

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024
7:30 pm**

CALL TO ORDER: Zeb Wagner
PLEDGE & INVOCATION:
ROLL CALL: Aler *First Chair*
Baker
Davis
Fitzpatrick
James
Reser - absent
Springs *Minister*

Motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Reser moved by James, seconded by Aler V Ayes

SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES: Moved by Springs, seconded by James V Ayes

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: none

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mayor - Over the past month have been visiting various departments. Spent time with Parks, Water and Wastewater Treatment Departments. Plans to ride with Police Department and others. Spent 30 years with the Fire Department and have learned much from those tours. Encourages Council to speak with or spend time with various departments. They have lots of good ideas and information for us for the future.

S/SD- The Asphalt Plant has opened enabling us to do some repairs on bad water patches. Several have been completed and will be working on these this week and next.
We are gearing up for a busy season of warm weather projects. Council will see more legislation to have projects authorized for bids.
Meeting next week with the Mayor and Representatives of the Ohio Plan to discuss long range planning options.

Law- No report.

Auditor - Reminder to all that May 15th is the deadline to file the Ohio Ethics report. Questions answered.

Police Chief - Many of the Capital Projects are underway. Three Cruisers are on order. Jade Sheeley will be sworn in on the morning of May 3rd In addition an auxiliary application came in from Mike Wisner and he will be sworn in on May 3rd in the afternoon.

Fire Chief - Not present

Engineer- There will be some legislation coming forward for projects. Already approved is the resurfacing of Garfield. Next will be two waterlines at Summit and Richard and two additional lines later. Also involved with the wastewater project that will happen pretty quickly.

Parks & Rec- Thank you to Council and Administration for all the support and understanding during the election. We have contracted for bigger ball tournaments this year. The first two of those will take place over the next two weekends at Southview and Ratleff Parks. There will be almost 50 teams in town each weekend which will bring an influx of people who will be spending dollars here.
Questions answered.

Economic Dev- Not present

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance – Explained ordinances on the agenda.
Rules - Explained ordinances on the agenda.
Safety - No report
Utilities - No report
Streets - No report
Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks -No report
Audit – No report

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS: Brian Wingfield, 10621 Sunset Isle, Huntsville, here as one of the owners of The Ohio Cannabis Company which owns three dispensaries in Central Ohio. With his partner, he won three new licenses and they are looking for locations. After research of areas, Bellefontaine is one of those fits. An offer has been made on the old Homecoming property for a dispensary if City Council would consider a change on the moratoriums currently in place. Trying to find a spot moving forward. The dispensary would create approximately 16-24 new jobs. With the passing of the bill, the host community will get 36% of the 10% tax. The closest dispensary is 26 miles away from here. This is a really good opportunity for tax dollars. Questions answered.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING

24-36 A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 192 INCOME TAX OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO FOR PURPOSES OF LEVYING AN INCREASE IN INCOME TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF 0.267 PERCENT IN SAID CITY FOR ADDITIONAL PARK AND RECREATION OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Aler V Ayes
 Passage-
 Adoption-

24-37 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION FOR THE ELEVATOR REPAIRS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Aler V Ayes
 Passage- Moved by Baker, seconded by Springs V Ayes
 Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by Aler V Ayes

24-38 C. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO SEEK PROPOSALS AND/OR ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BELT FILTER PRESS REHABILITATION PROJECT NO. 2024-01S AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Springs V Ayes
 Passage- Moved by Baker, seconded by Aler V Ayes
 Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by Springs V Ayes

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

24-32 A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND FIRE CHIEF TO ISSUE A PROMISSORY NOTE FROM FUND 410 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT #2 TO FUND 610 WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Springs V Ayes
 Passage- Moved by Baker, seconded by Aler V Ayes
 Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by Aler V Ayes

24-33 B. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF CAPITAL FUND, CAPITAL

EQUIPMENT, WASTEWATER LOAN REPAYMENT AND LOAN TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT #2 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Aler V Ayes
Passage- Moved by Baker, seconded by Aler V Ayes
Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by Aler V Ayes

24-34 C. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR FIRE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SUTPHEN FOR THE PURCHASE OF A HEAVY DUTY CUSTOM PUMPER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Springs V Ayes
Passage- Moved by Baker, seconded by Aler V Ayes
Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by Springs V Ayes

24-35 D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR TO DISPOSE OF A 1995 SMEAL LADDER TRUCK THROUGH GOVDEAL.COM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Springs V Ayes
Passage-
Adoption-

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

24-26 A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1133.02, ACCESSORY BUILDINGS IN R DISTRICTS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, ADDING SECTION 1133.02(g) TEMPORARY STORAGE CONTAINERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **RULES**

Adoption- Moved by James, seconded by Springs V Ayes

24-27 B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1127, ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATIONS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, ADDING 1127.09 FEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **RULES**

Adoption- Moved by James, seconded by Aler V Ayes

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: none

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: Mrs. Fitzpatrick reminds all that the Farmers Market opens on May 4th at 8:30. *President Wagner assigns the moratorium on cannabis issue to Mrs. James and the Rules Committee and suggests to Mr. Wingfield that he attend any meetings with the Rules Committee concerning the issue.*

ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 pm moved by Springs, seconded by Fitzpatrick

