

**CITY OF BELLA VILLA  
BOARD OF March 28, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:01 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

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| • Mayor Donna Puleo          | Present             |
| • Alderman John Franklin     | Present             |
| • Alderwoman Mary Sikorski   | Present – via phone |
| • 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
- Andrew Kinghorn, City Attorney
- Donna Franklin, Community Development Commissioner

**RESIDENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

- S. Moore
- Jim & Kay Gamache

Commissioner D. Franklin thanked Alderman Franklin for installing the new flagpole, flag and lights in front of City Hall.

**Approval of Minutes February 22, 2024 Board of Aldermen Meeting**

Motion with corrections: Alderman Sikorski  
Second: Alderman Lotspeich  
All in favor: 6  
Opposed: 0  
**Motion passed**

**Approval of Minutes March 7, 2024 via email**

Motion: Alderman Lotspeich  
Second: Alderman Sharp  
All in favor: 6  
Opposed: 0  
**Motion passed**

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

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

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

Motion: Alderman Franklin

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion passed**

### **MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Puleo**

- Mayor Puleo is still in discussions with MSD and St. Louis County regarding the sewers backing up on Bayless, Dallas and Ruprecht since Bayless was repaved. Repair is supposed to happen.
- One of the panhandlers had a court date and was released. St. Louis County removed panhandlers from under the Green Way.

### **POLICE REPORT – Vacant**

- Interviews are still on-going for the open Police Chief position.
- Officer Martin received a bid for \$1,906 for three new body cameras.

### **Motion to purchase new body cameras**

Motion: Alderman Sikorski

Second: Alderman Robinson

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

- Officer Martin received a bid for \$3,334 for four new printers for the cars. Mayor Puleo will get more bids and send an email to Aldermen for approval.
- A new laptop was purchased for the department.
- Car #3 had two tires replaced. Car #1 had a tire repaired. Cars # 2 & 3 both need air conditioning repair.

### **TREASURER REPORT: Vacant**

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

- Ordinance violations in the 700 block of Avenue H were discussed. Commissioner Franklin will speak to the owner.

### **BUILDING: John Franklin**

- Commissioner Franklin performed the following inspections and issued permits since the February 2024 Board meeting:
  - 2 mechanical/building permit issued
  - 0 mechanical/building inspection
  - 6 home inspections
  - 5 home re-inspection

### **PARKS – Ray Reeder – Absent**

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

- Two street signs have been taken.
- A new sealant is being looked into to repair potholes. A machine will need to be rented for used with the sealant. If the process is cost effective, repairs will be started on Dallas Avenue.
- MSD has not taken responsibility for the street sinking on Avenue H and E. Dallas Court.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Donna Franklin**

- Nothing to report.

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

- Alderman Lotspeich asked when 748 Dallas can expect sewer lateral repair? Clerk Van Zale will contact St. Louis County.

**WARD TWO: ALDERMAN DUNN and ALDERMAN SHARP**

- Nothing to report.

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

- Alderman Sikorski reported speeding cars and large trucks on Avenue H.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Alderman Sikorski has the name of 2 contractors for Clerk Van Zale to send bid proposals for pothole repair.
- No additional bids were received for the City Hall porch repair/replacement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion made to read by title only Bill 564**

Motion: Alderman Lotspeich

Second: Alderman Franklin

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Motion made to read by title only Ordinance 543**

Motion: Alderman Lotspeich

Second: Alderman Dunn

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

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

- A resident's grandson on San Gabriel has been seen checking car door handles with his friends. Officer Selby has spoke to one of the boys.
- A resident at 3955 E. Dallas Court has very large fires in a 55-gallon drum.
- Residents need to be reminded to keep the lids closed on their trash totes to prevent trash flying out of the totes. Mayor Puleo will add that to the next newsletter.

**Motion made to go into closed session**

Motion: Alderman Robinson

Second: Alderman Dunn

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

**Motion to adjourn regular session**

Motion: Alderman Robinson

Second: Alderman Sharp

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

**Motion Passed**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Puleo Don M. Puleo  
Date: 4-25-24

City Clerk Van Zale Laura Van Zale  
Date: 4.25.24

