

**CITY OF BELLA VILLA
BOARD OF October 26, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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| • Mayor Donna Puleo | Present |
| • Alderman John Franklin | Present |
| • Alderwoman Mary Sikorski | Excused |
| • Alderwoman Alice Lotspeich | Present |
| • Alderman Jeffrey Robinson | Present |
| • Alderwoman Meghan Dunn | Present |
| • Alderman Paul Sharp | Excused |

QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OTHERS PRESENT

- Laura Van Zale, City Clerk
- Andrew Kinghorn, City Attorney
- Donna Franklin, Community Development Commissioner
- Ray Reeder, Streets & Parks Commissioner

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

- Miriam Sehnur
- Dana Frenzel
- Jim Kopsas
- Beth Baechle
- Cathy Roe
- Jim & Kay Gamache
- Jennifer Wagner
- Diane Michel

Approval of Minutes September 28, 2023 Board of Aldermen Meeting

Motion: Alderman Robinson

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion passed

Approval of Minutes September 28, 2023 Closed Board of Aldermen Meeting

Motion: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion passed

Approval of Financial Statements from September 2023:

Motion: Alderman Franklin
Second: Alderman Lotspeich
All in favor: 4
Opposed: 0
Motion passed

Approval of the bills from September 2023

Motion: Alderman Dunn
Second: Alderman Lotspeich
All in favor: 4
Opposed: 0
Motion passed

MAYORS REPORT – Mayor Puleo

- Alderman Sikorski is still in the hospital but has been moved to physical rehab.
- Clerk Lantos is in Jefferson City for Show Me Court training.

POLICE REPORT - Chief Allen - Given by Mayor Puleo

- September stats could not be provided because CAD is down for updating.
- Summons were delivered to two homes on Ruprecht for trash and derelict vehicles and one home on Landor for derelict vehicle.
- Car #3 is getting new tie rod, alignment and new tires.
- A new part-time officer has been hired.
- A vehicle was broken into on Landor.

TREASURER REPORT: VACANT

HEALTH AND SANITATION – Alice Lotspeich

- Commissioner Lotspeich has a tree on Bellavilla that she is looking at this weekend.
- Donna Franklin asked about the hose draining from the garage on Ruprecht. Per Commissioner Lotspeich it is not hazardous. The drainage is from the basement.

BUILDING: John Franklin

- Commissioner Franklin performed the following inspections and issued permits since the September 2023 Board meeting:
 - 0 mechanical/building permit issued
 - 0 mechanical/building inspection
 - 6 home inspections
 - 2 home re-inspection

PARKS – Ray Reeder

- MOPERM will not pay the claim for the loss of benches and tables at George Appel Park. Loss due to flood has \$25k deductible, which is more than the cost of benches & tables.
- Trash cans will be installed at George Appel Park.

STREET AND SEWER – Ray Reeder

- Commissioner Reeder is filling potholes.
- Commissioner Reeder said he has been removing several shopping carts every week from the City streets.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – DONNA FRANKLIN

- Nothing to report

WARD ONE: ALDERMAN FRANKLIN and ALDERMAN LOTSPEICH

- Alderman Franklin spoke to a homeowner on Ruprecht regarding trimming his trees.

WARD TWO: ALDERMAN DUNN and ALDERMAN SHARP

- Nothing to report.

WARD THREE: ALDERMAN ROBINSON and ALDERMAN SIKORSKI

- Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Clerk Van Zale mailed 7 bid requests for pothole repair. Leritz Busy Bee was the only contractor to respond.
 - The Board requested additional bids before making a decision. A special meeting will be held to review any additional bids and make a decision.
 - Mayor Puleo will call Spencer Contracting.
- Clerk Van Zale mailed 7 bid requests for snow removal. STL Lawncare was the only contractor to respond.
 - The Board requested additional bids before making a decision. A special meeting will be held to review any additional bids and make a decision.
 - Clerk Van Zale will call McManus Construction.
- Clerk Van Zale mailed 7 bid requests for the City Hall porch repair/replacement. Wegener Asphalt Paving was the only contractor to respond.
 - The Board requested additional bids before making a decision. A special meeting will be held to review any additional bids and make a decision.
- Volunteers will meet and clean-up George Appel Park. Mayor Puleo is going to contact Lemay Fire Department regarding burning the limbs & branches. Jim Kopsas suggested renting a shredder and using the mulch in the park.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made to read Bill 563 amending the Video Service Provider tax by title only.

Motion: Alderman Lotspeich

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion passed

Motion was made to read Ordinance 541 amending the Video Service Provider tax by title only.

Motion: Alderman Lotspeich

Second: Alderman Dunn

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion passed

RESIDENT/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (two minutes each)

- Jim Kopsas said he does not see the police patrolling. Mayor Puleo said the department is still short staffed, but 3 new part-time officers were just hired. St. Louis County only responds to Priority 1 calls that cannot wait for a Bella Villa Officer to come on duty.
- Diane Michel is concerned about cars speeding on Dallas.
- Mayor Puleo would like to see all residents complete Resident Information Sheets. If the City has residents' email addresses notices and quick alerts could be sent.
- A resident suggested encouraging all residents to turn on their porch lights at night in the next newsletter.

Motion to go into closed session

Motion: Alderman Lotspeich

Second: Alderman Dunn

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Passed

Motion to adjourn regular session

Motion: Alderman Lotspeich

Second: Alderman Dunn

All in favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Mayor Puleo _____
Date:

City Clerk Van Zale _____
Date: