

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025
7:30 pm**

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

Motion to excuse the absence of Mrs. Fitzpatrick moved by Baker, seconded by Davis V Ayes
Motion to excuse the absence of President Wagner moved by James, seconded by Reser V Ayes

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

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mayor - Met with 7 students aged 12-16 headed to Japan on Sunday. Last year it was our turn to host Japanese students from our sister city of Suzuka. The students will learn a new culture and new ways of life. They have learned to introduce themselves in Japanese. They will be representing us during the week long visit.

S/SD- Speaks to Ordinance 25-50 concerning a contribution from the city to the Logan County Animal Shelter being built at the Sheriff's office. This is a \$100,000.00 contribution that will cover our part for the next 5 years. We were paying \$23,000.00 per year at the previous shelter. In the last several years, the animals collected by the Dog Warden have been housed out of county at no expense to us. This will be reviewed after the 5 year period.

Ordinance 25-51 and 25-52 relate to staffing of Fire and Police Departments. Currently the FD is authorized for 21 and the PD is authorized for 31. It is extremely hard to hire for these positions. There have been significant overtime costs this year. With growth of our city we are asking to increase the staffing level in both departments to 9 each. This will position the city for the future when there is a need to increase the staffing numbers without coming back to council at that point. With the growth of the city and the call volume that the departments are experiencing, we are just asking to up the number so that we are in a position to respond when there is a need and an opportunity to hire.

Law - No report

Auditor - No report

Police Chief - Took delivery of the cruiser today that was ordered in the spring. It will sit for a couple of months before it can be upfitted for service.
Officer Sheeley, who was recently sworn in by the Mayor, started work this week.
Moving forward with several candidate interviews and recently conducted agility testing. There is a potential of having 9 candidate interviews early next month.
Canine Chicken Dinner tickets are on sale in dispatch.

Fire Chief - The two new firefighters have graduated from the academy on Friday. One completed state testing and one in the midst of state testing.
Publicly thanks the police department for their efforts and being first on the scene during the recent fire.
Asks Council to consider Ordinance 25-51. As far as staffing goes, we have averaged at least one guy per shift on overtime. We run with a minimum of 5 guys per shift. In 1962 the department ran with 5 guys per shift. We really need the staffing to protect the city. With the growth and run volume we are averaging 9 runs per day versus in 1962 they were averaging 3 runs per day with the same number of staffing.
An example is the fire we had on Wednesday. We had 5 guys on shift, the medic (3 guys) was out on a run. This left 2 at the station when the fire call came in. The medic just happened to be going by the station on the way to the hospital. A medic got off the medic run to take the fire run. We definitely need staffing.

Engineer- We issued 76 zoning permits for new houses through the first 6 months of the year. This represents

approximately \$23 million in investment in the housing market. Plus several million in infrastructure costs, all private monies put back into the community.

Annexations on the agenda this evening and others have raised questions about infrastructure and capacity. From the water/waste water side we have at least a couple million gallons of capacity at the facilities. Even with several hundred homes we are still not even hitting close to what we can produce on the water/waste water side.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS: Barry Clayton, 121 Maple Ave., here to express his anger over a tree that obstructs view. Feels that the city has dropped the ball and he wanted Maple to be a one-way street. Putting a tree over the lives of the citizens is not the answer. Someone is going to be killed and it will be on the city's head. Asked all to drive down Maple and see if the view is blocked. Putting two signs on the north side restricting parking on the north side is not enough.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING

- 25-49 A. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING Ba
PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF MUNICIPAL COURT AND
MRH ENDOWMENT SPECIAL PROJECTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**
- 3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Reser V Ayes
Passage-
Adoption-
- 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 Baker, 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
Re: family involvement

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
Passage-
Adoption-

V Ayes

- 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
Passage-
Adoption-

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING

- 25-43 A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE TO ENTER INTO A REPAIR AND GRANT AGREEMENT WITH SKYHIGH INVESTMENTS LLC AND BREYDEN PENHORWOOD REGARDING 114 N. DETROIT ST., FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF SAID PROPERTY BY DEED TO SKYHIGH INVESTMENTS LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO. **FINANCE**

3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Reser
Passage- Moved by Baker, seconded by Reser
Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by Reser

V Ayes
V Ayes
V Ayes

- 25-44 B. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF TAX DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Reser
Passage- Moved by Baker, seconded by Reser
Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by Reser

V Ayes
V Ayes
V Ayes

- 25-46 C. 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**

3RR- Moved by Baker, seconded by Reser
Passage-
Adoption-

V Ayes

25-47 D. 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**

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

25-48 E. 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**

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

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

25-39 A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO GRANT POWER OF
ATTORNEY TO PRIORITY POWER MANAGEMENT, LLC FOR NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION
SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

Adoption- Moved by Baker, seconded by Reser V Ayes

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: Received a liquor license transfer request for the Wrock Bottom Bar, 121 W. Columbus Ave. from the Olive Tree. If no objections, this will be mailed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: On behalf of Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Davis reminds all that the Farmers Market will be open this Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:02 pm

Bonnie Hosier, Clerk of Council

Kyle Springs, President ProTem of Council