CITY OF BELLA VILLA

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

**July 26, 2018**

**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 Present
* Alderwoman Cindy Schwegmann Excused

**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

Bob Biggerstaff, Parks Commissioner

**RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Mary Hansen

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

Mary Hansen offered to research and write grants for the City.

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

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Grevas

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

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

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Financial Statements from May 2018**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Grevas

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of the Bills**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**MAYOR’S REPORT: MAYOR PULEO**

* 25 people attended the City picnic at Elvira Moll Park 6/30/18. Receipts will be submitted shortly.
* There are 3 sewers in the City that require repair from MSD: 2x on East Dallas and 1x San Gabriel.
* Appointments:
	+ Board President: Mary Sikorski
	+ City Clerk: Laura Van Zale
	+ Court Clerk: Donna Tharp
	+ Treasurer: James Majewski
	+ Chief of Police: Jeff Welge
	+ Health & Sanitation Commissioner: Alice Lotspeich
	+ Street & Sewer Commissioner: Greg Sikorski
	+ Parks Commissioner: Bob Biggerstaff
	+ Building Commissioner: John Franklin
	+ Community Development: Mary Hanson
	+ Police Committee: TBA

**Motion made to remove the position of City Services**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in Favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Motion made to accept Mayor Puleo’s appointments**

Motion: Alderman Robinson

Second: Alderman Grevas

All in Favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**POLICE REPORT: CHIEF WELGE**

* Chief Welge introduced the new full time officer candidate, Stephen Schaffer.
* ECC County Communications has added an addendum to the contract allowing them to work directly with AT&T on the City’s behalf. Attorney Liss will have a resolution prepared.
* 2 cars were broken into on Ruprecht. The break-ins were caught on Mayor Puleo’s home security cameras.
* A stabbing/cutting on Ruprecht is being investigated.

**TREASURER’S REPORT: JIM MAJEWSKI**

* Treasurer Majewski learned St. Peters has reached out to their residents asking them if they have security cameras on their homes. In the case of a crime, the police can contact those residents and see if their cameras caught the incident. Possibly this is something we could put in the next newsletter.
* MEM billing issues are continuing with erroneous due dates and lack of communication.

**Motion made to approve the FY 18/19 Budget**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Grevas

All in Favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**HEALTH AND SANITATION – Alice Lotspeich**

* Nuisance letters were sent via certified mail to 2 residents on Avenue H and 1 resident on E. Dallas Court. These residents have not responded to requests to clean their yards.
* 3 more Nuisance letters may be going out soon

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER: JOHN FRANKLIN**

* Commissioner Franklin performed the following:
	+ 3 residence inspections
	+ 1 mechanical permit issued

**PARKS COMMISSIONER: BOB BIGGERSTAFF**

* Commissioner Biggerstaff reported a broken spring toy in Elvira Moll Park. The springs toys have been broke multiple times because of bigger kids playing on them. Attorney Liss recommended completely removing the toy from the park because the kids keep removing the caution tape. Alderman Robinson offered to remove the toy.
* Commissioner Biggerstaff would like to see some benches at George Appel Park. Clerk Van Zale has applied for a grant for the benches and picnic tables. The City is waiting to see if the grant is approved.

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

* See UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: VACANT**

**CITY SERVICES: VACANT**

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

Reported by Alderman Grevas:

A resident on E. Dallas Court has gutters stopped up and over-flowing onto their neighbor’s property.

**WARD TWO: ALDERWOMAN SCHWEGMANN and VACANT**

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS–**

* Landor Court is a wreck from the Project Clear project. 3 residents’ basements are now leaking and multiple yards are destroyed in addition to the street itself. The project switched contractors half way through the project. Mayor Puleo will make some calls to confirm MSD does not intend to leave the area in its current condition.
* Commissioner Sikorski provided pricing for the sign replacements in the City. Mary Hanson is going to see if there are grants for this.
* A bid request was sent for the repair of potholes in the City.

**Motion made to contract with Spencer Contracting at the rate of $5,600 for pothole repair.**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Grevas

All in Favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**NEW BUSINESS–**

**Motion made to contract with Birch for the City’s telephone service**

Motion: Alderman Robinson

Second: Alderman Grevas

All in Favor: 4

Opposed: 1

**Motion Passed**

* In order for the City to be a member of the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis, it is a requirement the Police Department be certified by an outside entity. Training and certification through IACLEA is $5k every 3 years. Chief Welge will research other entities and bring it back to the Board at the August meeting.
* There have been many calls and complaints regarding cars parking in the grass, blocking sidewalks and parking the wrong way throughout the City. The Police are going to begin to issue warnings and then tickets.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* There is an open Board of Alderman seat in Ward 2.

**Motion to go into Closed Session**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion: Alderman Robinson

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Meeting Adjourned 8:04 p.m.

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

DATE & TIME

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

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