BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026
7:30 pm

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

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

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mayor - Joe Daniels 5 year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals expires April 26th and he has agreed to another 5 year term

Motion to re-appoint Joe Daniels to a 5 year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals moved by Springs *seconded by* Palmer *V All Ayes*

S/SD- Spring weather created a lot of wind damage that has been cleaned up. Crews are now working on patching potholes and catch basins work.
Legislation is on the agenda this evening for paving and striping
Reminds all that there are a lot of people out and about biking and walking as the weather breaks.
Harmon Park project is taking shape and should be open in a few months.
Ohio Plan will be here at the next meeting. The plan is to have a public open house ahead of the Council meeting to present the land use plan that was previously presented to Council. A 15 minute review will be presented to Council following the public open house and then will ask that we hold a public hearing for official public comment of the plan.
Asks for a 6:30 pm start time on the 28th. The intention will then be legislation provided to adopt at the first meeting in May.
Requests an executive session for the discussion of sale/purchase of city owned real estate.

Motion to move into Executive Session at the end of regular session for the purpose of the sale of city owned property to include all Council and Administration and Law Director moved by James, *seconded by* Springs *V All Ayes*

Law - Legislation has been slow. The annual resurfacing and stripping legislation is on the agenda this evening. The end of the year legislation is much busier. The ongoing ordinances throughout the year are the more traditional ones to authorize contracting. As Mr. Dodds reported there are lots of projects going on. We should see a pickup of legislation around June.

Auditor - Not present

Police Chief - Moving forward with capital projects that were authorized by Council. Ordered 3 cruisers that will build in June and deliver in July. After a couple of months upfitting they should be in service in early fall.
Our portable radio**s** were at the end of their life and a grant for a third of the cost ($300,000) was found. This was approved in 2024. The payment was deferred for a little over a year and the first few payments were made with the capital approval. The other part of the capital budget approval was to replace 15 expiring pieces of body armor for special respond teams and patrol officers.

Fire Chief – Not present

Engineer- Annual resurfacing/stripping program is on the agenda this evening. Almost done narrowing down the list. List will be ready by the time legislation clears.
Brown Avenue sidewalk project legislation is also on the agenda. We obtained funding through our regional transportation organization, federal funds that are given through LUC to our regional transportation organization to fund the rest of the sidewalk. ODOT has given us federal authorization which ODOT pays a large portion of this project. Bids will go out in the next couple of weeks. We need to

bid for at least a month according to ODOT.
Planning Commission met today to review a plan for a development of 126 acres on 540. This will be a mixed development of single family, multi family and a small commercial component. This is a preliminary plan at this point with development, construction plans and layout based on our zoning codes. Then it will go back to Planning Commission then on to City Council.
Mr. Dodds gives kudos to Mr. Bischoff and his staff, despite their full work load, for pursuing outside funding sources for many of these projects that benefit our community.

Utilities- Not present
Parks & Rec- Not present
Economic Dev- Not present
Downtown Dir- Not present
Code Enforce- No report

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance – Explained ordinances/resolutions on the agenda.
Rules - Explained ordinance on the agenda
Safety - No report
Utilities - Explained ordinance on the agenda
Utility Committee will meet on April 22 at 8:30 am in Council Chambers for discussion of trash/recycling and any other issues that come before the committee.
Streets - Explained ordinance/resolution on the agenda
Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks -No report
Audit – No report

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS: Valerie Davis, 538 Pimtown Rd., West Liberty, here to speak concerning the 3 years since RTC stopped transportation. Tonya Reed has not reported the facts and asks why the board has not done anything about her position. She has had an increase in salary from $170,000 to over $200,000 per year and she is not doing her job. The whole transportation department was lost. Why does the board not address questions about this. Ms. Davis has lived in Bellefontaine all her life and feels passionate about this issue. The board needs to make sure that this issue not be brushed under the rug. Tonya Reed is not doing her job nor is Tina Burry. Ms. Davis has two autistic grandsons who do not drive and with the transportation department being lost, he falls through the cracks as well as many others.
President Stahler adds that City Council and Administration do not have ties, authority or budget with RTC to affect any changes with them.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST 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-Passage-Adoption — Moved by Springs, seconded by James — V All Ayes

R26-16 B. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR POLICE CHIEF TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A $3,500 GRANT AWARD FROM KEMBA FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION. **FINANCE**

Adoption- Moved by Springs, seconded by James — V All Ayes

26-17 C. 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- Passage- Adoption-	Moved by Springs, seconded by James	V All Ayes

26-18 D. 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- Passage- Adoption-	Moved by Springs, seconded by James	V All Ayes

R26-19 E. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE TO PARTICIPATE IN AN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BROWN AVENUE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 2024-01M AND AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR ENGINEER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO THE PROGRAM SERVICES. **STREET**

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

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND 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 TWENT-FIVE (25) YEARS, AUTOMATICALLY RENEWING FOR ADDITIONAL PERIODS OF FIVE (5) YEARS. **UTILITIES**

3RR- Passage- 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**

3RR- Passage- Adoption-	Moved by Lile, seconded by Palmer	V All Ayes

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

26-11 B. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY/ REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, CONTAINING 2.494 ACRES, OWNED BY GARY L. ALEXANDER, JR. LOCATED IN JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP ADJACENT TO THE CITY, ESTABLISHING ZONING CLASSIFICATION, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **RULES**

Adoption-	Moved by James, seconded Davis	V All Ayes

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: Handed out the Flower Fund Report and asking for $20 from each member of Council to replenish the fund.
Read a thank you note from Sandy Aler and the John Aler family

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: Mrs. James will be absent the first meeting of May
Mr. Davis forwarded an email to all from Jamison Horton, Logan County Visitors Bureau, inviting all to the annual Visitors Bureau Breakfast at Mad River Mountain, April 15th. The Ohio Tourism Director is the keynote speaker.
Handed out a flyer for the Annual Bellefontaine Downtown Spring Clean up next Wednesday. Check in is 9:30 am at Main Street Market Place.
Mr. Reser went along on an ambulance ride to the hospital and he commends the fire department staff for their professionalism.
Mr. Springs announces that the Finance Committee will meet previous to the next meeting that starts at 6:30 pm.

Motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the sale of city owned property at 8:02 pm moved by James, *seconded by* Reser *V All Ayes*

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Move back into Regular Session for the purpose of adjournment moved by Lile, *seconded by* Reser *V All Ayes*

ADJOURNMENT – 8:21 moved by Lile, seconded by James

Bonnie Campbell, Clerk of Council

Ben Stahler, President of Council