CITY OF BELLA VILLA

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

**June 24, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:08 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

* Mayor Donna Puleo Present
* Alderman John Franklin Present
* Alderwoman Mary Sikorski Present
* Alderwoman Alice Lotspeich Present – arrived at 7:55 p.m.
* Alderman Jeffrey Robinson Present
* Alderwoman Cindy Schwegmann Excused

**QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

# OTHERS PRESENT

Laura Van Zale, City Clerk

Tim Allen, Chief of Police

Jessica Liss, City Attorney via Zoom

**RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Donna Franklin

Bard Fahima

Diana Michel

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

* Donna Franklin asked what the ordinance is regarding cars parked on the streets. Per Chief Allen, cars are to be parked no longer than 72 hours. However, if it is a resident’s car and is license properly, they tend to be more lenient.

**Approval of Minutes May 27, 2021 Board of Aldermen Meeting.**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Minutes May 27, 2021 Closed Session Board of Aldermen Meeting.**

Motion: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Minutes June 3, 2021 Closed Session Board of Aldermen Meeting.**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Financial Statements from January 2021**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Financial Statements from February 2021**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Financial Statements from March 2021**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Financial Statements from April 2021**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Financial Statements from May 2021**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of the bills from May 2021**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Mayor’s Report:**

* Ameren has subcontractors in the City burying electrical lines.
* MSD subcontractor SAK is still working in George Appel Park.
* There are several dead trees in George Appel Park that need to be removed when MSD is finished.

**POLICE REPORT: Chief Allen**

* May stats look good. 185 calls for service were received.
* Officer O’Neal is leaving the department for a full-time position in Washington County. Over-time will be required to cover all shifts.
* Still trying to hire for open positions. One interview is scheduled and 3 additional people have requested applications.
* Car #2 is getting new tires.
* None of the cars have a spare tire. Chief Allen is going to get used tires and have them put on rims from Dobbs at $150 per rim. Chief is going to confirm all cars have jacks.
* 2 more license & data plans are being supplied by Rejis at $668 per year.
* New light bars for the cars are universal and can be transferred to other cars when purchased. Ed Rohr quoted $1,300 per set. I Got Your 6 can provide the same light bar for $200. The price is this low because they ordered for another department and did not use it.

**TREASURER REPORT: VACANT**

**HEALTH AND SANITATION – Alice Lotspeich absent, update provided by Mayor Puleo**

* As a courtesy Commissioner Lotspeich has been going to homes with tall grass, over-grown weeds and dead trees and asking them to clean up their yards. If they do not comply, a letter will be sent with a comply-by date. If still not resolved, citations will be issued.
* A resident on Ruprecht is being sent a letter regarding a dead tree.
* A resident on Fawn Circle with a history of Health & Sanitation complaints is cleaning up their property.
* A resident on Fawn Circle has a derelict vehicle.
* The residence on Sandra Court with the over-grown backyard and derelict buildings is getting worse. The mess is moving to the front yard.
* Commissioner Lotspeich has encountered some very uncooperative and verbally abusive residents lately. Chief Allen offered that he and his Officers could help Commissioner Lotspeich with code enforcement. The Officers could make the courtesy stops at the homes, send letters and issue citations.
  + Commissioner Lotspeich is going to give Chief Allen the addresses of the homes that are being uncooperative and list of the violations.

**BUILDING: JOHN FRANKLIN**

* 732 Ruprecht was sold & closed without an Occupancy Inspection. Commissioner Franklin is watching for the new residents.
* Commissioner Franklin performed the following since the May BOA meeting:
  + 1 mechanical/building permit issued
  + 0 mechanical/building inspections
  + 3 home inspections
  + 5 home re-inspections

**PARKS - VACANT**

**STREET AND SEWER – VACANT**

**Motion to appoint Ray Reeder as Street & Sewer Commissioner**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Mayor Puleo will follow up with Ray Reeder and confirm he wants the position.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - VACANT**

**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.
  + Chief Allen received direction from DOT:
    - A new ordinance needs to be written. The current ordinance is too vague.
    - Trucks greater 12K pounds are prohibited.
    - DOT suggested making copies of the new ordinance and giving to the quarry to make them aware.
    - DOT suggested signs be place in Bella Villa city limits only. St. Louis County requires Aldermen approval and would take a long time.
* Property Tax Ordinance ballot language to be written. A listing of all St. Louis County Municipality tax rates was distributed to the Aldermen.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Clerk Van Zale contacted Spectrum for pricing to replace Fusion phone service and AT&T internet. Switching to Spectrum will save approximately $185 per month the first year and $100 a month after the first year.

**Motion to switch phone & internet to Spectrum if the City is not tied in a contract with Fusion and AT&T**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

* Cell phones are going to be needed for the Officer’s new cameras. Spectrum’s rate is $45 per phone with unlimited text, voice & data. Clerk Van Zale will see if Spectrum provides data only plans.

**Announcements:**

**Motion to go into Closed Session**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Meeting Adjourned 8:20 p.m.

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

DATE

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

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