

**CITY OF BELLA VILLA
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
August 25, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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| • Mayor Donna Puleo | Present |
| • Alderman John Franklin | Present |
| • Alderwoman Mary Sikorski | Present |
| • Alderwoman Alice Lotspeich | Present |
| • Alderman Jeffrey Robinson | Present |
| • Alderwoman Meghan Dunn | Present |

QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OTHERS PRESENT

- Laura Van Zale, City Clerk
- Andrew Kinghorn, City Attorney
- Tim Allen, Chief of Police

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

- Donna Franklin
- Scott Dedert
- Alvin Schnid
- Myzafer Zeueli
- Andrew Mahone
- Tammy Brush
- Diana Michel

Mayor Puleo appointed Paul Sharp as Alderman Ward II. Roll was called.

Motion: Alderman Robinson

Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

Appointment Passed

RESIDENT/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (two minutes each)

- Resident Diana Michel asked if progress has been made with the problem residence on Dallas. Mayor Puleo is working with the landlord. Commissioner Franklin will go to the home and see how many people are actually living in the home. Attorney Kinghorn is going to see how many people are allowed to live in residence.

Approval of Minutes July 28, 2022 Board of Aldermen Meeting

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski with the following corrections: Change Alderwoman Schwegmann to Alderwoman Dunn, correct the spelling of Mahone, in Public Comments add some members of the board and residents in attendance are concerned about the safety with short-term rentals in the City.

Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

Motion passed

Approval of Minutes July 28, 2022 Public Hearing

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

Motion passed

Approval of Financial Statements from July 2022: Pass to September 2022 BOA meeting

Approval of the bills from July 2022

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Lotspeich

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

Motion Passed

MAYORS REPORT – Mayor Puleo

- St. Louis County Council Member, Ernie Trakas reported in the Community Link that concrete work on Bayless Avenue should start late Fall or Winter 2022, with final paving occurring Spring 2023. Construction on the bridge over Gravois Creek should start Summer 2023.
- The City of Bella Villa is considered a Historical Municipality. This distinction may help obtain grants.
- Snow removal bid requests were sent to contractors.
- The property behind Elvira Moll Park is owned by Republic Service. Republic Service asked if the City would like to purchase the property for \$85,000. Mayor Puleo will get more information.

POLICE REPORT - Chief Allen –

- Officer Johnson resigned due to the long commute.
- Officer Selby is resigning to work for the Sheriff's Department in Rahl's County, with increased pay and benefits.
- With the current staff, there will be 47 open shifts in September unless Officer Corbett becomes full-time. Officer Corbett will not work full-time with the City unless medical benefits are provided.
- Maintenance will be performed 8/26/22, on radar equipment.
- The female at the problem residence on E. Dallas Court has not been back to the residence.
- A residence on Dallas has issues with the number of cars and how parked. Chief Allen will have the Officers pay attention to this and issue citations if necessary.

- Chief Allen requested to purchase 2 new uniform shirts:

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Dunn

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

Motion Passed

TREASURER REPORT: VACANT

HEALTH AND SANITATION – Alice Lotspeich

- Commissioner Lotspeich has been in contact with many residents regarding over-grown grass.

BUILDING: John Franklin

- Commissioner Franklin performed the following inspections and issued permits since the July 2022 Board meeting:
 - 3 mechanical/building permit issued
 - 1 mechanical/building inspection
 - 5 home inspections
 - 0 home re-inspection

PARKS - VACANT

STREET AND SEWER – Ray Reeder

- Pot hole repair is on-going.
- Street sign replacement is on-going.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - VACANT

WARD ONE: ALDERMAN FRANKLIN and ALDERWOMAN LOTSPEICH

- Per Alderwoman Franklin, a residence on Ruprecht was sold without an inspection.
- Two residences on Ruprecht need to have their trees trimmed.

WARD TWO: ALDERWOMAN DUNN and SHARP

Nothing to report.

WARD THREE: ALDERMAN ROBINSON and ALDERWOMAN SIKORSKI

- Alderwoman Sikorski has been told by residents that they are not seeing police presence.
- There are 2 additional residences on Avenue H that are suspected to be short-term rentals.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Scott Dedert distributed a memo proposing changes to the current Land Use ordinance to benefit both the City and short-term rental owners.
 - Attorney Kinghorn would like to read the proposed changes to the ordinance and discuss in a closed meeting.
 - Mayor Puleo stated that multiple residents are concerned with the safety of having short-term rentals in the City. It is not a money issue.
 - Resident Donna Franklin stated she had to two men come to her door because they thought her home was the short-term rental property.
 - The Ruprecht short-term rental is leased by the short-term rental

owner. The actual owner of the residence is ultimately responsible for the property.

- Mayor Puleo stated the Board will read the proposal and work with Attorney Kinghorn to come to a resolution. In the mean, the short-term rental owners should continue having their property inspected between renters.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jessica Geary with Colonial Life was present to answer questions regarding their insurance. The premiums are paid by the employee, not the City. Benefits are paid directly to the employee not the provider. The employee can take the coverage with them if they leave Bella Villa employment. \$10,000 Group Term Life is available with \$2 monthly premiums paid by the City. Jessica will have information packets sent to Mayor Puleo and Chief Allen for further review.
- The owner of Dr. Keller’s old building wants to sell the building but not the garage on the property. The owner said the garage is zoned residential and the building is zoned commercial. Attorney Kinghorn suggested the owner obtain certified property information from Clayton before a decision to split the property can be made.

Motion to go into Closed Session

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

Motion Passed

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned 8:26 p.m.

Mayor Puleo_____

Date:

City Clerk Van Zale_____

Date: