

**CITY OF BELLA VILLA  
BOARD OF April 27 , 2023**

**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 |
| • Alderman Paul Sharp        | Present |

**QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The following Aldermen were sworn in for 2-year terms:

- John Franklin, Ward 1
- Meghan Dunn, Ward 2
- Mary Sikorski, Ward 3

**OTHERS PRESENT**

- Tim Allen, Police Chief
- Andrew Kinghorn, City Attorney

**RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

- Donna Franklin

**Approval of Minutes March 23, 2023 Board of Aldermen Meeting**

Motion: Alderman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Lotspeich

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion passed**

**Approval of Financial Statements from March 2023:**

Motion tabled for corrections & clarifications.

**Approval of the bills from March 2023**

Motion tabled for corrections & clarifications.

**MAYORS REPORT – Mayor Puleo**

- A Thank You card was received from Clerk Van Zale.
- Court Clerk Donna Tharp has resigned.
- Serve Pro is driving illegally on Avenue H.

- Mayor Puleo made the following appointments:
  - Building Commissioner: John Franklin
  - Community Development Commissioner: Donna Franklin
  - Parks & Streets Commissioner: Ray Reeder
  - Health & Sanitation Commissioner: Alice Lotspeich
  - City Clerk: Laura Van Zale
  - Chief of Police: Timothy Allen
  - City Attorney: Andrew Kinghorn
  - Judge: William Buchholz
  - Prosecuting Attorney: Steven Sokolik
  - President of the Board of Alderman: Alice Lotspeich

**Motion to accept Mayor Puleo’s nominations**

Motion: Alderman Dunn  
 Second: Alderman Robinson  
 All in favor: 6  
 Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

- An unknown person gave Mayor Puleo’s personal phone number to an individual asking about the repaving of Bayless.
- Mayor Puleo contacted two State Representatives in an effort to get rid of the homeless people camping in the woods by McDonalds.
- The plans for the Turkish building at Bayless & Lemay have fallen through.
- A strip mall is being built where Cusanelli’s currently stands.

**POLICE REPORT - Chief Allen –**

- Police cars #2 and #4 are back in service after repairs.
- Officer Prayther & Officer Rowland are now part-time. Chief Allen & Officer Selby are the only full-time employees.

**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 March 2023 Board meeting:
  - 4 mechanical/building permit issued
  - 4 mechanical/building inspection
  - 5 home inspections
  - 3 home re-inspection

**PARKS – Ray Reeder - absent**

- Trash cans were ordered for George Appel Park
- Broken playground equipment has been removed.

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

- Potholes have been repaired.
- Commissioner Reeder & Mayor Puleo have a meeting with MSD 4/28/23.

- St. Louis County will have a meeting to discuss the progress on Bayless Avenue project.
- Bayless from McDonalds west will be completed end of 2023 or early 2024. The bridge has to be replaced first.
- Keller Dental's building is for sale.

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – DONNA FRANKLIN**

- Nothing to report

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

- Alderman Lotspeich would like a community wide yard sale on 6/17/23.
- Chief Allen called First Student regarding a speeding school bus.
- Serve Pro is parking illegally on Avenue H. The driver will be given one warning, if the problem continues, a ticket will be issued.

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

- Alderman Sharp is happy the potholes have been repaired.

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

- Per Alderman Sikorski, the Airbnb on Avenue H has a party bus parked at the residence.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Mayor Puleo is compiling the documents for the boundary survey for City Hall.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion for first reading, title only Bill No. 559, Ordinance No. 538, An ordinance of the City of Bella Villa authorizing Mayor Puleo to sign a contract with St. Louis County Vector Control for service 2023-2028.**

Motion: Alderman Robinson

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion for second reading, title only Bill No. 559, Ordinance No. 538, An ordinance of the City of Bella Villa authorizing Mayor Puleo to sign a contract with St. Louis County Vector Control for service 2023-2028.**

Motion: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderman Sikorski

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

- There are cats roaming free in the City.
- Mayor Puleo and Attorney Kinghorn have reviewed the ordinance concerning Permit Fees. The ordinance needs changes.
- Friendly's is having a fund raiser 5/20/23.

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

- Donna Franklin asked if an Officer could sit on Ruprecht and stop the speeding residents.

**Motion to go into closed session**

Motion: Alderman Lotspeich

Second: Alderman Sikorski

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Motion to adjourn regular session**

Motion: Alderman Dunn

Second: Alderman Lotspeich

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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

City Clerk Van Zale \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: