

**CITY OF BELLA VILLA
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
June 9, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Mayor Donna Puleo Present
- Alderman John Franklin Present
- Alderwoman Mary Sikorski Present
- Alderwoman Alice Lotspeich Present
- Alderman Jeffrey Robinson Present

QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OTHERS PRESENT

Laura Van Zale, City Clerk
Andrew Kinghorn, City Attorney

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

- Donna Franklin
- Kristin Rose
- Regina Pinson

RESIDENT/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (two minutes each)

- Resident Regina Pinson has observed the following:
 - A Bella Villa Police Officer being “disrespectful and rude” to a resident in need of medical attention.
 - On-going drug deals by neighbor
 - In the last few months there has been a lot of people walking around late at night.
 - Her neighbor’s house has been vandalized.
- The owner of the house with the illegal activity will be notified.

Approval of Minutes March 24, 2022 Closed Board of Aldermen Meeting.

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski
Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich
All in favor: 4
Opposed: 0
Motion passed

Approval of Minutes April 28, 2022 Board of Aldermen Meeting.

Motion: Alderman Franklin
Second: Alderwoman Sikorski
All in favor: 3
Opposed: 0
Motion passed

Approval of Minutes April 28, 2022 Closed Board of Aldermen Meeting.

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

Motion passed

Approval of Minutes May 18, 2022 Closed Board of Aldermen Meeting.

Motion: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion passed

Approval of Financial Statements from April 2022

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion passed

Approval of the bills from April 2022

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Passed

Approval of the bills from May 2022

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Passed

MAYORS REPORT – Mayor Puleo

- Resident Pat Ferguson has volunteered to maintain Alvira Moll playground. When mulch is purchased, Pat Ferguson will help spread in the playground. STL Lawncare will no longer need to maintain inside the mulched area of the playground.
- STL Lawncare will continue to maintain the entrance to George Appel Park.
- Mayor Puleo will contact the fire department regarding access to George Appel Park.
- Per St. Louis County, Bayless Avenue construction will be put out to bid late 2022. The work is scheduled to begin late 2022 to early 2023. The project will take one year to complete.
 - St. Louis County will not be doing any temporary over-lays to Bayless prior to the start of construction.
- The replacement of the bridge over Gravois Creek will be put out to bid late 2022 and construction will begin late 2023.
- St. Louis County Greenway can provide the City, at no charge, trees that can be planted in the City. The City will not take any trees at this time due to the added upkeep involved.

- A time-clock has been purchased and hung in the upstairs entry.
- The Occupancy Permit for a residence on San Gabriel Place indicates 1 resident. There actually multiple people living in the residence.

POLICE REPORT - Chief Allen

- Chief Allen is still looking for 1 or 2 more part-time officers.
- An issue at a residence on Bella Villa has been handled.
- Radar guns are due for service.

TREASURER REPORT: VACANT

HEALTH AND SANITATION – Alice Lotspeich

Mayor Puleo & Commissioner Lotspeich drove through the City and found the following issues:

- A Fawn Circle resident has not cleaned their backyard. The previous warning provided until 4/30/22, for clean-up. A citation will be issued.
- A Landor resident has not removed a dumpster and snow plow from the property. The previous warning provided until 6/9/22, for removal. A citation will be issued.
- A Landor resident had a tree cut down. The tree is now piled in the flower bed. The side of the house and backyard are very cluttered with assorted items and trash.
- A Landor resident throws all sticks into the street and does not trim their grass.
- A complaint was received regarding a resident on Dallas that has gravel in their backyard. The gravel is pushing onto the fence, causing it to bow. The gravel is flowing into the neighbor's yard. The grass is over-grown. They have 4 dogs, 3 of which are always outside. Commissioner Franklin will go to the house and speak to the owner.
- A Ruprecht resident does not remove their trashcans from the street after being emptied.
- A Landor resident is still fighting with MSD regarding Project Clear not restoring his yard to previous condition.
- A resident on East Dallas was called and asked to clean their yard.

BUILDING: John Franklin

- Commissioner Franklin performed the following inspections and issued permits since the April 2022 Board meeting:
 - 7 mechanical/building permit issued
 - 3 mechanical/building inspection
 - 3 home inspections
 - 1 home re-inspection
- An Avenue H resident is building a shed. If a shed is under 10' x 10' a permit is not required. The Mayor asked if Municipal code 530.050 should be updated.

PARKS - VACANT

STREET AND SEWER – Ray Reeder

- More new Stop signs have been put up.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - VACANT

WARD ONE: ALDERMAN FRANKLIN and ALDERWOMAN LOTSPEICH

- Nothing to report

WARD TWO: ALDERWOMAN SCHWEGMANN and VACANT

- A resident on East Dallas needs to clean up their yard. Commissioner Lotspeich will speak to the owner.

WARD THREE: ALDERMAN ROBINSON and ALDERWOMAN SIKORSKI

- Nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion for first reading, title only Bill No. 555, Ordinance No. 534, An ordinance amending chapter 535 “Minimum Housing Standards” of the code of ordinances of the City of Bella Villa, MO.

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion for second reading, title only Bill No. 555, Ordinance No. 534, An ordinance amending chapter 535 “Minimum Housing Standards” of the code of ordinances of the City of Bella Villa, MO.

Motion: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Passed

Motion for first reading, title only Bill No. 556, Ordinance No. 535, An ordinance amending chapter 210 “Offenses” of the code of ordinances of the City of Bella Villa, MO.

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion for second reading, title only Bill No. 556, Ordinance No. 535, An ordinance amending chapter 210 “Offenses” of the code of ordinances of the City of Bella Villa, MO.

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Passed

Motion for first reading, title only Bill No. 557, Ordinance No. 536, An ordinance amending chapter 230 “Solid Waste” of the code of ordinances of the City of Bella Villa, MO.

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski
Second: Alderman Robinson
All in favor: 4
Opposed: 0

Motion for second reading, title only Bill No. 557, Ordinance No. 536, An ordinance amending chapter 230 “Solid Waste” of the code of ordinances of the City of Bella Villa, MO.

Motion: Alderman Robinson
Second: Alderwoman Sikorski
All in favor: 4

Motion Passed

- Mayor Puleo asked now that Bill No. 555, Ordinance No. 534, An ordinance amending chapter 535 “Minimum Housing Standards” has been passed, how does the City enforce this?
 - Per Attorney Kinghorn, the Building Commissioner may hand deliver a notice, send a certified notice or post the notice on the property’s front door giving the property owner 30 days to comply. If the owner does not comply, the City’s Prosecutor may prosecute the matter.
- Mayor Puleo asked about reservations made prior to notice being given to the owner.
 - Per Attorney Kinghorn, the owner will need to have an occupancy inspection and occupancy permit every time a guest leaves and a new guest arrives. If this is not done, the owner will be in violation of the amended ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve Fick, Eggemeyer & Williamson CPA’s to perform the annual City audit at \$6,100

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski
Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich
All in favor: 4
Opposed: 0

Motion Passed

Mayor Puleo stated the potholes in the City are getting too large and too numerous to be handled in-house. She would like to mark and numbers all the potholes and provide to R.V. Wagner for a bid. The work could be paid for through Capital Improvements or ARPA funds.

The front porch on City Hall has a hole where the porch joins the steps. Commissioner Franklin will look at the porch.

Motion to go into closed session

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski
Second: Alderman Robinson
All in favor: 4
Opposed: 0

Motion Passed

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Alderman Robinson

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned 8:20 p.m.

Mayor Puleo _____
DATE

City Clerk Van Zale _____
DATE