

**CITY OF BELLA VILLA
BOARD OF August 24, 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 | Present |

QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OTHERS PRESENT

- Laura Van Zale, City Clerk
- Tim Allen, Police Chief
- Andrew Kinghorn, City Attorney
- Donna Franklin, Community Development Commissioner

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

- Jim & Kay Gamache

Approval of Minutes June 22, 2023 Board of Aldermen Meeting

Motion: Alderman Franklin
Second: Alderman Lotspeich
All in favor: 5
Opposed: 0

Motion passed

Approval of Minutes June 22, 2023 Closed Board of Aldermen Meeting

Tabled until September 28, 2023

Approval of Financial Statements from June 2023:

Motion: Alderman Lotspeich
Second: Alderman Dunn
All in favor: 5
Opposed: 0

Motion passed

Approval of Financial Statements from July 2023:

Motion: Alderman Lotspeich
Second: Alderman Franklin
All in favor: 5
Opposed: 0

Motion passed

Approval of the bills from June 2023

Motion: Alderman Lotspeich

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

Motion passed

Approval of the bills from July 2023

Motion: Alderman Lotspeich

Second: Alderman Dunn

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

Motion passed

MAYORS REPORT – Mayor Puleo

- Mayor Puleo spoke to a representative from St. Louis County regarding the below issues with the work being done on Bayless:
 - The crosswalk pole was installed directly in front of the resident's steps at 700 Avenue H. The pole has since been moved.
 - Bayless is buckling at Dallas & Ruprecht.
 - The openings to the sewers are very small.
 - The sewers need to be checked for sandbags that may have fallen in to them.
 - The representative assured the Mayor he will not sign off on the completion of the job until all concerns are addressed.
- A resident was a victim of an armed car-jacking in Webster Groves. Please be aware of your surroundings.
- The Mayor and Chief would like any resident with a camera on the outside of their home, to let City Hall know. If there is a need for any type of investigation, the Chief will know what homes may have recorded something on their cameras.
- Work will begin soon on the bridge on Bayless.
- The porch and handicap ramp in front of City Hall needs repair.

POLICE REPORT - Chief Allen

- A Nuisance letter was delivered to 763 Ruprecht.
- Car #4 needs a new radiator.
- Car #2 has no dash lights.
- Officer Lodge is a new part-time officer that will start 8/27/23. He is a Federal Agent for the Department of Labor and works as a Police Officer in Illinois.

TREASURER REPORT: VACANT

HEALTH AND SANITATION – Alice Lotspeich

- A Nuisance letter will be sent to 510 E. Dallas Court regarding the condition of the front and back yards.

BUILDING: John Franklin

- Commissioner Franklin performed the following inspections and issued permits since the June 2023 Board meeting:
 - 2 mechanical/building permit issued
 - 1 mechanical/building inspection
 - 3 home inspections
 - 3 home re-inspection

PARKS – Ray Reeder - absent

- The boundary survey showed that all the grass cut around Elvira Moll Park is not the property of the City. During the bid process for next year’s grass cutting contract, it will be noted that the section not owned by the City will not be cut.
- The boundary survey could not determine who owns the tree behind City Hall that is dropping branches on business’s cars. The Mayor is going to see if the owner would like to split the cost of cutting down the tree.
- The Mayor would like to burn the downed limbs and trees in George Appel Park.

STREET AND SEWER – Ray Reeder - absent

- The potholes requiring professional repair have been marked with fluorescent yellow X’s. Request for bids will be put out to 3 contractors.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – DONNA FRANKLIN

- Nothing to report

WARD ONE: ALDERMAN FRANKLIN and ALDERMAN LOTSPEICH

- Nothing to report.

WARD TWO: ALDERMAN DUNN and ALDERMAN SHARP

- Nothing to report.

WARD THREE: ALDERMAN ROBINSON and ALDERMAN SIKORSKI

- Alderman Robinson asked about the dip in the street in front of 736 Avenue H. The Mayor spoke with MSD; the dip is from a sewer lateral repair done at the residence. The street repair is shifting and is the responsibility of the homeowner.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2022/2023 budget adjustments have been completed.

NEW BUSINESS

- The 2023/2024 budget has been started.
- A bid to clean up downed trees and limbs in George Appel was submitted by St. Louis Lawn Care – Tabled

RESIDENT/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (two minutes each)

- New residents at 733 Dallas attended the meeting. They are very happy with the City and offered any help that is needed in the City.

Motion to adjourn regular session

Motion: Alderman Robinson

Second: Alderman Lotspeich

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Puleo _____
Date:

City Clerk Van Zale _____
Date: