**CITY OF BELLA VILLA**

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

**JANUARY 26, 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 Excused
* Alderwoman Cindy Schwegmann Present

**QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Laura Van Zale, City Clerk

Jeffery Welge, Chief of Police

Jim Majewski, Treasurer

Jessica Liss, City Attorney

**RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

* Carol Keller w/ Keller Dental
* Contractor for Akron Electric

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

* Keller Dental is renovating their building at 3929 Bayless Avenue. A dental lab is being added to fabricate periodontal trays. The 2nd floor will remain residential. Permits will be pulled.
* Akron Electric is updating their offices. Permits will be pulled.

**Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2016 Board of Aldermen Meeting**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Yates

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2016 Closed Board of Aldermen Meeting**

Motion: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderwoman Schwegmann

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Minutes from December 27, 2016 Special Board of Aldermen Meeting**

Motion: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Financial Statements from December 2016**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of the Bills**

Motion: Alderwoman Yates

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**MAYOR’S REPORT: MAYOR PULEO**

* The Municipal Park Grant reimbursement was received 1/25/17.
* A car hit an Ameren light pole on Bayless at Landor Court. The lights owned and maintained by the residents of Landor Court were tied into the Ameren light pole and were also knocked out. The residents on Landor Court will deal directly with the insurance company of the person responsible for the accident.
* An Ameren street light on Bayless in front of Keller Dental has been repaired.
* The walls to separate the City Clerk from the Court Clerk have been received.
* The signs & directory have been ordered.
* Mayor Puleo and Alderwoman Sikorski will be putting the newsletter together for distribution in March 2017.

**POLICE REPORT: CHIEF WELGE**

* Chief Welge introduced the 2 new part-time officers to the Board; Josh LaKamp and Steve Edwards.
* The post continuing education provided by Local Gov U has gone down to $787 this year versus $1200 last year.
* The patrol contract with St. Louis County Police started in January. The County police have only received 2 calls during their patrol hours.
* The new bullet proof vests have been finished and received.
* Chief Welge has put in place a new policy requiring all officers to wear a bullet proof vest at all times while patrolling.
* The City is purchasing a 2012 Impala from Missouri Highway Patrol. Chief Welge and Sgt. Niemeier will pick it up 2/9/17.
* The year-end reports have been completed and submitted to the State.
* The new court procedures requiring the officers to wear street clothes while in court or running files has been put in place.
* Chief Welge and Attorney Liss are working on an order regarding the BAC machine.
* Full-time employee vacation and personal time will now accrue as of 7/1/17, versus everyone’s hire dates.
* Chief Welge has put a new policy in place requiring a report for all warrants executed.
* Chief Welge has been patrolling Avenue H for speeders due to resident complaints and has ticketed 2 drivers.
* Car #2 had a new radiator installed.

**TREASURER’S REPORT: JIM MAJEWSKI**

* The Capital Improvement fund should be used for the purchase of fixed assets of 2 years or more. $40,000 will be put in the account for FY 17/18.
* A new GL account with $900 will be established for Police Safety Equipment
* Senate Bill 5, Excess Revenue, is now fully paid as of 12/31/16; 2015 = $61,000 and 2016 = $5,000.
* During the transition from changing vacation & personal time accrual to 7/1/17, versus hire date, carry-over of time will be allowed. As of 7/1/18, the Police will return to the “use it or lose it” policy.
* With regards to the Municipal Park Grant reimbursement, Jim Majewski recommends the money be placed in the following accounts:
  + - $100,000 in a 2 year CD at 1.5%
    - $100,000 in a 1 year CD at .6%
    - $50,000 in a Money Market at .5%, ear-marked for future Senate Bill 5 payments.

A motion was made to allocate the moneys as recommended by Jim Majewski.

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Yates

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**HEALTH AND SANITATION: ALICE LOTSPEICH**  - Not in attendance

* Avenue H: The owner of the truck bed has been given until 2/2/17, to remove the truck bed from the front yard. We do have an ordinance to file charges if the truck bed is not removed.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER: JOHN FRANKLIN**

* Permit was issued for retaining wall repair on Ruprecht
* Permit was issued for fence on San Gabriel.
* Plans for renovations at Akron Electric were approved.

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

**STREET AND SEWER: Vacant**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Vacant**

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

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

Nothing to report.

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

Alderwoman Schwegmann reported the weeds have been removed from the poles at the home on Dallas.

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

Alderwoman Sikorski has received several complaints about the truck bed in the front yard on Avenue H.

Alderwoman Sikorski has received complaints regarding trash cans not being taken off the street after pick-up on Avenue H.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS–**

**NEW BUSINESS –**

* 5% of TracFone settlement to be contributed to League Advocacy Fund.

Motion to contribute 5% of TracFone settlement to League Advocacy Fund .

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Schwegmann

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

* The router at City Hall has stopped working. A bid for a new router, security and set-up has been received from Affordable Computers for $1014.59.

Motion to purchase new router, security and set-up was made.

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

* Ameren street light contract will be pushed to February Board of Aldermen meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENT –**

* A going away party will be held for Officer Palumbo 2/11/17, at 6pm at Friendly’s.

Motion to go into closed session

Motion: Alderwoman Yates

Second: Alderman Grevas

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Motion to Adjourn: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderwoman Schwegmann

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 p.m.

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

DATE AND TIME

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

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