

**BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025  
7:30 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Zeb Wagner  
**PLEDGE & INVOCATION:**  
**ROLL CALL:** Davis *First Chair*  
Fitzpatrick  
James  
Reser  
Springs  
Aler  
Baker *Minister* All Present

**SUSPENSION READING OF MINUTES:** Moved by Springs, seconded by Aler V All Ayes

**CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS:** none

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

**Mayor - S/SD-** Participated in the Memorial Day Parade and the Memorial Service at the cemetery. The Fire Department had an especially busy day yesterday. Started by being called away from the Memorial Day Parade to a house fire on Oakwood. Two firefighters were injured. Both have been released from the hospital. Thanks the Fire Department and also the Police Department. A second fire happened on Blair Ave. and a car fire on Garfield. Asks all to show their appreciation for the dangerous jobs that our safety services do.  
A resident, (Barry Clayton) has asked that Maple Ave. be made a one-way street. After looking at this street, the administration finds this may be warranted and asks that President Wagner assign the issue to committee. *President Wagner assigns this to Mr. Aler and the Streets Committee.*  
The Pineapple Palooza will take place on June 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be widespread street closures for the event.

**Law -** No report

**Auditor -** No report

**Police Chief -** The one candidate in process has successfully moved through the polygraph/psychological and will move on to the pension board physical before being sworn in.  
The Annual Downtown Business Appreciation Cook-out will be June 3<sup>rd</sup> which kicks off our Summer Outreach Programs.

**Fire Chief –** Thanks everyone who has reached out to check on the injured firefighters. Also thanks Officer Willoby who arrived first on scene to the Oakwood fire and used an extinguisher to slow the fire.  
Logan Searcy and Jonathon Downey are in week 2 of the 8-week class at the fire academy and are doing well.  
No updates on the station alert system.  
Eight candidate interviews are scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>. June 10<sup>th</sup> will have 2-4 candidate interviews.

**Engineer-** No report

**Utilities-** Not present

**Parks & Rec-** Not present

**Economic Dev-** Not present

**Downtown Dir-** June 7<sup>th</sup> will be the Pineapple Palooza, our biggest event. Street closures will be Main Street, W. and E. Columbus Ave., W. Chillicothe and Court Ave. They will close at noon to get things prepared. Invites all to come out or to volunteer.

**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.

**Streets -** Will have a Streets Committee to discuss one-way street requests.

**Sidewalks, Curbs & Parks** -No report  
**Audit** – No report

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:** Barry Clayton, 121 Maple St., here to ask for Maple St. to be made a one-way street as there is not enough room for two vehicles to pass. He and other residents are parking on sidewalks to avoid damage to their vehicles. He has spoken to the Police Department, Water Department and Street Department and they have all agreed that this request should be followed.

Don Mitchell, 1432 TR 218, here not against the Duff Annexation but against solar farms due to sand and gravel contaminants caused by solar farms and big business ruining our community. Thanks Council for their vote against marijuana dispensaries.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**1. ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING**

25-32 A. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF PARKS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

25-33 B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO GRANT POWER OF ATTORNEY TO PRIORITY POWER MANAGEMENT, LLC FOR ELECTRIC AGGREGATION SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

R25-34 C. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR AND/OR TAX COMMISSIONER TO WITHDRAW FROM THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. **FINANCE**

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

**2. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING**

25-28 A. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR COVERAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FINANCE**

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

25-31 B. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY/ REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, CONTAINING 200.827 ACRES OWNED BY DUFF QUARRY, INC., LOCATED IN LAKE TOWNSHIP ADJACENT TO THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, ESTABLISHING ZONING CLASSIFICATION THEREFORE, AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP. **RULES**

3RR- Moved by James, seconded by Davis V Ayes, Springs-no

Aler-no

Passage-  
Adoption-

**3. ORDINANCES FOR 3RD READING**

25-24 A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISION OF CHAPTER 925 SEWERS OF THE  
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY. **UTILITIES**

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

25-25 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**

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

25-26 C. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING PLANNING AND ZONING REGULATIONS  
REGARDING SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE TO BE  
CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 1166 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF SAID CITY. **RULES**

Adoption- Moved by James, seconded by Davis V Ayes, James-no  
Springs-no  
Aler-no

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CLERK:** none

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL:** none

**ADJOURNMENT** – 7:59 pm moved by Fitzpatrick, seconded by Aler

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Bonnie Hosier, Clerk of Council

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Zeb Wagner, President of Council

