

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025
7:30 pm**

CALL TO ORDER:	Zeb Wagner	<i>Minister</i>
PLEDGE & INVOCATION:		
ROLL CALL:	Reser	<i>First Chair</i>
	Springs	
	Aler	
	Baker	
	Davis	
	Fitzpatrick	
	James – absent	

Motion to excuse the absence of Mrs. James moved by Springs seconded by Aler V Ayes

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

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mayor - Swore in four police officers today, two for promotion, one auxiliary and one officer.
S/SD- Water crews busy today with water main breaks on E. Columbus and the Fire Department starting hydrant flushing resulting in another water main break on Allison.
Street Dept. has started and almost finished the second round of mowing ditches and retention ponds. A third round will take place in August.

Law - On the agenda this evening is another annexation and asks Council to set a public hearing 30 days out for a pending annexation for the Detrick property on Twp. Rd. 216 and County Rd. 11
President Wagner sets the hearing for the Detrick annexation on August 12th in Council Chambers at 7:00 pm

Auditor - No report

Police Chief - The cruiser that we just took possession of has a wiring issue and is being corrected. Reinke has taken possession of the other car ordered and we should have it by the end of the week. This should be outfitted by late September or October.
Old radios are being replaced and the new have been programmed and are now functioning.
Mayor swore in Jade Sheeley as an auxiliary officer after resigning from full time and Zach Sheeley from the Logan County Sheriff Department as an officer. He will begin his training on July 21st. Andrew Purk and Aaron Long were both sworn in after being promoted to Sargent.
Chicken dinner tickets are now on sale through August available in dispatch.

Fire Chief – New ladder truck will be going in for annual service. The coolant level/oil level had a problem with the EDR. The \$7000.00 bill is covered by warranty.
Two newest firefighters are graduating from the academy on July 18th and will be on shift after their 90 days.
June 9th we went through the interview process and seven potential candidates have been certified by the Civil Service Commission.
Hydrant testing started today and was halted by a watermain break.
Questions answered.

Engineer- No report
Utilities- Not present
Parks & Rec- Not present
Economic Dev- Meeting with area businesses and industries. Met with AGC this past week. One message from them is that they greatly appreciate the new housing. This is one of their biggest challenges with 600 employees. Appreciate the housing and would like to see more apartments.

Downtown Dir- Thanks everyone that came out for Pineapple Palooza and the volunteers and participants.
Sidewalks Sales will be this weekend.
July 26th will be the Holland Theatre Marquee Lighting.
August 7th, Taste of Bellefontaine

August 9th, Top of Ohio Cruisers.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- Finance –** Explained ordinances and resolution on the agenda. Will be amending resolution R25-45.
- Rules -** Explained ordinance on the agenda.
- Safety -** The Safety Committee met on the 26th to discuss E-Bikes. Defining those in our ordinances and restricting the use of those to not sidewalks, park paths or during street events. Also discussed the police and fire officers to increase the authorization to hire outside of our current numbers so as not to miss the opportunity for possible hires for these departments. Will pass this legislation onto Law Director Stolly.
- Utilities -** Utilities Committee met this morning to discuss the Logan County Co-Op franchise agreement. The Committee agreed to make this an open franchise agreement. This will be passed on to Law Director Stolly. The committee will plan to meet for the rest of the year on the 3rd Wednesday of every month starting in August at 8:30 am in Council Chambers to discuss trending issues.
- Streets -** Explained ordinance on the agenda.
- Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks -**No report
- Audit –** No report

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS: Breyden Penhorwood, 110 N. Detroit St. present for Ordinance 25-43 and to answer any questions.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST 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 Springs, seconded by Reser V Ayes
Passage-
Adoption-
- 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 Springs, seconded by Reser V Ayes
Passage-
Adoption-
- R25-45 C. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A NEW REVENUE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE TAX DEPARTMENT FUND. **FINANCE**
Motion to amend Resolution 25-45 to change “Revenue” in the title to read “Expense” moved by Springs, seconded by Reser V Ayes
- R25-45 C. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A NEW EXPENSE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE TAX DEPARTMENT FUND. **FINANCE**
Adoption- Moved by Springs, seconded by Reser V Ayes
- 25-46 D. 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 Springs, seconded by Baker V Ayes
Passage-
Adoption-

- 25-47 E. 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 Springs, seconded by Baker V Ayes
Passage-
Adoption-

- 25-48 F. 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-

2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND 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**

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

3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK: none

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: Mrs. Fitzpatrick adds that this coming Saturday is the 11th week of the Farmers Market. Highly encourages all to visit the market. Offers gratitude to the city team and police officials for helping to make pedestrian and traffic flow safer.

Mr. Aler announces a Street Committee meeting on July 16th at 4:00 pm in Council Chambers to discuss downtown parking and any other business that may arise.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:55 pm moved by Fitzpatrick, seconded by Aler