CITY OF BELLA VILLA

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

**September 27, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

# OTHERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Welge, Police Chief

Donna Tharp, Court Clerk

Jim Majewski, City Treasurer

**RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**Approval of Minutes from August 23, 2018 Board of Aldermen Meeting**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Schwegmann

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

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

**(Vote postponed from August 2018 meeting.)**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Grevas

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Financial Statements from August 2018**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Grevas

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of the Bills**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Grevas

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**MAYOR’S REPORT: MAYOR PULEO**

* Landor Court completion has been delayed until the spring of 2019, due to MSD’s contractor availability.
* A house on Ruprecht has been condemned. The owner is cooperating with the City. The owner will notify the resident that no one is allowed in the home or on the property.
* Due to a new business in the Keller Dental building, there has been a large number of cars parked on East Dallas. The volume of cars is making it difficult for busses to get down the street and taking up resident street parking. The issue has been resolved for now. The City will continue to monitor the situation. The City will contact the new business regarding a business license.

**POLICE REPORT: CHIEF WELGE**

* Reports of buses speeding have been received. Bayless and Hancock schools have been notified that tickets will be issued if the speeding continues.

**Motion made to replace the hard-drive in 2 police laptops. Funds to be taken from Capital Improvement funds.**

Motion: Alderwoman Schwegmann

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Motion made to repair Car #2 at a cost of approximately $600.**

Motion: Alderwoman Schwegmann

Second: Alderwoman Sikorski

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

* Chief Welge would like the Officers to have the option to use their own patrol rifles. This change will be reflected in the Police Policy Manual currently being updated. The manual should be complete by the next Board of Aldermen meeting.
* One car has a gun rack. Chief Welge would like use grant money to install racks in the remaining cars’ trunks.

**TREASURER’S REPORT: JIM MAJEWSKI**

* Financial Statement Highlights:
  + Total income: YTD = $63,757 Budget: $59,035
  + August health insurance payment $1,847, not reflected in financial statements; paid 9/1/18.
  + Vehicle gas cost is down 61% since 2012
  + Net income: YTD = $1,070 Budget: $($9,490)
  + Senate Bill 5: YTD = $2,500 Budget: $4,000
* Although the net income is $10,000 over budget, the Senate Bill 5 liability continues to decrease, indicating the change in revenue composition, i.e. fines vs. other sources of income.
* Prop P review:
  + July receipts - $2,847 (slightly under the $3,000 budgeted).
  + Amount received since November 2017 = $28,804.18
  + Expenditures to date:
    - Health Insurance – 8111: $16,834.79
    - Public Safety – 8171: $ 6,888.32
    - Capital Improvements 10007: $5,886.58
      * Tasers $2,880 purchased in August
* Officer pay increase $2,042.00
  + **Total: $31,651.69**
* Still waiting on the sales tax spike from the PGA Tournament expected in October.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION – Per Mayor Puleo, Alice Lotspeich not in attendance**

* A nuisance letter will be sent to a resident on Ruprecht regarding the over-grown grass & weeds between their garage and back fence.
* The resident on Dallas Court that received a nuisance letter has complied.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER: JOHN FRANKLIN**

* Commissioner Franklin performed the following:
  + 1 mechanical/building permit issued
  + 2 home inspections
    - 1 inspection resulted in the home being declared uninhabitable.

**PARKS COMMISSIONER: BOB BIGGERSTAFF**

Not in attendance

* Mayor Puleo with the help of volunteers has been maintaining the landscaping at the entrance to George Appel Park for several years now. To date, there has been no cost to the City for weed killer, string, bags, etc and disposal of the debris. They have tried multiple weed killers and techniques and no method lasts very long. She is looking for alternatives and ideas from the Board, as she cannot continue cleaning this area on a monthly basis. Mayor Puleo asked Commissioner Hansen to look into grants, as funds will need to be allocated to continue this on-going clean-up.
* An extra pallet of picnic bench legs was received from the vendor for George Appel Park. Clerk Van Zale will contact the vendor for a pick-up.

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

* Treasurer Majewski asked about the sewer broken by the falling tree on San Gabriel. Mayor Puleo said it is on MSD’s list of repairs to be done.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

* Many of the grants researched require a 50% match by the City.
* The Policing Services grant is closed.
* The DOT grant is closed.
* Commissioner Hansen is going to register to receive more grant opportunities.

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

Reported by Alderman Grevas:

* Residents are complaining about speeding cars on Dallas Court. They would like to see a Children at Play sign erected.

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

Nothing to report

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

Reported by Alderman Robinson

* Car parts on a resident’s property have been removed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS–**

* Street signs: Tabled
* Pothole repair: Work completed
* Widen George Appel entrance: Tabled.
* Project Clear on Landor Court: Work delayed until spring 2019. See Mayor’s report.
* George Appel park bench grant: 3 picnic tables still need to be assembled once the weather cools down.

**NEW BUSINESS–**

**First reading of Bill #541, Ordinance #520, authorizing Mayor Puleo to enter into a contract with St. Louis County Emergency Communications Commission for Next Generation 9-1-1 Service.**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Hansen

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Second reading of Bill #541, Ordinance #520, authorizing Mayor Puleo to enter into a contract with St. Louis County Emergency Communications Commission for Next Generation 9-1-1 Service.**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Schwegmann

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

* Mayor Puleo contacted Ameren regarding a light pole leaning. Ameren replaced the wrong pole. She has contacted them again.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion: Alderwoman Schwegmann

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Meeting Adjourned 8:08 p.m.

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

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

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