CITY OF BELLA VILLA

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

**May 23, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:05 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

* Mayor Donna Puleo Present
* Alderman John Franklin Excused
* Alderwoman Mary Sikorski Present
* Alderwoman Alice Lotspeich Present
* Alderman Jeffrey Robinson Present
* Alderwoman Cindy Schwegmann Present
* Alderwoman Mary Hansen Excused

**QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

# OTHERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Welge, Police Chief

Laura Van Zale, City Clerk

Carrie Kinsella, City Attorney

Jim Majewski, Treasurer

**RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**Approval of Minutes April 25, 2019 Board of Aldermen Meeting**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Minutes April 25, 2019 Public Hearing**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Financial Statements from April 2019**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of the Bills from April 2019**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**MAYOR REPORT:**

* George Appel clean-up went well
* George Apple flooded in the early morning of 5/23/19. The tables and benches floated from their designated spots. When the water goes down, the search will begin to locate all items. The porta-a-potty has tipped over. Safety tape was put up by the police department to keep people out of the flooded park.
* Mayor Puelo has filled the large pot holes on Dallas and Avenue C. She is in the process of locating and filling all other pot holes.
* Mayor Puleo and Alderwoman Sikorski went to a public meeting regarding the upcoming changes, paving, and curb & sidewalk replacement on Bayless Avenue.
  + DKStuff’s parking lot will have curbs added so cars can only enter and exit in designated areas.
  + The island on Bayless will be removed.
  + From Avenue H to Lemay Ferry Bayless will be reduced to one lane each direction with a center turning lane and bike lanes added.
  + St. Louis County has requested the right-of-way to Avenue H on the north side of Bayless in order to maintain electric signals.
  + The first phase of repaving, curbs and sidewalks on Bayless will stop east of the railroad tracks. The section west of the railroad tracks to Weber will be completed in 2022, after the extension of Grant’s Trail to River de Peres is completed.
  + A bridge is being constructed over Bayless between Highway 55 and the railroad tracks for the extension of Grant’s Trail.
* A resident on Waller would like to purchase a vacant lot owned by the City. He has offered to pay all costs.

**Motion made to not sell the property on Waller**

Motion: Alderwoman Schwegmann

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

* Mayor Puleo has found the actual owners of the residence deemed to be uninhabitable on Avenue H. Both owners have a legal right to be in the residence contrary to the to the previous resident’s statement. Neighbors are cutting the front yard; no one is cutting the back yard. The previous resident said she has made arrangement to have the yard cut after the rain stops. She said she has been unable to do any cleaning of the house because her brother has been sick.
  + The previous certified letters sent to the owners were never accepted.
  + A 2nd attempt to send certified letters to the newly acquired 2nd address will be made. If no progress is made after 30 days, condemnation proceedings will begin.
* Officer LaFrance’s fundraiser was a success.

**POLICE REPORT: CHIEF WELGE**

* Officer LaFrance has been released for light duty. Chief Welge notified MEM the City has no light duty assignments. Therefore, Officer LaFrance cannot return until fully released.
* The contract with St. Louis County Police for communications has increased $5.50 per month.
* Car #3 was rear-ended while Officer Gones was transporting a prisoner to Clayton. Geico, the other driver’s insurance, has totaled the car and offered $4,100. The BOA has requested MOPERM provide a 2nd opinion.
* The new car, 2015 Impala, has had the striping and insignias completed. Lights still need to be installed.
* A resident called regarding what they believed to be a weapon and bedding under their neighbor’s back yard tree. Sergeant Kirk investigated and determined it appeared to be a kid’s fort and toys. The resident called again because the items were still under the tree. Officer Gones removed the items and attempted to make contact with the owner but no one was home.
* Chief Welge requested GPS be installed in the patrol cars.

**Motion made to install GPS in all patrol cars**

Motion: Alderwoman Schwegmann

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**TREASURER REPORT: JIM MAJEWSKI**

* Proposition P Review:
  + April receipts = $3,300
  + Amount received since November 2017 = $56,000
    - Health Insurance (8111) $
    - Public Safety (8171) $
    - Capital Improvements (10007) $
    - Officer Pay Increases $

**TOTAL $59,000**

* Treasurer Majewski will begin the budget for the 2019/2020 fiscal year in June.
* Treasurer Majewski will revise the 2018/2019 budget and present it at the June BOA meeting.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION – Alice Lotspeich**

* All residents that have been contacted regarding over-grown grass/weeds have complied. However, many of those same residents are again allowing their grass/weeds to become over-grown. No legal action can be taken until the grass/weeds are 18 inches long.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER: JOHN FRANKLIN**

* Commissioner Franklin performed the following in May:
  + 1 mechanical/building permit issued
  + 3 home inspections
  + 2 home re-inspections
  + 1 notice regarding needed outside repairs issued

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

* The spring on the other toy in Alvira Moll Park has been ordered. Alderman Robinson will replace once received.

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

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Not in attendance**

Nothing to report.

**WARD ONE: ALDERMAN FRANKLIN and ALDERWOMAN LOTSPEICH**

* Alderwoman Lotspeich has noticed several residents parking their cars on front lawns.

**WARD TWO: ALDERWOMAN SCHWEGMANN and ALDERWOMAN HANSEN**

* Alderwoman Schwegmann and Commissioner Lotspeich addressed all the over-grown grass/weed complaints.
* Alderwoman Schwegmann was contacted by a resident claiming their car incurred $3K in damage from a pothole on Dallas. Alderwoman Schwegmann advised the resident to contact their personal insurance company
* Alderwoman Schwegmann was contacted by a resident on Dallas Court regarding a sink hole in their backyard adjacent to George Appel Park. The City is not responsible for a resident’s property. It was suggested she call MSD and confirm she is not still connected to a septic field.
* Alderwoman Schwegmann reminded everyone to call 911 if there is an issue to ensure there is a record of the incident and call. Please do not call the Mayor or Chief directly.
* There is a backyard on Dallas that is overgrown and needs to be cut.

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

* Alderwoman Sikorski reported there is a resident on Avenue H that has multiple cars and drives across their front lawn and exits using their neighbor’s driveway versus actually moving cars in the driveway. Chief Welge stated nothing can be done until the police actually see them doing this.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS–**

* Mayor Puleo received a bid to move the monuments at the entrance to George Appel Park. The contractor stated in order to move the monuments a large crane will be necessary and the cost would be $25K - $30K.
  + Suggestion was made to get pricing to just cut out the curb around the monuments, replace curb as close to the monuments as possible and repair the drive where the curbs are removed.
    - Clerk Van Zale will contact a cement contractor for this pricing
* Attorney Kinsella will contact Attorney White regarding her findings about Mike Gartenberg’s liability for the entrance being constructed too small.
* Mayor Puleo is going to confirm what signs are already in place at George Appel Park. A sign with park hours will be added in addition to No Swimming and No Dumping if not already in place.
* The street signs have been delivered. Many of the bolts are rusted. New bolts will need to be purchased before the signs can be replaced.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion: Alderwoman Lotspeich

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Meeting Adjourned 8:12 p.m.

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

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

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