CITY OF BELLA VILLA

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

**MARCH 23, 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 Present
* Alderwoman Cindy Schwegmann Excused

**QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

# OTHERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Welge, Chief of Police

Jim Majewski, Treasurer

**RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2017 Board of Aldermen Meeting**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Grevas

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2017 Closed Board of Aldermen Meeting**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Financial Statements from February 2017**

Motion: Alderwoman Yates

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of the Bills**

Motion: Alderwoman Yates

Second: Alderman Grevas

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**MAYOR’S REPORT: MAYOR PULEO**

* JIS is rolling out a new program, Show Me Courts, to replace the current JIS program. Judge Beach, the presiding Judge, has requested Bella Villa along with three other municipalities pilot this new system. Eventually all courts will be required to convert to Show Me Courts. Show Me Courts was designed to be more user friendly than JIS. All information will still be available on Casenet and JIS records will be converted to Show Me Courts. Donna Tharp and Mayor Puleo will be attending an informational class regarding this new program. In the meantime, there is an interface available between Mobile Ticketing and the current JIS which will alleviate the need to manually enter traffic tickets. Converting to Rejis is now on hold.
* The new City Clerk and Court Clerk protocols have been provided to the Clerks by Jessica Liss. The Clerks signed the protocols and they are now in their personnel files.
* Shredding has been completed to date.
* Newsletter needs a few more additions and then will be printed and distributed.

**POLICE REPORT: CHIEF WELGE**

* Matthew Gones was introduced. He has applied for the part-time police officer position. He is a graduate of the St. Louis City Police Academy. He served 8 years in the Marines as an MP. He currently works at Florissant Valley Community College and also attends school there.
* Final bill for removing equipment from old police car and installing in new police car and striping & decaling new police car presented as $2180.10.
* St. Louis County Police responded to 3 calls since the last Board meeting: business check on 3/9/17, resident disturbance on 3/12/17, and called back to same residence on 3/12/17, to escort an individual from the home.
* Shotguns were replaced as discussed at February board meeting. John Franklin secured the gun safe to the wall. Chief Welge would like a light put in the closet with the gun safe.
* Everything is ready for the Mules & UCR audit April 13, 2017.
* Sgt. Niemeier will be in the week of April 17th to assist Chief Welge with the evidence audit. This should not take longer than 4 days.
* Officer LaKamp requested to look into grants for the Police Department to acquire new equipment. Jim Majewski offered that his daughter can help write grants.
* Chief Welge spoke to the Transportation Supervisors at both Bayless & Hancock schools regarding the school busses speeding. The problem seems to have been resolved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT: JIM MAJEWSKI**

* Jim Majewski is now the Valic plan administrator. Valic had no current employees listed as administrator. The current plan signed in 2006 has no minimum age requirement, no minimum employment length and does not discriminate between full & part-time employees. Any of those criteria can be changed in addition to contribution limits and match. Jim learned that all employees, regardless of employment type, must sign-off if they are not going to participate in the plan. Currently contribution and match are capped at 4%.

Motion made for Jim Majewski to contact Valic to change employee contribution up to 10%. Employer match and all other requirements will remain the same.

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Yates

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

* Jim would like to start the 2017/2018 FY Budget process in April. The Board will be provided with current figures through March 2017. He would like input in the area of Capital Improvements. He anticipates having the preliminary budget ready for the May 2017 Board Meeting.

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

* Nothing to report.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER: JOHN FRANKLIN**

* Building permit was issued for a semi-private fence at 718 Ruprecht.
* A resident on Ruprecht would like to make a gravel parking pad in the alley. The parking pad will not block the right of way.

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

* Nothing to report.

**STREET AND SEWER: Vacant**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Vacant**

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

* Nothing to report.

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

Alderman Franklin reported the following:

* Female resident at 716 Ruprecht passed away last weekend.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Alderwoman Sikorski reported the following:

* Resident on San Gabriel would like the City to contact Progressive Waste regarding future trash hauling contract.
* Checked 605 & 607 San Gabriel for trash/junk piled on the side of the house as reported by a neighbor. Trash/junk appears to have been removed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS–**

* Three bids were received for grass cutting in the City.
  + Terry Landscaping & Lawn Care
  + LawnSTL
  + Dave Boyer Lawncare

Motion made to contract with LawnSTL for the 2017 grass cutting season.

Motion: Alderwoman Yates

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**NEW BUSINESS –**

* Municipal Park Grants Commission is a grant that requires the City to match the grant amount requested. Board discussed widening the opening to George Appel Park; fire truck and lawn care trailers cannot pass through current entrance and this is a safety issue. Jim Majewski will look into writing the grant.

Motion to go into closed session

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Yates

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Motion to Adjourn: Alderwoman Yates

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 p.m.

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

DATE AND TIME

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

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