

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026
7:30 pm**

6:30 pm – OHIO PLAN MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Ben Stahler
PLEDGE & INVOCATION:
ROLL CALL: Davis *First Chair*
Easton
James
Lile
Palmer
Reser
Springs *Minister* All Present

SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES: Moved by Springs, seconded by Reser V All Ayes
CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: none

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

- Mayor -** Memorial Day parade is approaching and so far we have only 13 entries. We need more entries to honor the men and women who have fought and died for our freedom.
Many villages and areas in our county are having festivals and picnics to celebrate the 4th of July. We are among those with our fire works on July 3rd. All of our departments are gearing up to help out and if anyone would like to volunteer contact the Mayor.
Questions answered concerning the Hot Summers Night Car Show.
- S/SD-** Thanks to all volunteers who helped out on April 22nd with the downtown clean up. Thanks to Small Nation and other businesses who helped sponsor the event. Thanks DBP and 60 volunteers that did tasks such as mulching, picking up trash and scrubbing trash cans.
Harmon Field is really coming together for a great space. The turf is installed. Thanks Mr. Reed and the crews for doing an excellent job.
- Law -** Two items that are coming up but not yet with Council are Golf Carts within the city. Currently working through the definition of low speed vehicles to determine what vehicles qualify. Legislation will be prepared by next Council. Also, concerning e-bikes which are already defined within our code. They are not permitted on our downtown sidewalks, however it does not cover scooters and other electronic devices. Working with the police department to make sure everything is covered with our existing regulations on e-bikes and expanding this to other devices for the safety of our citizens on our sidewalks and streets.
- Auditor -** No report
- Police Chief -** Our Annual Police Memorial will be on May 9th at Brown Park.
Still working through both dispatch and officer candidates. Having great success on both fronts. The dispatch application window is open until May 19th. Have conducted many interviews with some great candidates. Also working through many officer candidates this week.
Our police canine Pyro was recertified today. As well as our therapy dogs that were recertified. Will be attending the Ohio Chiefs of Police Conference Sunday through Tuesday in Columbus.
Questions answered concerning lateral candidates.
- Fire Chief –** Not present
- Engineer-** No report
- Utilities-** Not present
- Parks & Rec-** Not present
- Code Enf-** 256 notices have been sent out this month mostly for grass. Worked with the Washington Township Police Department and was asked to speak with the township on how we handle derelict houses.
- Economic Dev-** End of school year and we are having signing day activities. This Thursday BHS will hold theirs for seniors at 8 am. We are in our 2nd year of career launch grants for students that are graduating in Logan County and returning to Logan County to fields of manufacturing, construction, skill trades or healthcare.

We have 12 applicants and will be selecting 5 recipients this year.

Along with Mr. Dodds, presented to the school board an update on growth in the community, CRAs and property tax abatements including a background on why this began, the adjustments the city has made and the growth that is coming. We now meet with the schools on a quarterly basis.

Majestic Plastics is expanding out of the former Siemens building to 100,000 square feet of the former AcuSport building. Big win for our community. Their sister company is Superior Plastics in Plain City.

Adding at least 20 jobs

Met with Mobile Instruments, now Agility. They have 5 locations scattered around town. They employ 153 people. Bellefontaine is headquarters for a lot of their instrument repair throughout the country.

