

**AGENDA  
CITY OF BELLA VILLA  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
CITY HALL, 751 AVENUE H  
September 28, 2023 @ 7:00P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Puleo**

**ROLL CALL**

**City Clerk**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Mayor Puleo**

**RESIDENT PARTICIPATION (two minutes each) Questions and comments should be addressed only to the Mayor and/or the Board of Aldermen.**

Approval of the Minutes June 22, 2023 Closed Session

Mayor Puleo

Approval of the Minutes August 24, 2023 Public Hearing

Mayor Puleo

Approval of the Minutes August 24, 2023 Meeting

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Approval of the Financial Statements August 2023

Mayor Puleo

Approval of the bills from August 2023

Mayor Puleo

**REPORTS**

- Mayor's Report
- Police Department
- Treasurer's Report
- Health & Sanitation Commissioner
- Building Commissioner
- Parks Commissioner
- Street Commissioner
- Community Development

Mayor Puleo  
Chief Allen  
Vacant  
Alice Lotspeich  
John Franklin  
Ray Reeder  
Ray Reeder  
Donna Franklin

**WARD REPORTS**

- Ward One
- Ward One
- Ward Two
- Ward Two
- Ward Three
- Ward Three

Alderman Franklin  
Alderwoman Lotspeich  
Alderwoman Dunn  
Alderman Paul Sharp  
Alderman Robinson  
Alderwoman Sikorski

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Budget discussion & Ordinance approving 2023/2024 budget.
- Pothole request for bid
- Porch repair/replacement request for bid
- Bid to clean up downed trees & limbs in George Appel Park

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Snow removal bid

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Puleo

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Puleo

**VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Pursuant to RSMO Chapter 610 (1), (2), & (3)

**IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND WANT TO ATTEND A CITY MEETING,  
WE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCOMMODATE YOU.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: CITY CLERK AT 314-638-8840**

**CITY OF BELLA VILLA  
BOARD OF September 28, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

- Laura Van Zale, City Clerk
- Tim Allen, Police Chief
- Andrew Kinghorn, City Attorney
- Donna Franklin, Community Development Commissioner

**RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

- Kim & John Martin
- Sean Neef

**Approval of Minutes June 22, 2023 Closed Board of Aldermen Meeting with a correction of the date.**

Motion: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderman Sharp

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion passed**

**Approval of Minutes August 24, 2023 Public Hearing**

Motion: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion passed**

**Approval of Minutes August 24, 2023 Board of Aldermen Meeting**

Motion: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderman Dunn

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion passed**

### **Approval of Financial Statements from August 2023:**

Motion: Alderman Franklin  
Second: Alderman Robinson  
All in favor: 5  
Opposed: 0  
**Motion passed**

### **Approval of the bills from August 2023**

Motion: Alderman Dunn  
Second: Alderman Franklin  
All in favor: 5  
Opposed: 0  
**Motion passed**

- Chief Allan introduced new Officer Brittany Martin. Officer Martin was sworn in.
- Chief Allan reported a 2<sup>nd</sup> officer, Officer Michael Lodge was hired. Officer Lodge works full-time for the Department of Labor as a Federal Special Agent.

### **MAYORS REPORT – Mayor Puleo**

- St. Louis County has redone Avenue H where it meets Bayless 3 times during the repaving of Bayless Avenue in an attempt to do it correctly. Other areas to be redone are in front of Akron Electric, Ruprecht at Bayless and the sewer openings along Bayless.
- The duplex on Bayless right outside of Bella Villa has been cleared of the squatters and has been boarded up by St. Louis County. St. Louis County is now trying to remove the squatters from Cusannelli's.

### **POLICE REPORT - Chief Allen**

- Car #3 needs \$1500 in repairs.
- Car #4 is having the new transmission repaired. It is under warranty.
- The following amounts have been spent on the Police cars in the last 2 years:
  - Car #1 = \$ 855
  - Car #2 = \$6,000
  - Car #3 = \$4,400
  - Car #4 = \$10,165
  - \$21,420
- Per the mechanic, cars 3 & 4 need to be retired versus putting more money into them.
- Chief Allan reported new police cars/suv's are on a waitlist between 9 to 15 months depending on the make.
- Highway Patrol takes their vehicles out of rotation at 54K miles.
  - 2018 – 2021 Dodge Chargers are available at \$19K to \$21K. The City would need to add radio, sirens and signage.
  - Chief Allan will forward a list of available vehicles to the Board.
- Car #1 is the only car running at this time.

**Motion made to repair car #3**

Motion: Alderman Dunn

Second: Alderman Sharp

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion passed**

- Vehicle was stolen from San Gabriel. Chief Allan has a suspect he will be interviewing.
- There were 2 attempts to steal cars on Ruprecht 9/24/23.
- Chief Allan has a 3<sup>rd</sup> police officer applicant.

**TREASURER REPORT: VACANT**

**HEALTH AND SANITATION – Alice Lotspeich**

Nothing to report

**BUILDING: John Franklin**

- Commissioner Franklin performed the following inspections and issued permits since the August 2023 Board meeting:
  - 0 mechanical/building permit issued
  - 0 mechanical/building inspection
  - 3 home inspections
  - 1 home re-inspection

**PARKS – Ray Reeder - absent**

- A claim was filed with MOPERM for the loss of benches and tables at George Appel Park. There are only 2 benches and 2 tables left. Those will be pulled from the edge of the creek and anchored in place.
- Trash cans will be installed at George Appel Park.

**STREET AND SEWER – Ray Reeder - absent**

- Request for bids will be sent for the potholes requiring professional repair.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – DONNA FRANKLIN**

- Nothing to report

**WARD ONE: ALDERMAN FRANKLIN and ALDERMAN LOTSPEICH**

- A home on Ruprecht has a hose coming out of the garage with a brown liquid running down the driveway. Commissioner Lotspeich will check on this.

**WARD TWO: ALDERMAN DUNN and ALDERMAN SHARP**

- Alderman Sharp asked Chief Allan if the Police Department has all shifts covered with the hiring of 2 new officers? Chief Allan said not until Officer Martin goes full-time.

**WARD THREE: ALDERMAN ROBINSON and ALDERMAN SIKORSKI**

- Alderman Sikorski is still in the hospital.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Motion was made to read Bill 562 approving the amended budget for the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year by title only**

Motion: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderman Sharp

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion passed**

**Motion was made to read Ordinance 541 approving the amended budget for the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year by title only**

Motion: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion passed**

- Request for bids will be sent for the repair/replacement of the City Hall front porch. Attorney Kinghorn will write the RFP.
- Volunteers will meet and clean-up George Appel Park. Mayor Puleo is going to contact Lemay Fire Department regarding burning the limbs & branches.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- The flagpole in front of City Hall will be repaired.
- Request for bids for the 2023-2024 snow removal will be sent.

**RESIDENT/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** (two minutes each)

**Motion to go into closed session**

Motion: Alderman Sharp

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Motion to adjourn regular session**

Motion: Alderman Robinson

Second: Alderman Dunn

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor Puleo \_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

City Clerk Van Zale   
Date: 10-24-23