

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
7:30 pm**

CALL TO ORDER: Kyle Springs, President Pro Tem

PLEDGE & INVOCATION:

ROLL CALL: Davis *First Chair*
Fitzpatrick
James
Reser
Springs
Aler
Baker *Minister*

Motion to excuse the absence of President Wagner moved by James, seconded by Aler V All Ayes

SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES: moved by James, seconded by Reser V All Ayes

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: none

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mayor - Not present

S/SD- Both new tax department employees are here and working with Ms. Stevens to make sure we are set to go from our cut over from RITA to back in house. Press release also went out from RITA to residents that after October 15th tax correspondence should be directed to our offices. We will continue to have bi-weekly calls with RITA to make sure all is moving in the right direction. We have received RFQ's back from consultants for our facilities master plan. We will review those in the coming weeks. We will have a meeting tomorrow to interview consultants and hope to make a selection by the end of the month.

Law - Speaks to Resolution 25-65 for the city to opt in to participate in the Purdue Pharma Settlement agreement which pertains to the opioid crisis back in 2021 that council agreed to participate in. Purdue Pharma is in bankruptcy but there is a negotiated settlement by the Ohio Attorney General on behalf of municipalities that are participating. Urges council to pass this resolution. Concerning Resolution 25-62, in consultation with Service Safety Dodds and after public input, there was a mistake on part of the drafting. Historically annexations have been passed on emergency measure. It was not the intention of Council to avoid the 30 day referendum period so would ask Mrs. James and the Rules Committee to amend this to remove the emergency language.

Auditor- No report

Police Chief - Cruiser is upfitting now and should be completed soon. Officer and dispatcher candidate is moving through the hiring process. One officer candidate is very near the end of his hiring process and should start the police academy next month. The other two candidates are still moving through the hiring process.

Fire Chief – Engine 22 is back today from Stoops in Lima and will be placed back in service. Engine 21 has an oil leak and is going into the city garage first thing in the morning. Station Alert hardware is coming in. Monitors and speakers are starting to be installed. A conditional job offer has been made and accepted by one of our candidates. All background and physical came back satisfactory. After calling and advising him of this, his current employer has sweetened the deal and he is staying with his current job. The Professional Firefighters Union Pancake Breakfast is October 4th.

Engineer- No report

Utilities- No report

Parks & Rec- Not present

Economic Dev- Not present

Downtown Dir- September 20th will be "Fall in Love with Bellefontaine" event with no street closures. October 4th will be the "Great Pumpkin Walk" with minimized street closures.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- Finance –** Explained ordinances/resolution on the agenda
- Rules -** Explained ordinances on the agenda
- Safety -** No report
- Utilities -** Explained ordinances on the agenda. The Utilities Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 17th at 8:30 am in Council Chambers to discuss trash service and any other items that come before the committee.
- Streets -** No report
- Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks -**No report
- Audit –** No report

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS: Rachael Moreland, 877 CR 11. Her family has lived there for 20 years and would be surrounded completely by the proposed Detrick Annexation. Have spoken with city and school officials. Very considered about the pace of growth in our town. Housing is needed and the city has created benefits for developers such as tax abatements in Maris Park with no traffic studies done. Roads have been damaged by construction vehicles. The proposed annexation is larger than any that have taken place. Traffic on Troy Rd is crazy. Southview Park is there also which impacts many families. This impacts quality of life for many citizens. Tax abatements have been decreased from 12 to 5 but it is still a significant loss a revenue for schools. More discussion about what is appropriate and sustainable going forward. City services are much needed. Slow down growth until safety services are increased. There is a sense of confusion about what is driving all the growth and who is benefiting from all the development. Process for development should be intentional, voices should be heard and quality of life will be prioritized.

Angela Hall, 3355 TR 45, here on behalf of the OPPA the collective bargaining unit for Bellefontaine police officers and dispatchers. We would like to speak our opinion and stand against the 911 levy that is being placed on the Nov. 4th ballot. As the levy is agreed upon in the community and the county administration without giving consideration of the employees affected by the entity of the employees that are actually being involved in the situation of consolidation. Raising the property taxes from residents 70 dollars for every 100,000 dollars that your home is valued at. This is a financial burden for Logan County residents. The Bellefontaine dispatcher office would cease operation and all Bellefontaine dispatchers would all be at the Logan County Sheriff’s office dispatching together in one room. There is a new Next Generation coming out which will be mandatory. Currently any 911 calls made from cell phones goes through the sheriff’s department then forwarded back to the Bellefontaine dispatchers. This has been done for years and could have been changed with the push of a button. With the new system this will be changed automatically. If you are in the city it will come to our local dispatch. No delayed response time. Employees feel they are not guaranteed job security or promised the same pay, benefits or possibly a job. Bellefontaine has 6 dispatchers. They are a strong force and represent the city well with many years of service. Do not bring consolidation to solve problems for the countys problem of hiring dispatchers. No longer would we have personal service for citizens. The Bellefontaine dispatchers feel they are being forced to becoming to be Logan County employees without their choice.

1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING

R25-65 A. A RESOLUTION TO OPT-IN TO PARTICIPATE IN PROPOSED OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH PURDUE PHARMA L.P. AND THE SACKLER FAMILY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THESE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS. **FINANCE**

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

Motion to waive the 48 Hour Notification Suspension Rule moved by Baker, seconded by Reser V All Ayes

R25-66 B. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTNORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. **FINANCE**

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

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

- 25-62 A. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY/ REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, CONTAINING 143.138 ACRES, OWNED BY ANDREW G. DETRICK AND BARBARA DETRICK, LOCATED IN HARRISON TOWNSHIP ADJACENT TO THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, ESTABLISHING ZONING CLASSIFICATION THEREFORE, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **RULES**

Motion to amend to delete “and declaring an emergency” in the title and change section V to read “This resolution shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law” moved by James, seconded by Reser *V All Ayes*

3RR- Moved by James, seconded by Reser V Ayes, Fitzpatrick-no
Reser-no
Aler-no
Passage-
Adoption-

- 25-63 B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISION OF CHAPTER 923 WATER OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **UTILITIES**

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

- 25-64 C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISION OF CHAPTER 925 SEWERS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **UTILITIES**

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

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD 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**

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

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

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

- 25-58 C. 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**

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: none

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: Mrs Fitzpatrick adds that there will be a Sidewalk, Curbs & Parks committee Meeting on September 12th at 3:00 pm in Council Chambers to discuss curb and sidewalk projects and any other business that comes before the Committee.

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

Bonnie Hosier, Clerk of Council

Kyle Springs, President Pro Tem of Council