Downtown BP- Ticket sales for our Mothers Day Event with 20 stops participating in downtown is ongoing. Pineapple Palooza is coming up in a little over a month on Saturday June 6th from 2pm to midnight.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- Finance –** Explained ordinances on the agenda. *Mr. Easton adds that he feels there should be an independent third party appraisal for the real estate in Ordinance 26-20.*
- Rules -** Rules Committee met on April 24th in Council Chambers for a DORA request suspension from the Top of Ohio Cruisers for the Hot Summer Nights Cruise In for the evening. We unanimously denied this request due to food trucks, other foods and drinks not being banned. We also heard a request for clarification on our noise ordinance. Research is ongoing. We had a request from a business about moving signage for DORA near their business to better clarify where the boundary is.
Mr. Springs adds that many participants in the car show stated they were not concerned about DORA but more concerned about strollers, carts, bikes and they attend many other car shows that sell alcohol.
- Safety -** Highlights upcoming dates including May 4th International Firefighters Day, May 10 through 16th is National Police Week. To kick off Police Week there will be the Annual Police Memorial Parade that starts downtown at 11:00 am and ends with a ceremony at Brown Park.
- Utilities -** Explained ordinance on the agenda. Utilities Committee meeting was scheduled for last Wednesday but is rescheduled for tomorrow at 8:30 am in Council Chambers for ongoing conversations on refuse, trash and any other issues that come before the committee.
- Streets -** Explained ordinance on the agenda.
- Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks -** No report
- Audit –** No report

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS: Tom Reynolds, 312 E. Auburn, comments about the park (Harmon) development. It used to be derelict. The baseball field is ready for television. The colors are so dramatic. Comments from kids saying they cannot wait to get out there to play. Saturday was KidsFest, a program for kids and parents, organized by Childrens Services. All organizations that provide services were there. 700-800 attendees. 75% of the those parents could really benefit by a parenting course. The cost for today with those children and parents is one cost, the second cost is those children that are not receiving the kind of love, tutoring, guidance, are going grow up to have the same problems. Childrens Services is going to facilitate Ohio Rise, a parenting class program. If the parents are not under some court control they may not have any drive to attend these courses. If we were to offer 10-12 dollars an hour for the course through the United Way and area churches we could get parents to come to these courses. Very sad to see what happens to these children.

Tom Stevens, 600 E. Lake Ave., Logan County Chronicle. Asking that committee chairmen contact them to publish their meetings in the Chronicle. Could also publish the minutes and agendas. Contact tom@chronicle.media or news@chronicle.media. Logancountycronicle.com is a weekly publication.

Mr. Dodds adds that Amber posts any and all Council items on our website.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING

26-20 A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE TO SELL THAT CERTAIN CITY OWNED REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS THE ARMORY PURSUANT TO SECTION 721.28 OF THE REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

3RR- Moved by Springs, seconded by James V Ayes-Easton, no Lile, no
Passage-
Adoption-

26=21 B. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF REVOLVING LOAN HOUSING INCIDENTALS AND WEST TIF CONSTRUCTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

26-15 A. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT-RECREATION IMPROVEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

26-17 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO SEEK PROPOSALS AND/OR ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE SELECTED CONTRACTOR AND/OR BIDDERS FOR THE 2026 CITYWIDE STREET RESURFACING PROJECT NO. 2026-01R AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

26-18 C. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 2026 STREET PAINTING & STRIPING PROJECT NO. 2026-2R AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

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

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

26-13 A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND GRANTING TO VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A GAS FRANCHISE IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE,

STATE OF OHIO, FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS, AUTOMATICALLY RENEWING FOR ADDITIONAL PERIODS OF FIVE (5) YEARS. **UTILITIES**

Adoption- Moved by Davis, seconded by Springs V All Ayes

- 26-14 B. AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN NORTH-SOUTH PUBLIC ALLEY BETWEEN LOTS 2781-2786 ON THE WEST AND LOTS 2792-2796 AND THAT CERTAIN 0.173 ACRE TRACT OWNED BY LOGAN COUNTY METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY ON THE EAST IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, LAKE TOWNSHIP, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO. **STREET**

Adoption- Moved by Lile, seconded by Palmer V All Ayes

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: none

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: President Stahler asks for confirmation of attendance for the 2nd meeting in May or meetings in June for the purpose of Council picture.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:06 pm moved by Lile, seconded by Davis

Bonnie Campbell, Clerk of Council

Ben Stahler, President of Council