tatman CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Semmie Ruffin Hall called the roll:

- Alderman Peg Warnusz-Present
- Alderman Theresa Hester-Present
- Alderman Lynette VonSeggern-Ward-Present
- Alderman (Board President) James Thomas, Sr.-Present
- Alderman Regina Harmon-Ward-Present
- Alderman Alease Dailes-Present
- Alderman Alicia Smith-Present
- Seven Present/ None Absent -Quorum was established.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Alicia Smith made a motion to approve the agenda for June 26, for the special meeting to pay the over and under bills from our meeting on June 22, 2023, Alderwoman Regina Harmon Ward. Mayor asked if there were any questions. Board President Thomas stated concerning check #46011 in the invoice it is 17008 and 17009 and 017023. We need to amend the agenda due to the fact that all these bills are over the limit for a bid that is needed. Mayor stated actually they are not. They are three different bids for three different parts of the building, so we have lumped them together on one check, but they were individual bids, we do have the bid information which is allowable. Board President asked if the bids were given to the Board. Mayor stated they do not have to go to the board if they are \$10,000 or under. Mayor stated I sent the ordinance over to the board. Board President stated he read it said bids still have to be obtained, Mayor stated bids were obtained and does not have to be approved by the board if you read Sec 2-249. Sec C-1:

- Items estimated to cost ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or more can be purchased only after obtaining formal written and sealed bids or by special board action on sole source, specialized and non-standard items.
- Items estimated to cost between two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) and nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine dollars ninety-nine cents (\$9,999.99) may be purchased by the director of purchasing after obtaining three (3) or more price quotations on company stationery.

Mayor stated that is the procedure that was followed if you would look at it before you, one bid was \$6,200 another was \$5,700 and the third one was \$1,344.00. All of these meet the criteria under section 2-249. Mayor stated she would like to refer to legal counsel if there are any more questions or clarity that is needed Alderman Alease Dailes stated she can answer this question as well it has to be brought to the board, its American Recuse Plan Funds, there was no vote taken. They may be individual bills; however, they are going to one company for \$13,234.00 and anything under the American Rescue Plan need to be voted on by the board and the bids need to be presented to the board. For the record so she can have that on file. Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman stated she heard some information she was not certain about, did Alderwoman Dailes mention ARPA Funds (Mayor stated yes), what is the source of payment, Mayor stated these are coming out of the General Budget, Alderman Dailes stated no it says the American Recuse Plan Act and it says \$13,234. It is three separate bids going to one company and it was not brought before the board, there was not a vote on it nor has the board been provided with the bids. Mayor stated and the question was under Sec 2-249. Sec C-1 under Director of Purchasing. Even though it is going to one company that company did three different parts of the building:

- One Bid the Police Department
- Second Bid Administrative Wing
- Third was the cleaning of the floors

All of those under the permitted amount do not have to be brought before the board and the Director of Purchasing, with three bids which we got from three different companies can make that determination. Alderman Dailes stated her question again it is not a question it is a statement under the American Recuse Plan, which is Federal Funds, we were not provided with the bids, and it is one

company they may have done different bids for each room, but they did the cleaning at one time. \$13,234.00 is going to one company. We were not provided the RFQ's, or the bids and I need to look at the American Recuse Plan to see if this is under the safety plus it needs to be board approved. Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman stated with respect to the ARPA Funds it was not my understanding it would be out of ARPA Funds is that correct Mayor Tatman, Mayor responded that is correct. Alderman Dailes stated I can only go by what is stated on our sheet, American Recuse Plan Act. Alderman Smith stated outside of that Sec 2-252 talks about purchase orders, and it does limit \$10,000.00 but it does state in Sec B (like Baker):

Requests for bids for items of more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) should be submitted at least six (6) weeks in advance of the time the materials or services will be needed. Delivery of many goods will demand advance planning and early ordering.

