

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI
BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES (VIA ZOOM)
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023 -6:00 PM**

Board President James Thomas, Sr., will be chairing meeting in the absence of the mayor.

President Thomas CALLED MEETING TO ORDER at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Semmie Ruffin-Hall

- Alderwoman Theresa Hester – **Present**
- Alderwoman Peg Warnusz – **Absence**
- Alderwoman Lynette VonSeggern – **Present**
- President James Thomas Sr. -**Present**
- Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward – **Present**
- Alderwoman Alease Dailes – **Excused Absence**
- Alderwoman Alicia Smith – **Present**

Five Present/ One Excused Absence/One Absence- Quorum was established.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

Alderwoman Theresa Hester motioned, Second Alderwoman Alicia Smith.

DISCUSSION

Alderwoman Smith had questions in reference to the application process. Renewal date is supposed to be the end of year but in the packets, it has June 2024. **President Thomas** stated the state has a different renewal date, but they are renewing their license with Bellefontaine, which is the end of each year. State liquor license has to be obtained before they can receive City license.

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

- Alderwoman Theresa Hester – **Yes**
- Alderwoman Lynette VonSeggern – **Yes**
- President James Thomas, Sr.– **Yes**

- Alderwoman Alicia Smith – Yes
- Alderwoman Regina Harmon- Ward – Yes

5-Ayes/0-Nayes-Ayes have it. Motion Passed.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

-Carla Hudson-24xx Harbor Landing Circle

- Fence Ordinance
- When will the board start doing what the residents want
- Getting frustration with no legislation being passed

President Thomas stated at least 5 votes are needed to pass and ordinance and the fence ordinance had 4 yes/2 nays. Therefore, it failed.

-Bryant Nelson- 9XX Marias Drive

- Still waiting to hear back from the board on the definition of essential employee.
- What positions within the city falls under that title?

President Thomas stated one of us will get back with you on what an essential employee is, I thought you had an answer already,

Approval of Liquor Licenses

- **Arch 94LLC- 2024 Calendar year**

Alderwoman Alicia Smith –Motioned to approve Arch 94 LLC at 949 Chambers Road, Second Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward.

DISCUSSION:

Alderwoman Alicia Smith- Wanted to go on record to say they completed their application in its entirety and provided all documentation needed.

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

- Alderwoman Theresa Hester- **Yes**
- Alderwoman Lynette VonSeggern-**Yes**
- Alderwoman Peg Warnusz –**Yes**
- President James Thomas, Sr. – **Yes**
- Alderwoman Harmon-Ward-**Yes**
- Alderwoman Alicia Smith – **Yes**

5-Ayes/0-Nayes-Ayes have it. Motion Passed.

- **KD Patrol Inc.**

Alderwoman Lynette VonSeggern-motioned, Second Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward.

Discussion:

Alderwoman Hester- BP on Bellefontaine & 270 has agreed to improve exterior cleanliness.

Alderwoman Alicia Smith – Liquor license application is not complete.

Does owner of business rent or own the premises?

Alderman (Board President) James Thomas motion to table license until information tomorrow

Alderwoman Alicia Smith-table license for KD Patrol, Second alderwoman **Theresa Hester**.

Further Discussion:

Alderwoman Alicia Smith- Provided information to City clerk Semmie Ruffin Hall and **Alderman (Board President) James Thomas** via email for further clarification. Please confirm if state allows background check to be on shareholder opposed to listed owner.

City Clerk Semmie- Ruffin Hall will confirm with state on liquor license background requirements.

Alderwoman Smith - Motion to table license for KD Patrol Inc. due to questions not being answered and ownership, Second by **Alderwoman Hester**.

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

Alderwoman Theresa Hester – **Yes**

Alderwoman Lynette VonSeggern – **Yes**

Alderman (Board President) James Thomas – **Yes**

Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward - **Yes**

Alderwoman Alicia Smith- **Yes**

5-Ayes/0-Nayes-Ayes have it. Motion Passed.

President Thomas, Motion for special meeting on Friday, December 29, 2023 @ 4:00 pm, to vote on KD Patrol Inc., Second Alderwoman Smith.

Quick Trip #605

Alderman Theresa Hester motion to approve, Second, **Alderman VonSeggern**.

Discussion:

Alderman Smith – Quick Trip insurance expires tomorrow 12/29/2023.

City Clerk Semmie Ruffin – Hall will get updated insurance information & make them aware of the oversight of failing to check the box for beer & wine sales.

Alderman Smith motion to table the liquor license for Quick Trip #605 located at 10485 Lilac to find out what exactly they are looking to sell or is this an oversight on what they are really looking to sell. Second, **Alderman Harmon-Ward**.

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

- Alderman Theresa Hester –**Yes**
- Alderman Lynette VonSeggern – **Yes**
- President James Thomas – **Yes**
- Alderman Regina Harmon-Ward –**Yes**
- Alderman Alicia Smith – **Yes**

5-Ayes/0-Nayes-Ayes have it. Motion Passed to table.

- **Santa Cruz-(Knights of Columbus) #1215**

Alderman Hester, Motion to approve liquor license for Santa Cruz (Knights of Columbus) #1215. Second **Alderman VonSeggern**.

Discussion:

Alderman Alicia Smith-Application not completed in its entirety as well: pg. 4 #29&30 also #31.

Information requesting who is in charge.

Alderman Alicia Smith motioned to table the liquor license for Santa Cruz (Knights of Columbus) #1215, Second, **Alderman Hester**.

Discussion:

Alderman Hester how are applicants not completing application? **The City Clerk** stated this is something that should have been done on our end before it even was received by the board, and we will rectify this going forward.

President Thomas advised the City Clerk to make note that Alderwoman Peg Warnusz has joined the meeting.

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

Alderwoman Theresa Hester- **Yes**

Alderwoman Peg Warnusz- **Abstain**

Alderwoman Lynette VonSeggern-**Yes**

President James Thomas, Sr – **Yes**

Alderwoman Regina Harmon-Ward- **Yes**

Alderwoman Alicia Smith-**Yes**

5 –Ayes/1-Abstain/0-Nayes-Ayes have it. Motioned Passed to table.

President Thomas stated special meeting tomorrow at 4pm to vote for Liquor licenses for:

- Santa Cruz Knights of Columbus
- QuikTrip #605
- KD Patrol, Inc

With the necessary corrections

Alderwoman Smith stated we do not have a tax collector who would be the person collecting the taxes. President Thomas stated the City Clerk is performing those duties since the collector resigned.

Alderwoman Regina Harmon Ward motioned to adjourn at 6:49 pm. Second Alderwoman Hester. Motion passes.

******RECEIVED A CALL FROM BOARD PRESIDENT THOMAS IN ORDER TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WE WILL HAVE TO HOLD MEETING AT 7:00 PM IN ORDER TO BE IN COMPLIANCE.******

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

ATTEST:


Semmie Ruffin-Hall, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on January 19, 2024