

**CITY OF BELLA VILLA  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN June 27, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:05 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

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| • Mayor Donna Puleo          | Present |
| • Alderman John Franklin     | Present |
| • Alderwoman Mary Sikorski   | Present |
| • Alderwoman Alice Lotspeich | Present |
| • Alderman Bill Hansen       | Present |
| • Alderwoman Meghan Dunn     | Present |
| • Alderman Paul Sharp        | Present |

**QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

- Laura Van Zale, City Clerk
- Morgan Knott, City Attorney - substitute
- Mike Brackett, Police Chief
- Donna Franklin, Community Development Commissioner

**RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

- Jeff Robinson, Landlord
- Diane Michel
- Jennifer Wagner
- Regina Pensin

**Approval of Minutes from May 23, 2024 Board of Aldermen Meeting**

Motion: Alderman Sikorski  
Second: Alderman Sharp  
All in favor: 5  
Opposed: 0

**Motion passed**

**Approval of Minutes from May 23, 2024 Board of Aldermen Closed Session**

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

**Motion passed**

**Approval of Financial Statements from May 2024:**

Motion: Alderman Sikorski  
Second: Alderman Franklin  
All in favor: 6  
Opposed: 0

**Motion passed**

## **Approval of the bills from May 2024**

Motion: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderman Sikorski

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion passed**

Alderman Dunn asked if the City could be placed on budget billing with Ameren. Clerk Van Zale will look into it.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Puleo**

- The work on the Bayless bridge may start sooner than August 2024.
- The sewers on Bayless still need to be ground down to allow more water flow when it rains. Homes and businesses are being flooded during heavy rains.

## **POLICE REPORT – Chief Bracket**

- Nothing to report.

## **TREASURER REPORT: Vacant**

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

- Alderman Sikorski asked if tall grass and weeds are being addressed. Commissioner Lotspeich said, "yes".

## **BUILDING: John Franklin**

- Commissioner Franklin performed the following inspections and issued permits since the May 2024 Board meeting:
  - 5 mechanical/building permit issued
  - 5 mechanical/building inspection
  - 2 home inspections
  - 2 home re-inspection
- Alderman Lotspeich asked if all new pools require a building permit. Per Commissioner Franklin, permit requirements are based on the number of gallons of water the pool holds.

## **PARKS – Ray Reeder – Absent**

- The new trash cans will be installed in the park June 28, 2024.
- Mulch is being priced for the playground.

## **STREET AND SEWER – Ray Reeder – Absent**

- New street signs will begin being installed again the week of July 1, 2024.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Donna Franklin**

- Nothing to report.

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

- Alderman Lotspeich asked when Dallas potholes will be repaired. Mayor Puleo stated we have still not received any response to our bid requests. There are some potholes in the City that are too large for Commissioner Reed to fill.

**WARD TWO: ALDERMAN SHARP and ALDERMAN HANSEN**

Alderman Sikorski heard other Municipalities are issuing tickets for expired license plates. She asked why the City still has so many vehicles with expired plates parked on the City's streets. Chief Brackett replied they can only issue one ticket per day per vehicle.

**WARD THREE: ALDERMAN DUNN and ALDERMAN SIKORSKI**

Nothing to report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- No additional bids were received for pothole repair.
- Discussion was had regarding the bids received for the replacement of the City Hall front porch. Alderman Hanson feels the porch should be repaired versus replaced. He is going to look into pricing for this. Alderman Sikorski feels the entire porch needs to be replaced because the ramp is too steep for safe wheelchair usage and the steps are a trip hazard.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion to accept the FY 2024 Audit agreement from FEW Certified Public Accountants.**

Motion: Alderman Dunn  
Second: Alderman Sikorski  
All in favor: 6  
Opposed: 0  
**Motion Passed**

**Motion made to read by title only Bill 565**

Motion: Alderman Franklin  
Second: Alderman Dunn  
All in favor: 6  
Opposed: 0  
**Motion Passed**

**Motion made to read by title only Ordinance 544**

Motion: Alderman Franklin  
Second: Alderman Dunn  
All in favor: 6  
Opposed: 0  
**Motion Passed**

**Motion to authorize Mayor Puleo to purchase two 2024 Nissan Altimas from Suntrup Ford at \$51,000.**

Motion: Alderman Dunn  
Second: Alderman Franklin

A roll call vote was called:

Alderman Lotspeich: No  
Alderman Sikorski Yes  
Alderman Franklin Yes

Alderman Dunn: Yes  
Alderman Hansen: Yes  
Alderman Sharp: Yes

**Motion Passed**

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

- Resident Regina Pensin has several concerns:
  - She is concerned a resident on Ruprecht may be dangerous due to mental health issues.
  - There are several derelict vehicles and vehicles with expired plates in the City.
  - There are weeds blocking access in the alleys.
  - A rental property on Ruprecht doesn't regularly cut their grass.
  - A residence on Ruprecht looks like a "junk yard" with multiple derelict vehicles. The resident blocks her garage while working on cars.
    - Mayor Puleo asked Chief Brackett to start issuing citations for derelict vehicles and expired plates in the City. Chief Brackett said he has a contact in the Department of Revenue that has opened a case to investigate cars with dealer plates.
- Jennifer Wagner said the potholes on Dallas are just getting bigger. Can the City use tax receipts for the repairs? Mayor Puleo said a tax levy cannot be put on the ballot until November 2024. Alderman Hansen would like to expedite pothole bid acceptance if any are received.
- A resident asked if everyone has received an email from Missouri American Water asking residents to self-report if they have lead pipes. Mayor Puleo will forward the request to anyone that needs it.

**Motion made to go into closed session**

Motion: Alderman Sharp

Second: Alderman Dunn

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Motion to adjourn regular session**

Motion: Alderman Dunn

Second: Alderman Sharp

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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

Date:

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

Date: