

**CITY OF BELLA VILLA  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
December 9, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:06 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

- Mayor Donna Puleo Present
- Alderman John Franklin Present
- Alderwoman Mary Sikorski Present
- Alderwoman Alice Lotspeich Present
- Alderman Jeffrey Robinson Present – Arrived 7:18
- Alderwoman Cindy Schwegmann Present

**QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Laura Van Zale, City Clerk  
Tim Allen, Police Chief  
Jessica Liss, City Attorney via conference call

**RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Jennifer Wagner  
Joe Wagner  
Diane Michel

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

- Resident Joe Wagner asked who has responsibility to keep trees from encroaching on the sidewalks? Commissioner Lotspeich will speak with the homeowner about cutting back their spruce tree.

**Approval of Minutes August 26, 2021 Board of Aldermen Meeting.**

Tabled

**Approval of Minutes August 26, 2021 Closed Session Board of Aldermen Meeting.**

Tabled

**Approval of Minutes October 28, 2021 Board of Aldermen Meeting.**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski  
Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich  
All in favor: 5  
Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Minutes October 28, 2021 Closed Session Board of Aldermen Meeting.**

Motion: Alderwoman Lotspeich  
Second: Alderwoman Sikorski  
All in favor: 5  
Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of Financial Statements from June 2021**  
**Tabled**

**Approval of Financial Statements from July 2021**  
**Tabled**

**Approval of Financial Statements from August 2021**  
**Tabled**

**Approval of the Financial Statements from September 2021**  
**Tabled**

**Approval of the Financial Statements from October 2021**  
**Tabled**

**Approval of the Financial Statements from November 2021**  
**Tabled**

**Approval of the bills from October 2021**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski  
Second: Alderwoman Lotspeich  
All in favor: 5  
Opposed: 0  
**Motion Passed**

**Approval of the bills from November 2021**

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**MAYORS REPORT – Mayor Puleo**

- Per St. Louis County, the repaving of Bayless Avenue is still in the design phase. The project will go out for bid late 2022, with construction starting late 2022 to early 2023. St. Louis County is trying to obtain property rights along Bayless Avenue. The start of the project is dependent on the owners' cooperation.
- St. Louis County is trying to obtain property rights for construction of a new bridge over Gravois Creek.
- St. Louis County is going to perform a study of the stop sign at Dallas and Bayless Avenue in order to determine if a No Parking sign is needed.
- The underpass at Bayless and I55 is still clean.
- Many homes are being sold without an inspection and subsequent Occupancy Permit for the new owner. If anyone see a home being put up for sale, please contact City Hall or your Alderman so the City can perform an inspection and collect new resident data.
- Proposition 1 failed by 1 vote. The City plans on putting this proposition back on the ballot. The real estate tax is needed to maintain the City's police force.
- Mayor Puleo would like to see City Hall continue being used as a polling station.

## **POLICE REPORT - Chief Allen**

- Officers have been stickering parked vehicles in the City that have expired license plates.
- Chief Allen has a new candidate for a part-time officer position. Chief Allen is going to start the interview process 12/13/21.
- If a resident requests vacation checks on their homes, remind them to securely lock their homes & garages before leaving.
- Car #2 needs a new driver seat or repair.
- Car #4 needs tire repair & oil change.
- Alderwoman Schwegmann requested a list of calls responded to by St. Louis County Police when the City had no officer on duty.
- The department's numbers are up from the previous month.

## **TREASURER REPORT: VACANT**

### **HEALTH AND SANITATION – Alice Lotspeich**

- Commissioner Lotspeich received a complaint regarding a back yard on Fawn Circle. She and Commissioner Franklin will check the yard.

### **BUILDING: John Franklin**

- Commissioner Franklin performed the following since the October BOA meeting:
  - 3 mechanical/building permit issued
  - 1 mechanical/building inspections
  - 5 home inspections
  - 3 home re-inspections

## **PARKS - VACANT**

### **STREET AND SEWER – Ray Reeder**

Not present

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - VACANT**

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

- Nothing to report

### **WARD TWO: ALDERWOMAN SCHWEGMANN and VACANT**

- Alderwoman Schwegmann would like to see an ordinance making “flipping” car door handles illegal. Chief Allen will check with other Municipalities that have this ordinance regarding wording.

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

- Nothing to report

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Before preparing Attorney Liss has questions regarding an addendum to the trash ordinance allowing for late and reinstatement fees to be charged for non-payment of trash service.
  - Late fee = \$15 quarter
  - Reinstatement fee = \$35
- Changing phone & internet carriers will require input and assistance from Rejis and Affordable Computers. – TABLED

- Clerk Van Zale received a quote from AT&T. It is less expensive to continue using Fusion as a 3<sup>rd</sup> party pass-through for AT&T, than going directly to AT&T.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- City candidate filing is open 12/7/21 thru 12/28/21. The following seats are up for reelection:
  - Mayor
  - Alderman Ward 1
  - Alderman Ward 2
  - Alderman Ward 3
- As of 12/31/21, MOPERM will no longer provide Cyber Security coverage. Clerk Van Zale requested quotes from Anne Perinni. Attorney Liss will review quote.
- The only action item resulting from the City audit is requesting a letter from Busey Bank indicating all of the City's deposits are federally insured.

**Announcements:**

None

**Motion to go into Closed Session**

Motion: Alderwoman Sikorski

Second: Alderwoman Schwegmann

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion: Alderwoman Schwegmann

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 5

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Meeting Adjourned 7:40 p.m.

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

DATE

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

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