CITY OF BELLA VILLA

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

**APRIL 27, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:05 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

* Mayor Donna Puleo Present
* Alderman John Franklin Present
* Alderwoman Mary Sikorski Present
* Alderwoman Joanne Yates Present
* Alderman John Grevas Present
* Alderman Jeffrey Robinson Present
* Alderwoman Cindy Schwegmann Present

**QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

# OTHERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Welge, Chief of Police

Jim Majewski, Treasurer

Jessica Liss, City Attorney

Laura Van Zale, City Clerk

**RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Alice Lotspeich

John Cowie

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

**Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2017 Board of Aldermen Meeting**

Motion: Alderwoman Yates

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2017 Closed Board of Aldermen Meeting**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Financial Statements from March 2017**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Yates

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of the Bills**

Motion: Alderwoman Yates

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**MAYOR’S REPORT: MAYOR PULEO**

* The Bella Villa City wide garage sale will be held June 17, 2017. Flyers will be distributed to the resident’s homes.
* A decision was made to remove the smaller trash can in Elvira Moll Park because there is no one to empty the trash can. The trash can is over-flowing with disgusting trash. There is a roll-off trash receptacle already in place. Mayor Puleo will talk with Republic Services about putting a roll-off trash receptacle at the entrance to George Appel Park. A trash truck will not fit through the current entrance.

Motion made for Donna Tharp to attend the MACA conference with the City reimbursing $372 of her expenses.

Motion: Alderwoman Yates

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

* St. Louis County has budgeted for repaving and new sidewalks on Bayless Avenue in 2020.

**POLICE REPORT: CHIEF WELGE**

* The Mules & UCR audits were completed. There were only 2 issues noted in the Mules audit: 1) The court was unknowingly using the Police ORI number. 2) Orders of Protection were not being updated. Chief Welge will need to attend training and be certified to perform updates. There were no issues found during the UCR audit.
* Car #3 is back in service.
* Evidence inventory was started and will be completed in May.
* Chief Welge will be out 1 day per week during May for classes & training.
* Chief Welge is ordering plastic badges & stickers to be handed out to the resident children.

**TREASURER’S REPORT: JIM MAJEWSKI**

* Proposition P, the ½% sales tax, will take effect October 1, 2017. Jim Majewski does not know when Bella Villa PD will begin to see the funds. The funds will be an increase to revenue which will decrease the amount owed to the State from Senate Bill 5.
* Jim Majewski is beginning to look at the 2017/2018 Budget.
  + Jim is going to move the line item computer maintenance to Capital Improvements for the 2016/2017 budget because it has tripled during this budget period.
  + St. Louis County Communications has doubled in the last 4 months due to St. Louis County patrolling 2am to 6am. Going forward, it needs to be determined if this practice will continue.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION: ALICE LOTSPEICH**

* The resident next to George Appel Park has received his insurance check for the damaged fence. The fence will now be repaired.
* The grass is very tall at a residence on Dallas. The renters moved out and did not return the keys to the owner. Therefore, the owner feels it is not his responsibility to cut the grass. If the grass is not cut, the City will have the grass cut and charge it back to the owner.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER: JOHN FRANKLIN**

* Building permit was issued for drywall work in the garage at 640 Landor Court.
* Building permit was issued for a kitchen remodel at 3819 Bayless.
* A lateral sewer repair was done at 725 Ruprecht in 2016. The lateral sewer broke again in another spot. St. Louis County had it repaired and did not charge Bella Villa for this 2nd repair.

**PARKS COMMISSIONER: BOB BIGGERSTAFF –** Not in attendance

* Nothing to report.

**STREET AND SEWER: Vacant**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Vacant**

**CITY SERVICES: GREG SIKORSKI–** not in attendance

* Nothing to report.

**WARD ONE: ALDERMAN FRANKLIN and ALDERMAN GREVAS**

* Nothing to report.

**WARD TWO: ALDERWOMAN YATES and ALDERWOMAN SCHWEGMANN**

* Alderwoman Yates asked if the houses sold on Dallas were inspected and new Occupancy Permits completed.

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

Alderwoman Sikorski reported the following:

* Resident on San Gabriel reported AT&T solicitors were on the street multiple times. Bella Villa PD asked them to leave each time. Jessica Liss is going to review the current Peddler policy, application and permit.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS–**

* Show Me Courts has requested Bella Villa be 1 of 3 pilot courts for the new program.
  + The new program does not yet have all the features required to run a court. JIS will need to be used in conjunction with Show Me Courts.
  + Jessica Liss would like to see a written agreement outlining Bella Villa’s responsibilities as a pilot participant.
  + The Board would like to see the Clerks receive face-to-face training and not rely on tutorials to learn the new program.
  + Mayor Puleo will follow up with Judge Buchholz regarding the above concerns.
  + Jessica Liss advised to get in writing that Laura Van Zale is allowed to enter tickets into JIS/Show Me Courts.

Motion made to approve Bella Villa Court as a pilot court for Show Me Courts.

Motion: Alderwoman Yates

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**NEW BUSINESS –**

* The annual Community Development Grant application is due June 30, 2017.
  + The 3 required posting locations for the public notice will be on the City Hall door, the Bella Villa website and distributed to all resident’s homes.
  + The Public Hearing will be held before the next Board Meeting; May 25, 2017 at 6:30pm.
* Missouri Playground Grant is available for up to $30,000 to purchase molded benches, tables, etc., made from at least 40% scrap tires generated in Missouri. The application is due May 19, 2017. The Board agreed to obtain bids for the following:
  + 1x 6’ picnic table – Alvira Moll Park
  + 2x 8’ picnic table – Alvira Moll Park
  + 6x 8’ bench – Alvira Moll Park
  + 1x 8’ wheel chair accessible picnic table – Alvira Moll Park
  + 1x 8’ wheel chair accessible picnic table – George Appel Park
* The office copier was purchased in 2005. It is now obsolete and parts are no longer being made. The copier over heats if too many copies are made. A new copier will be purchased using Capital Improvement funds.

Motion to go into closed session

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Schwegmann

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Motion to Adjourn: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Schwegmann

All in favor: 2

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Meeting Adjourned 8:32 p.m.

Mayor Puleo\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk Van Zale\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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