

January 12, 2023

Council President Mr. Martin called the January 12, 2023 Belpre City Council meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The roll was called with the following members present: Mrs. Dennis, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. McClead, Mr. Millhone, Mr. Null, Ms. Abdella and Mr. Wallace present. Also present were Mayor Lorentz, Safety-Service Director Mrs. Hoblitzell, City Law Director Mr. Webster, Treasurer Mrs. Cassady and Clerk of Council Mrs. Meredith. Absent from the meeting was City Auditor Mrs. Nolan.

Council President Mr. Martin asked that everyone please rise for the Prayer and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Lorentz gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President of Council Mr. Martin asked that everyone turn off cellphones or turn them to vibrate so they don't interfere with the recording.

If you address council this evening, please state your name and address clearly so that the clerk can record it.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:02PM for the purpose of discussing litigation. Council President Mr. Martin stated that once council resumes from Executive Session the meeting would continue. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Council resumed back to council at 5:30PM. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

President of Council Mr. Martin assigned to Mrs. Dennis **AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES FOR EMS SERVICES FOR BELPRE RESIDENTS.**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL – AGENDA items only** ((President of items.))

Bill Locke 726 Tuttle Street asked President of Council Mr. Martin if he could elaborate on the ordinance. Mr. Martin said he would default to the law director. Mr. Webster informed Mr. Locke that there were copies of the legislation on the back table.

Mr. Webster stated the City of Belpre has voided its contract with Belpre Volunteer Fire Department Inc. for the provision of Emergency Services for Belpre residents and

The City of Belpre is also trying to provide temporary EMS services provided by temporary employees of the City of Belpre.

Belpre City Council hereby finds that the City of Belpre shall need to be able to provide EMS service to the City of Belpre on a temporary basis with other public agencies and temporarily employed EMS licensed employees using Belpre Volunteer Fire Department equipment.

Belpre Mayor and Safety Service Director are hereby authorized to interview and hire temporary EMS employees to provide EMS services to Belpre City residents.

Belpre City Council hereby authorizes the expenditure of up to \$27,500 from the EMS contract fund for EMS expenditures for temporary employees, drugs and equipment for EMS services on a temporary basis of up to 120 days. Said contract expense would have been allocated for 3 months EMS services and \$10,000 to drugs and equipment.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Dennis made a motion to add and present for first reading **AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES FOR EMS SERVICES FOR BELPRE RESIDENTS.** Mr. Null stated that he had no objections for running this piece of legislation for all three readings this evening. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mrs. Dennis moved to suspend the rule of council on three different days to allow for the second and third readings **AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES FOR EMS SERVICES FOR BELPRE RESIDENTS.** A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mrs. Dennis brought before council for the second and third readings **AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES FOR EMS SERVICES FOR BELPRE RESIDENTS.** Discussion followed. Mrs. Drake asked if the service would be 24/7. Mr. Webster stated that it is our intention. This is our plan. Mrs. Drake asked if this would be incorporated in another document. Mr. Webster said it would not unless it was a contract with someone else. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mrs. Dennis moved this be Ordinance #8, (noticing the date of 2020-2021 on the Ordinance). Mr. Webster asked that council amend the legislation to reflect 2022-2023.

Mrs. Dennis made a motion to amend the ordinance to year 2022-2023. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Martin declared Ordinance 2022-2023 duly amended.

Clerk of Council Mrs. Meredith asked if we should have taken a vote to amend the year and not amend as duly amended. Law Director Mr. Webster stated that we should have amended the year first and we should go back and redo.

Mrs. Dennis made a motion to amend **AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES FOR EMS SERVICES FOR BELPRE RESIDENTS** as amended to reflect 2022-2023. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

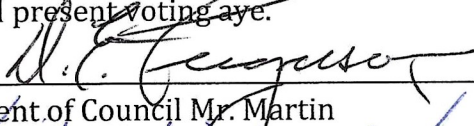
Mrs. Dennis made a motion for second and third readings **AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES FOR EMS SERVICES FOR BELPRE RESIDENTS** as amended. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

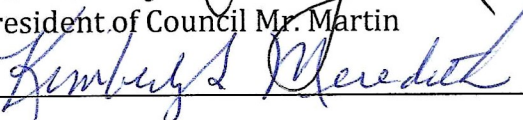
Mrs. Dennis moved this be **Ordinance #8, 2022-2023** and passed. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Council President Mr. Martin deemed this be **Ordinance #8, 2022-2023** as amended and duly passed.

**ADJOURN:**

Mr. Ferguson moved to adjourn at 5:44PM. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

  
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President of Council Mr. Martin

  
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Clerk of Belpre City Council Mrs. Meredith