CITY OF BELLA VILLA

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

**April 22, 2021**

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

**ROLL CALL**

* Mayor Donna Puleo Present
* Alderman John Franklin Present
* Alderwoman Mary Sikorski Present
* Alderwoman Alice Lotspeich Present
* Alderman Jeffrey Robinson Present
* Alderwoman Cindy Schwegmann Present

**QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

# OTHERS PRESENT

Laura Van Zale, City Clerk

Tim Allen, Chief

Jessica Liss, CityAttorney via Zoom

**RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Donna Franklin

Diana Michel

John Cowie

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

**Approval of Minutes March 25, 2021 Board of Aldermen Meeting.**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Minutes March 25, 2021 Closed Session Board of Aldermen Meeting.** Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Financial Statements from January 2021**

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**Approval of Financial Statements from February 2021**

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**Approval of Financial Statements from March 2021**

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**Approval of the bills from February 2021**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Mayor’s Report:**

* St. Louis County will be removing the median on Bayless and making Bayless & Avenue H a 4-way stop light. DK Stuf’s parking lot will be redesigned with one way in & one way out. St. Louis County will be putting in a new bridge over Gravois Creek, repaving Bayless, putting in new curbs and making the existing sidewalks ADA compliant. Work is expected to start spring 2022 and is estimated to take 12 to 15 months to complete.
* Playground Scrap Material Grant does not allow rubber mulch to be laid on a playground. The options available are pour-in-place or tile. The sub-surface for those options needs to be completed by the City. Due to the late receipt of the grant, there is no time to get bids for the sub-surface work and then get bids for the pour-in-place or tiles before the deadline for submission.
* Bella Villa resident Opal is 101 and living in a retirement home.
* Mayor Puleo asked the Aldermen to watch for homes being sold. Homes are selling within days of listing and are not getting the required inspection.
* The tenants at 718 Dallas are moving.
* Collection of past due trash invoices is going well.
* A resident on Sandra Court has chickens and a rooster running loose in their backyard. A letter will be sent regarding the chickens & rooster and the condition of their backyard.
* Residents have complained of cars speeding on Ruprecht, especially during bus stop hours.

**POLICE REPORT: Chief Allen**

* During the month of March 2021, there were 50 calls for service and 60 citations issued.
* Two part-time Police Officers have been hired. Officer O’Neal has 2.5 years of experience and Officer Lindzy has 16 years of experience.
* Officers are going to be scheduled for 10 hours shifts, 4 days per week. This will allow for 1 weekend off per month per Officer
* The hiring of 1 or 2 more part-time officers will allow for scheduling with less required over-time and some over-lap of hours.
* Fleet inspection was performed:
  + - * Car #1: needs new laptop stand
      * Car #2: air-conditioner is broke, seat motor is broken

Chief will get an estimate for air-conditioner repair and bring it back to next meeting.

* + - * Car #3: front end damage, bald tires and seat motor broken

**Motion to purchase new tires for car #3.**

Motion: Alderman Robinson

Second: Alderwoman Schwegmann

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

* + - * Car #4: high mileage, but in good shape
    - State & Federal grants for the purchase of cars will open in October. Chief Allen will look into a grant at that time. Alderwoman Sikorski asked if used cars or SUV’s were available from Highway Patrol. The Chief is going to look into that.
    - A traffic accident program has been installed that allows reports to be sent directly to Highway Patrol.
    - Chief Allen is going to purchase a set of screwdrivers for each car for the removal of illegal license plates.
    - Chief Allen would like to have Ed Rohr install light bars & laptop stands in the cars. The current light configuration is hard to see. The cost is $1100 - $1500 per car.
    - The current laptops are getting very old and are having connectivity issues due to loose USB ports.

**Motion to purchase 4 new laptops at a cost of $619 each for the patrol cars.**

Motion: Alderwoman Lotspeich

Second: Alderwoman Schwegmann

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

* Chief Allen said it has been a chaotic first month on the job. He has been trying to “spruce up” the police department. The Officers voted on a design for a new patch. New patches will run about $200.

**Motion to purchase new uniform patches.**

Motion: Alderwoman Schwegmann

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**TREASURER REPORT: VACANT**

**HEALTH AND SANITATION – Alice Lotspeich**

Nothing to report

**BUILDING: JOHN FRANKLIN**

* Commissioner Franklin performed the following since the September BOA meeting:
  + 2 mechanical/building permit issued
  + 6 mechanical/building inspections
  + 3 home inspections
  + 0 home re-inspections

**PARKS - VACANT**

**STREET AND SEWER – VACANT**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - VACANT**

Nothing to report.

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

* Nothing to report

**WARD TWO: ALDERWOMAN SCHWEGMANN and VACANT**

* Nothing to report

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

* Nothing to report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

* An ordinance will be written to allow for late and reinstatement fees to be charged for non-payment of trash service.
* Mayor Puleo would like the Aldermen to help her go door to door to the residents that have not gotten Occupancy Permits.
* Commercial Vehicle sign to be put on Avenue H. Mayor waiting on response from St. Louis County for placement.
* Property Tax Ordinance ballot language to be written.
* National Bankcard for trash invoice payment.

**Motion to approve the 2020/2021 budget as presented.**

Motion: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Alderwoman Schwegmann would like the repaving of Dallas to be added to 2021/2022 budget.

**Announcements:**

* Mayor Puleo thanked the residents for cleaning up the furniture and boxes left on the curb from 718 Dallas.
* The 2021 Sewer Lateral Funds have all been used for the year.

**Motion to allow Clerk Tharp to attend MACA meeting**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Motion to go into Closed Session**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion: Alderwoman Schwegmann

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Meeting Adjourned 7:54 p.m.

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

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

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