

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025
7:30 pm**

HEARING – 7:00 PM Upon recommendation of the Planning Commission, this hearing is to consider an annexation request by Bart Barok, Sox Real Estate, LLC., 5979 Dublin Road, Delaware, Ohio, 43015, representing Andrew & Barbara Detrick, 1707 Askern Court, Waxhaw, NC., 28173, is requesting an annexation of Logan County parcel #'s 08-106-00-00-009-000 and 08-106-00-00-041-000 into the City of Bellefontaine be zoned R-1 Single Family Residence District. These 143.138 acres are located at the intersection of County Road 11 and TR 216.

President Wagner clarifies that the Planning Commission recommended R-1 not R-3 as in the Hearing Notification.

Howard Traul, 1324 Omaha, clarifies the notice to be R1 single family and asks that Council take recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Tom Stevens, 600 E. Lake Ave, clarifies R3 is actually going to be R1.

Mr. Stolly adds for the record, that the application was for R3 multi family. Planning Commissions recommendation is for R1. Once the legislation for annexation is before Council it would be up for Council to consider. If the petitioners would ask for it to be considered R3 it would take a super majority vote of Council to override the Planning Commissions R1 recommendation. The notice was corrected and sent out by the Clerk but it was late.

Bart Barok, Sox Real Estate, filed as R3, but plans to bring in at R1.

Steve Hager, 1353 TR 216, asking Council what their plans are for this annexation. People travel on this road, which is narrow and nasty, at 60 MPH. In one day there were 6 accidents in 1 hour. If bringing in this many houses what is the plan.

Darlene Roll, 1385 TR 216, The east side of the road is Lake Township and the west side is Harrison Township. Currently Harrison is the keeper of the roadway. Down by the park is Bellefontaine City. Concerned what the City of Bellefontaine is planning to do. Park has no access unless you drive to it. Rd. 216 also has semis driving which are not supposed to have semis on it. Multiple accidents have happened and slick roads in the winter cause a lot of slide offs. Sheriff deputies have told her that this road is one of the worst if not the worst in Logan County. If you bring more housing what infrastructure would be put in place to ensure safety. Questions are answered.

Tom Borland, 877 CR 11, wants Council to know that his family farms the adjacent property on CR 11 and they still need access to bring in farming equipment from West Liberty.

Motion to close the hearing moved by Aler, seconded by James

CALL TO ORDER:

Zeb Wagner

PLEDGE & INVOCATION:

ROLL CALL:

Aler *First Chair*
Baker
Davis
Fitzpatrick - absent
James
Reser
Springs *Minister*

Motion to excuse the absence of Mrs. Fitzpatrick moved by Springs, seconded by James

V Ayes

SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES: Moved by Springs, seconded by Aler

V Ayes

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: none

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

- Mayor -** In less than 3 weeks we will be heading to Japan to meet with the Mayor of our sister city and leaders of various businesses in our area. Looking forward to building the relationship that was started many years ago with Honda. Suzuka gave Bellefontaine a pine tree that was planted in front of the city building. This was replaced after it died and a wind storm came in and blew it over. There is no pine tree now but there is still a monument in place to commemorate the occasion. It has been a long time that we have been in a relationship with Suzuka.
The Administration is working with a public television company called “Viewpoint”. They are doing a piece to promote Bellefontaine as a place to visit, live and start a business. This will be filmed in September and aired on many television stations. We will also use this footage on our website and social media for promoting our city.
- S/SD-** Speaks to Ordinances 25-57 authorizing request for statements of qualifications for the performance of services to complete our facilities master plan. This is the 4th phase of our strategic plan process where we will have an architect/engineering firm come in and look at our existing facilities, footprints and give recommendations on how we can most economically address some of the issues that we have. This will go out for bid hopefully this week. We will be asking for first and final this evening.
Ordinances 25-51 and 25-52 for second reading clarifying that we are not going to hire right away. Just making the ability to hire in the public safety sector. We occasionally get a cycle where we get multiple good candidates but not positions available. If we do not have positions available they get hired elsewhere. Especially lateral candidates that do not need the additional training and the need for more down the road with all of the additional housing and growth.
Point of clarification, we are not going to hire additional candidates when the ordinance passes, it just positions the city to be flexible in the future.
- Law -** Thanks the organizers of the Car Show, DBP and Miss Stotler for the successful Taste of Bellefontaine. Council held a 7:00 pm hearing for the proposed annexation. The Planning Commission has recommended that the annexation for the 143 acres on CR 11 and TR 216 be zoned R1 and will see legislation at the next council meeting for this for 1st reading.
Concerning the Streets Committee recommendation for the city to regulate electric scooters and bikes. The State of Ohio already has regulations on this. The city has adopted and has a lot of the language regarding the classifications of electric bicycles. It has taken a bit of time to craft city specific legislation that does not run afoul to the State to ultimately achieve the goal of what was recommended by the Streets Committee, primarily keeping clear of the downtown streets. This legislation is forthcoming.
- Auditor -** Revenue year to date includes income tax collected \$595,000 more than this time last year. This is an increase of 7.6 %. In a 12 month period with the increased income tax for parks, they have collected just over one million for income tax in 7 months. For the last 13 years it has been 1.5 million for parks for improvements. General fund revenue, as a whole, is up 10% above projections based on 2024 amounts. This is all expected with the increase of new growth.
- Police Chief -** Candidate interviews were held last week with 7 candidates. Civil Service will meet this Thursday to certify that list and scores. Once we have that we will be able to move forward as we are 3-4 positions short.
Canine Chicken Dinner is this Saturday. It is all sold out for this year. Thanks all for the support.
- Fire Chief –** Not present
- Engineer-** No report
- Utilities-** Not present
- Parks & Rec-** Not present
- Economic Dev-** The State of Ohio has been looking at population numbers for the state. If not for Central Ohio, the state would see pretty significant decline. Similar to Logan County, if it was not for Bellefontaine, it would be in decline. The State realizes that we need more people and they have set, through Jobs Ohio, a Relocation Incentive Program to offer businesses that are tied to Jobs Ohio’s ten target industries which include life sciences, manufacturing, R&D, logistics distribution and primary economic driver businesses. If you operate these businesses and you are recruiting stem or technical talent outside the state to Ohio they will give you \$15,000.00 up to \$250,000.00 per year. They set a baseline and if a business recruits one out of state person last year, this would be their baseline. If they recruit any above that the second person would get them \$15,000.00. They can use it for relocation, housing allowance, marketing campaigns. Everything that Council is doing like single family housing, market rate quality are the engines that make

this work.

Downtown Dir- Thanks for all the support last weekend. Appreciate all that helped with street closures, etc. Upcoming events include-

Sept. 6 Tailgate Takeover happening on West and East Chillicothe.

Sept. 20 Fall in Love with Bellefontaine Event.

On a personal note at the end of October will be leaving the position with the DBP.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance – Explained ordinances on the agenda.

Rules - Explained ordinances and resolution on the agenda.

Safety - Explained ordinances on the agenda.

Utilities - Explained ordinances on the agenda. The Utility Committee will meet on August 20th at 8:30 am in Council Chambers to continue discussions on trash program, water rates and any other business that comes before the committee.

Streets - Explained ordinance on the agenda.

Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks -No report

Audit – No report. Attended the Senior Services Coalition meeting at the Senior Center as the senior representative. Handed out a flyer for “BelleHop” a transportation service that is supplied by the County.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING

25-54 A. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF BELLEFONTAINE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

25-55 B. AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE 2025 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **RULES**

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

R25-56 C. A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, CONTAINING 2.494 ACRES IN JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO AND SAID LAND OWNED BY GARY L. ALEXANDER, JR. AND ADJACENT TO THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **RULES**

Adoption- Moved by James, seconded by Springs V Ayes

25-57 D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUESTS FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES NECESSARY TO COMPLETE A FACILITIES MASTER PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

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

25-58 E. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE TO ENTER INTO AN EMERGENCY REPAIR AGREEMENT WITH LEVAN'S EXCAVATING, INC. REGARDING A RUPTURED STORM WATER LINE UNDER CANBY STREET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **UTILITIES**

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

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

25-49 A. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF MUNICIPAL COURT AND MRH ENDOWMENT SPECIAL PROJECTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

25-50 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY AUDITOR TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A CONTRIBUTION TO THE LOGAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

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

25-51 C. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND CREATING NINE NEW FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC POSITIONS IN THE BELLEFONTAINE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND FIRE CHIEF TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION FOR THE HIRING OF SAID NEW FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDICS. **SAFETY**

3RR-	Moved by Reser, seconded by Davis	V Ayes, James-abstain
Passage-		
Adoption-		

25-52 D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND CREATING NINE NEW POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS IN THE BELLEFONTAINE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION FOR THE HIRING OF SAID NEW POLICE OFFICERS. **SAFETY**

3RR-	Moved by Reser, seconded by Davis	V Ayes
Passage-		
Adoption-		

25-53 E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE 86-105 GRANTING TO LOGAN COUNTY COOPERATIVE POWER AND LIGHT ASSOCIATION, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE IN THE STREETS, THOROUGHFARES, ALLEYS BRIDGES AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, LINES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF

ELECTRIC ENERGY TO PARTS OF SAID CITY AND THE INHABITANTS THEREOF FOR LIGHT, HEAT, POWER AND OTHER PURPOSES AND FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF SAME. **UTILITIES**

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

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

25-46 A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 24-32 AND 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**

Adoption- Moved by Springs, seconded by Baker V Ayes

25-47 B. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY/ REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, CONTAINING 46.376 ACRES, OWNED BY LEVAN INVESTMENTS LLC, LOCATED IN LAKE TOWNSHIP ADJACENT TO THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, ESTABLISHING ZONING CLASSIFICATION THEREFORE, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **RULES**

Adoption- Moved by James, seconded by Aler V Ayes

25-48 C. AN ORDINANCE VACATING THAT CERTAIN EAST-WEST PUBLIC ALLEY BETWEEN LOT 2207 ON THE NORTH AND LOT 2208 ON THE SOUTH IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, LAKE TOWNSHIP, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO. **STREET**

Adoption- Moved by Aler, seconded by Reser V Ayes

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: none

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: none

ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 pm moved by Aler, seconded by James

Bonnie Hosier, Clerk of Council

Zeb Wagner, President of Council