CITY OF BELLA VILLA

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

**October 22, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:10 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

# OTHERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Welge, Police Chief

Laura Van Zale, City Clerk

Jessica Liss, City Attorney via telephone

**RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Donna Franklin – 720 Ruprecht

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

**Approval of Minutes September 24, 2020 Board of Aldermen Meeting.**

Motion: Alderwoman Lotspeich

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Financial Statements from September 2020**

Motion: Alderwoman Lotspeich

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of the bills from September 2020**

Motion: Alderman Robinson

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Mayor’s Report:**

* As part of an MSD project, MSD will be removing the picnic table, removing the Little Library and putting a gravel driveway through Elvira Moll Park to Gravois Creek. Once the work is complete, everything will be put back the way it was.
* The Mayor still has been unable to find anyone to bid painting City Hall. Chief Welge knows of someone that may be interested. Alderwoman Lotspeich is waiting on a response from someone she knows also.
* Clean Stream will be cleaning Gravois Creek where it runs through George Appel on 10/25/20. Mayor Puleo, Alderwoman Lotspeich and Donna Franklin have volunteered to help. Clean Stream will supply gloves, bags, etc...
  + A second group from Clean Stream will be removing appliances and tires that have been thrown in the Creek.
* Josh Ward from Dept. of Conservation looked at George Appel Park where it meets residents’ yards. There is nothing Dept. of Conservation can do to stop the residents’ yards from eroding. He suggested getting trees from Stream Team and planting them to slow the erosion.
  + Josh Ward also suggested making the front of City Hall a Wildflower Natural Habitat. Grants are available. If this is done, Mr. Ward will have a plaque made designating it a Natural Habitat.
* The problem home on Avenue H is now in probate. The bank has changed the locks.
* Bayless Avenue and the sidewalks from Union to Lemay will be resurfaced in 2021.

**POLICE REPORT: CHIEF WELGE**

* Things have been quiet this month.

**TREASURER REPORT: JIM MAJEWSKI**

Absent

**HEALTH AND SANITATION – Alice Lotspeich**

* Commissioner Lotspeich spoke to a resident on Avenue H regarding the bushes in his backyard. He has agreed to clean up the area.
* Officer Carbonell did a Wellness Check on a resident on Fawn Circle. He noted the house and yard are in complete disarray. Commissioner Lotspeich has been unable to make contact with the owner. Per Attorney Liss, the City has the authority to clean up the yard and send the resident the bill and a citation.

**BUILDING: JOHN FRANKLIN**

* Commissioner Franklin performed the following since the September BOA meeting:
  + 5 mechanical/building permit issued
  + 2 mechanical/building inspections
  + 3 home inspections
  + 5 home re-inspections
* A resident on Virgo submitted a drawing for a fence that would surround her front yard.

**Do not allow variance.**

Motion: Alderwoman Lotspeich

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**PARKS: BOB BIGGERSTAFF – Absent**

Nothing to report

**STREET AND SEWER – VACANT**

Nothing to report

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - VACANT**

Nothing to report.

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

A new homeowner would like to make the home a Section 8 property. Per Attorney Liss, the City does not have Section 8 Zoning.

**WARD TWO: ALDERWOMAN SCHWEGMANN and VACANT**

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS–**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution to approve Mayor Puleo to receive CARES ACT funding.**

Motion for 1st reading by Title Only: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

Motion for 2nd reading by Title Only: Alderwoman Lotspeich

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Increase permit fee structure effective 10/23/20.**

Motion: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

* Bella Villa is one of the only Municipalities in the St. Louis area that does not have a residential tax rate.

**Renew United Health Care for 2021**

Motion: Alderwoman Lotspeich

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

* When snow removal is required, the Police will contact Alderwoman Sikorski and she will contact McManus.

**Announcements:**

Nothing to report.

**Motion to go into Closed Session**

Motion: Alderwoman Lotspeich

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion: Alderman Robinson

Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich

All in favor: 3

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Meeting Adjourned 7:51 p.m.

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

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

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