CITY OF BELLA VILLA

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

**August 23, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:10 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

* Mayor Donna Puleo Present
* Alderman John Franklin Present
* Alderwoman Mary Sikorski Present
* Alderman John Grevas Via Phone
* Alderman Jeffrey Robinson Excused
* Alderwoman Cindy Schwegmann Present

**QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

# OTHERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Welge, Police Chief

Laura Van Zale, City Clerk

Jim Majewski, City Treasurer

Amy White, In place of City Attorney

Mary Hansen, Community Development

**RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

John Cowe

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

**Approval of Minutes from July 26, 2018 Board of Aldermen Meeting**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Minutes from July 26, 2018 Board of Aldermen Closed Meeting**

No quorum, passed to September 2018 Board of Aldermen meeting.

**Approval of Financial Statements from May 2018**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Schwegmann

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of the Bills**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Schwegmann

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**MAYOR’S REPORT: MAYOR PULEO**

* Landor Court is still a mess due to the MSD project. Mayor Puleo met with a representative from MSD and the contractor. MSD and the contractor will meet with the residents at City Hall on 8/28/18, to discuss plans going forward.
* The 6 benches and 5 picnic tables the City received from the Non-Playground Scrap Material Grant were delivered to George Appel Park 8/23/18. The Mayor and friends completed the assembly of the 6 benches and placed them around the walking trail. One picnic has been assembled.
* More trash cans are needed in George Appel Park with the addition of benches & tables.
* Mayor Puleo would like the police cars retrofitted with screens between the front and back seats for the safety of the Officers. Chief Welge will get pricing.

**POLICE REPORT: CHIEF WELGE**

* Officer LaFrance and Sgt. Kirk went to Highway Patrol Surplus Property in Jefferson City and got tactical vests, car printers and duty belts.
* The Tasers were ordered and should deliver within the next 2 weeks. All officers will be certified.
* There were several incidents in the City. Every case has resulted in an arrest.
  + Vehicles broken into and items stolen.
  + Vehicle was stolen.
  + A victim was cut.
  + Felony bad check passing at DK Stuff.
* The residents on Landor Court stop the officers every time they drive down the street regarding the mess MSD has created.
* Sgt. Kirk is updating the policy manual per Lexapro guidelines.

**TREASURER’S REPORT: JIM MAJEWSKI**

* Computation of Senate Bill 5 in July Financial Statements:
  + YTD through July $1K
* The estimate of Senate Bill 5 for FY 2017/2018 is $20K. The CD at Reliance Bank matured on 7/31/18. Treasurer Majewski instructed Reliance Bank to issue a check for $25K to cover this expense and the remaining $76,278.26 was renewed for 24 months with a 2.42% APR. Reliance Bank has been very cooperative in our banking needs since we opened these CD’s in January 2017.
* The budget is completed and entered in QuickBooks.
* Proposition P review:
  + July receipts = $4,113.51 (largest disbursement to date).
  + Amount received since November 2017 = $25,956.65
  + Expenditures: To Date
    - Health Insurance (8111) $14,967.75
    - Public Safety (8171) $ 6,888.32
    - Capital Improvements (10007) $ 3,006.58
    - Officer Pay Increase $ 1,016.84
    - Total $25,879.49
* PGA Tournament economy boost should result in a spike in Sales Tax/Prop P revenue. We should expect to see the increase in October receipts.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION – Per Mayor Puleo, Alice Lotspeich not in attendance**

* Resident on Ruprecht was spoken to about the grass needing to be cut. It will be cut in the next 2 days.
* Another on resident on Ruprecht has been cutting only a portion of his grass. He is working on cutting all of it.
* Resident on Avenue H received a Nuisance letter via certified mail. The problems were not corrected in the allotted time frame. A 2nd Nuisance letter was hand delivered by an Officer.
* Another resident on Avenue H cleaned up their yard as required.
* Resident on East Dallas Court has not accepted the Nuisance letter sent certified mail. Resident will not answer the door to accept hand delivered 2nd notice. Per Amy White, if the Officer knows the resident is home, reading the Nuisance letter aloud constitutes delivery.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER: JOHN FRANKLIN**

* Commissioner Franklin performed the following:
  + 0 residence inspections
  + 6 mechanical/building permits issued

**PARKS COMMISSIONER: BOB BIGGERSTAFF**

Not in attendance

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

* Nothing to report.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

* There are grants available for street lights, street repair and street signs. Commissioner Hansen will start working on these.

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

Reported by Alderman Franklin:

* A resident that walks their dog on Ruprecht has requested a homeowner cut back their bushes hanging over the sidewalk.

**WARD TWO: ALDERWOMAN SCHWEGMANN and VACANT**

Reported by Alderwoman Schwegmann

* Still receiving complaints about the parking on Dallas.

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

Reported by Alderwoman Sikorski

* She has received complaints regarding the yard on Avenue H. (2nd Nuisance letter hand delivered)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS–**

* Street signs: Mary Hansen will apply for grant.
* Pothole repair: Based on approval at the July Board meeting, the contract was signed for Spencer Contracting to repair potholes. Work should be done by mid-September.
* Widen George Appel entrance: The Mayor is having someone look at it next week.
* Project Clear on Landor Court: See Mayor’s report.
* George Appel park bench grant: See Mayor’s report.
* Municipal League of Metro St. Louis renewal: Police Certification required is very costly:
  + CELEA: $8,500 initial and $3,500 per year after
  + Police Chief Association: $500 initial and $5K per year after
  + Unsure of benefits of being a member of Municipal League
* Do not renew Municipal League membership

**NEW BUSINESS–**

* Due to recent events at City Hall and other City Halls in the metro area, bids were taken for upgrades to the front door security on City Hall.

**Approval for DK Stuff to install security locks on the front door of City Hall at a cost of $1,216.**

Motion: Alderwoman Schwegmann

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Appoint Mary Hansen as Alderwoman to fill the vacant seat in Ward 2 left by Joanne Yates.**

Motion: Alderwoman Schwegmann

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* Mayor Puleo asked for volunteers to help clean up George Appel Park before the dedication of the new benches & tables in October.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion: Alderman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Meeting Adjourned 7:57 p.m.

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

DATE & TIME

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

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