CITY OF BELLA VILLA

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

**APRIL 26, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:15 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, Police Chief

Laura Van Zale, City Clerk

Jim Majewski, City Treasurer

Alice Lotspeich, Health & Sanitation

Jessica Liss, City Attorney

**RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Steven Sokolik

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

**Approval of Minutes from March 22, 2018 Board of Aldermen Meeting**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Grevas

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Minutes from March 22, 2018 Board of Aldermen Closed Meeting**

Motion: Alderman Grevas

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Financial Statements from March 2018**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of the Bills**

Motion: Alderwoman Yates

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**MAYOR’S REPORT: MAYOR PULEO**

* Mayor Puleo welcomed the re-elected Aldermen back to the Board.
  + No one filed for the vacant seat in Ward 2. However Joanne Yates and Steve Gray each received one write-in vote. Steve Gray declined the seat. Joanne Yates accepted the seat temporarily. Alderwoman Yates has plans to move from Bella Villa, at which time she will have to give up her seat on the Board.
    - Alderwoman Schwegmann is aware of 2 residents within Ward 2 that may be willing to assume Alderwoman Yate’s position on the Board. Alderwoman Schwegmann is going to ask the two potential candidates to attend a future Board meeting.
    - The future opening for a seat in Ward 2 will be posted in the upcoming newsletter.
* Mayor Puleo asked the Board for topics to be addressed in the upcoming newsletter.
  + Alderwoman Schwegmann is coordinating with the Salvation Army to have a truck parked at City Hall on the day of the City wide garage sale. Residents with any unsold items may bring the items to City Hall and Salvation Army will load the donations into their truck.
  + Alderwoman Schwegmann would like an accounting of Proposition P funds outlined in the newsletter.

**POLICE REPORT: CHIEF WELGE**

* Officer LaFrance ticketed an individual for expired license plates. The individual called City Hall and threatened to kill the next officer that pulled him over. He then said he was coming to City Hall. Officers LaFrance and LaKamp met the individual in the parking lot and de-escalated the situation. A picture of the man is posted in City Hall.
* St. Louis County will be charging the individual that emailed bomb threats to City Hall last summer.
* Officer Brandon Thomlinson has been hired as a part-time police officer.
* St. Louis County intake refused to take a defendant into custody with a Bella Villa warrant. Chief Welge called the St. Louis County Captain. The Captain apologized and explained it was a misunderstanding of the procedure.
* The parking problems at a residence on Avenue H have been addressed. Individuals parking illegally have been ticketed.
* Sargent Kirk applied for and received another $500 Walmart grant.

**TREASURER’S REPORT: JIM MAJEWSKI**

* All grant money and Proposition P funds will be accounted for as revenue and help off-set Senate Bill 5 money due.
* In the 4.5 years Treasurer Majewski has worked for the City, this is the first time he has seen a positive revenue figure at the end of the month; $5,600.
* Available vacation will be printed on the paycheck stubs of the eligible employees beginning May 2018.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION – Alice Lotspeich**

* Several yards need to be cleaned up. Commissioner Lotspeich is waiting until next Monday before contacting those residents, to allow for weekend clean-up.
* A letter will be sent to a resident on E. Dallas Court informing them their bushes need to be trimmed.
* The area behind the house at the entrance to George Appel Park needs to be cleaned up.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER: JOHN FRANKLIN**

* 12 building inspections were performed.
* 2 building permits were issued.
* A resident on Hoffmeister contacted Commissioner Franklin to obtain a building permit to erect a 5-foot rod-iron fence. City ordinance only allows a 4-foot fence.

**Motion to allow a variance for a 5-foot rod-iron fence on Hoffmeister.**

Motion: Alderwoman Yates

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

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

* Nothing to report.

**STREET AND SEWER: GREG SIKORSKI – Not in attendance**

* Commissioner Sikorski reported a cracked sewer lid on San Gabriel. Mayor Puleo has contacted MSD.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: JOANNE YATES**

Nothing to report.

**CITY SERVICES: VACANT**

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

Reported by Alderman Grevas:

* A resident on E. Dallas Court has dead limbs in the yard and the gutters are over-flowing. Commissioner Lotspeich will check.
* There is a large pot hole in front of 3944 E. Dallas Court. Commissioner Sikorski will check.

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

Reported by Alderwoman Schwegmann:

* 703 Bella Villa has been sold to a Lemay Fireman.
* 706 Bella Villa has been rented.
* Alderwoman Schwegmann distributed the DEA Take-Back flyers to all of Wards 2 & 3.

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

Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS–**

* Prosecutor Sidel submitted his letter of resignation on April 4, 2018.
* Attorney Steven Sokolik was introduced to the Board as a possible replacement for Prosecutor Sidel. Attorney Sokolik comes highly recommended by Prosecutor Sidel and Judge Bucholz.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS–**

* Mayor Puleo and Alderwoman Sikorski went through old records trying to locate plans for the monuments at the entrance to George Appel Park. They were unable to locate plans.
* Mayor Puleo is still waiting for a reply from MSD regarding the sewer at the entrance to George Appel Park.
* City Clerk Van Zale mailed notices to residents that have not yet applied for Occupancy Permits. 12 Occupancy permits have been issued since the last Board of Aldermen meeting.
  + Mayor Puleo will visit the residents that have still not complied.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* The snow cone stand is open on Friendly’s parking lot.

**Motion to go into Closed Session**

Motion: Alderwoman Yates

Second: Alderman Grevas

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 p.m.

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

DATE & TIME

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

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