Alderman Smith stated it does show that a bid should have been submitted. Mayor stated and a bid was submitted for each section of the building as stated before, Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman (interjected) and stated Mayor Tatman they were cleaned at separate times, right? Mayor said yes, they were. Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman stated that you got a bid for each portion of the building that was cleaned by this company. Is that the way this transpired? Mayor stated, yes, we did. And you really did not need a formal bid, Mayor interjected and stated we knew this might be an issue so we did it anyway, so we have the bids here, we did it that way we knew that might be called into question. Alderman Dailes stated let me say this, so you did it separately, Alderman Dailes stated for the record knowing that each bid would be under \$10,000.00 so when it came to the total of \$13,234.00 it would not be questioned. Mayor Tatman stated no, that is not what I said. I said we got bids let me clarify and state what I meant. Because the interpretation is incorrect. What I said was even though bids are not required we added an extra layer of clarification for transparency, so under Sec 2-249., it states the direct procedure of what on what is to be put in place and we followed those procedures. Alderman Thomas stated that even though you knew that you did not need the bids, you got the bids anyway. Mayor said yes Sir. Alderman Thomas stated even as a courtesy and you knew there was going to be a situation are a problem or a question to this purchase just asking a question why you did not present this to the board, and we would not be even

having this discussion. Mayor stated, first of all it is not required, and I do not have to. I did it as an extra layer of transparency. As to why I did it, we have been doing a lot of things that are not required but as an extra layer of transparency we have been offering this board extra transparency and extra information that is not even required. Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman stated it was my understanding when this initially came up there were people who had contacted COVID and there were other illnesses that were in the building, and you felt the need to have it cleaned? Mayor stated yes. Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman stated you acted with a certain amount of expediency as a result. Mayor stated that was one thing in our city-wide meeting, you are absolutely correct. Unanimously the first thing that the employees asked and all the building. We have not even gotten the Recreation Center cleaned yet. Because we had two outbreaks of COVID in this building and the vents had not been cleaned for over 30 years. I have pictures; we have dead mice and birds and everything. And because we have three employees with pulmonary issues that can be tied back to dirty air and a dirty building. Not only did we get the vents cleaned we also got the carpets cleaned and the floors. I have pictures, I will show the board the next time we meet in person. If the Health Department (which we did call) if we show the Health Department the pictures of our vents; the reason you cannot pinpoint per say our building had not been getting clean air because all of the ducts (100%) of the air ducts were blocked. So, all the germs and air coming into the building were coming out of the cold air ducts. That is why they were so dirty. Not only that but ALL of the vents had mold (we have pictures) so when we had the three different companies come in, we called the Health Department first. And they did recommend a couple of companies and yes, we did need to get it cleaned. So that is the reason. Alderman Smith stated, so I have two concerns with this company (Dalmatian Cleaning and Restoration) I do not know where to begin; this company lists an address of 33 Mercury Drive which is a private home this is not a cleaning business outside of that, there is a Dalmatian Cleaning and Restoration Company listed but not for this address, but for me looking at the company, I don't know it to be is it the address or is it the company who did the cleaning it list the company but the address is not correct. Mayor Tatman interjected and stated, thankyou Alderman Smith because you are good at this would you also check the Better Business Bureau because we did that to, we have their certificate from the Better Business Bureau, so they were totally vetted. And what I am going to do, I know this is important, I do not want to prolong this any longer if this board has an issue with us cleaning the building for the health of our employees and it was

done decently and in order. Also, it was checked before we did that. I want that on record too. Mayor stated if you (Alderman Smith) would check the Better Business Bureau we have all the papers here if you want to see them. Alderman Smith asked if she could finish her question. She stated there is a business at 13574 Industrial Drive, but it is in Bridgeton 63044, and it does list their telephone number of (314) 423-0101 so is it them or is it the people at 33 Mercury, which is for me. Outside of that there is an Ordinance number of Sect 2-253-C, C like Charlie that talks about purchases and emergency purchases to not exceed \$5000 without board of alderman approval. I get the whole thing, but for me I think this is a conversation I had with you guys, meaning the board and with you Mayor, for me I am confused on what is so new compared to a year ago in regard to how things were done and what was being presented to the board. That is confusing for me, starting out as an elective official. I am being presented with specific things and it is coming to the board and now all of a sudden, I am being told I do not have to. Well, was this the proper procedure then or is it the proper procedure now? It forces me to go look. No offense Mayor you throw State Statues and there are Federal Statues too and Federal trumps State. So how far is the rabbit hole going to go? She is not going to let it go far, we need to end this conversation. If the board does not want to pay this bill, I will let you guys deal with the legal issues and ramifications I think we kind of exhausted the conversation on this, If we can move forward and you can make a motion or not but I want to end the conversation I think we have exhausted all of the avenues, if anyone wants to see the bids you welcome to come see the bids, you welcome to come see the license, the Better Business Certificate that we have on this company we have on this company. Alderman Smith asked if we have any other bids. Was this the only one? Mayor stated no, we have all the bids of actually four companies. That we sent the bids out too. So, we have them here if anyone would like to see them.

Mayor stated I would like to end the discussion here. Alderman Dailes stated she has a question if I may, a point of order this is the board of aldermen talking and it was called for a discussion and there are some more questions that are on the floor and at least I would like to ask my question and state that, it's not that we don't care. I am just going about what I heard you say, if yall do not care about the staff. Yes, we do care about the staff and everybody in there, however if you say transparency. Mayor stated exactly. Alderman Dailes stated what is wrong with informing the board because we would not be here today and its not about you stopping the discussion if there Is a discussion and the board of alderman

want to ask as many questions as they want. Mayor interjected and states as the Chairman, Alderman Dailes stated but we ask a question. Mayor stated I did not say you could not, but as the Chairman point of order, I am calling a point of order and I am inviting the board if you want the extra documentation, it is free and transparent, and you can do that. And so, I am calling a point of order and I am asking either we make a motion or table it, whatever the boards pleasure. So, I will go back to saying that I would ask for the approval of the agenda, we did that. The next is the approval of invoices over \$500 dated June 1-June 14, 2023, in the amount of \$77,907.38- (Can be found on 06-15-23 Agenda).

Board President Thomas made a motion to amend the agenda and remove check #46011, invoice #17008, invoice #17009 and invoice #017023. The minutes and the RFQ must be provided because we are using Federal ARPA Funds and also within this motion to remove check #46013 and we ask that the City Clerk please provide the minutes and the vote tally of the board of aldermen for this purchase. I would also add to this motion that all of the bids be provided to the board for review since the work has already been done. I want to put this on the record, if we are going to be transparent, then we need to be transparent from the beginning not at the end. Alderman Thomas stated that is the motion. Mayor Tatman made a statement because one of those checks in a reimbursement for myself and I want it for the record that the board wants to remove check #46013 which is reimbursement for the mayor in the amount of \$659.82 which were items that were bought for Memorial Day Co-Sponsorship Program, for the record. Now may I have a second. Alderman Dailes, second and with that second its Ok and we honor our veterans we just want transparency, and I second that motion.

Mayor Tatman states with the insinuating remark of not having transparency, there are things that the government has authority that the board can be informed but does not have authority to make decisions over. I want to make that clear. Mayor stated a motion has been made and seconded. Mayor called for an all in-favor. Alderman Smith stated she has a discussion. I would like to amend the amendment, there is an incorrect amount of check #46039 in the amount for the aquatics area the bill is \$1,000 on the check ledger it says \$1,120.65 however the bill provided is says \$1,120.56 so it is a .09 cents difference so that will bring the total from \$77,907.38 to \$77,907.29 and that is if all the bills are paid in full.

Check #46043 this check ledger says it is from June 1 through June 14<sup>th</sup> the first order in the first bill is an office expense of \$18.17 but it is from May 26<sup>th</sup>, but that bill should not be in this ledger. Mayor stated what we have done for you all so the checks can be in sequential order instead of separating the overs and unders it is going to bring the checks out of sequence. **Alderman Smith stated** she is not concerned with the amount I am concerned with the date. The date says May, we are paying bills from June 1<sup>st</sup> so why are we paying a bill from May 26<sup>th</sup> that is included in Junes bills. Mayor stated that the bill was received late. **Alderman Dailes stated** with **James's** amendment (not with the ones that Alicia stated) but the total will be \$64,013.56 he just did not say the amount.

Mayor stated we will vote on the first motion that is on the floor to amend the agenda and to remove check #46011, invoice #17008, invoice #17009 and invoice #017023 and also check #46013, Mayor asked for a second, Alderman Lynette VonSeggern seconded. Mayor called for roll call.

**ROLL CALL:** City Clerk Semmie Ruffin Hall called the roll:

- Alderman Peg Warnusz-Yes
- Alderman Theresa Hester-No
- Alderman Lynette VonSeggern-Ward-Yes
- Alderman (Board President) James Thomas, Sr.-Yes
- Alderman Regina Harmon-Ward-Yes
- Alderman Alease Dailes-Yes
- Alderman Alicia Smith-Yes

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Six Yes/ One-No. Motion passed.

Alderman Dailes made the motion to approve the under \$500 for June 1 through June 14, 2023, in the amount if \$4,543.27, Alderman Harmon-Ward seconded. Mayor called for discussion. Mayor called for an all-in favor:

Seven -Yays/ No-Nays Motion passed.

Alderman VonSeggern made a motion to approve invoices over 500 for June 15<sup>th</sup> through June 23, 2023, in the amount of \$33,829.28, second by Alderman Warnusz. Mayor asked any questions. Alderman Hester states she cannot make a conscious decision on voting on bills over \$500 because she does not have that

information. Mayor asked for any other questions. Alderman Smith inquired about #46044 in the amount of \$692.62 but there is a lot of information scratched out. Was this a payroll check, it was manual check. Mine is blurry. City Clerk responded it was a payroll check. Mayor called for an all in-favor:

Six Ayes- (Alderman Hester could not make a conscious decision to vote) Motion passed.

Alderman Smith made a motion to call for a close session in regard to newfound information in regard to a personnel matter at a later date, not today. Alderman Dailes second. Mayor called for any questions. Alderman Hester, can we have it over zoom. The consensus was it will be over zoom. Mayor called for an all infavor:

Seven-Ayes/ No-Nays. Motion passed.

Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Smith made a motion to adjourn todays Special Board Meeting for 06-26-23 in regard to paying the bills for June 1 through June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for the overs and unders for both dates. Second made by Alderman Dailes.

Mayor called for an all-in favor.

Seven-Ayes/ No-Nays. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

ATTEST:	
Semmie Ruffin-Hall, City Clerk	
Annroyed by the Board of Aldermen on	

Parks and Recreation Department 9669 Bellefontaine Road St. Louis County, Missouri 63137 (314) 867-0700 Martha Snead, Aquatics Director msnead@cityofbn.com bellefontaineswim@yahoo.com



### **AQUATICS SUMMER REPORT 2023**

**LIFEGUARDS**: We certified/hired 7 new lifeguards to add to our 12 returning staff to get us through the main summer season. Water rescues were minimal due to vigilant scanning and rule enforcement. We are seriously short staffed for the end of the summer season and the school year due to guards being in high school or going away to college. Hours will be adjusted due to lack of staff. We will run certification classes as we get eligible candidates.

**SWIMMING LESSONS**: We hired 1 new swimming lesson instructor this season. Participation was very good and nearly all of our classes were filled to capacity. We hope to be fully staffed with instructors in 2024 to offer more lessons as they are in high demand.

Registration: Parent/Child & Preschool Lessons 39

Beginner/Intermediate & Advanced – age 6-12 74

We will be offering swimming lesson sessions throughout the school year and will be adding teen & adult lessons to our schedule as well.

**WATER FITNESS**: We had 39 participants registered for our 2 morning classes. The Adult Exercise Time from 12:00-4:00 in the Indoor Pool averaged about 15-20 people per day. Our evening instructor will be back for class sessions in September.

BARRACUDA SWIM TEAM: The team had 82 members ages 6-18 years, most of whom have participated in Bellefontaine's stroke clinics throughout the school year. We practiced weekdays for 7 weeks with a combination of morning and evening practices. Our competition consisted of municipal teams from Ferguson, Florissant and Hazelwood. We had a 3/3 dual meet season and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall in the Conference. The highlight of our season was being able to host the 11-18 Prelim section of the Conference Meet at Bellefontaine. Over 250 swimmers and their families participated. The entire department contributed to the success of the event and gave Bellefontaine the opportunity to show off our beautiful facility!