

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2015**

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY Mayor Robert J. Doerr at 7:30 p.m. Copies of all ordinances and resolutions to be considered at the meeting were made available for public inspection prior to the time of consideration by the Board of Aldermen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by Mayor Doerr.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence due to the passing of Sgt. Peggy Vassallo.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Robert J. Doerr, Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Collector Mark Tranel, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Alderman Jordan moved for the approval of the Agenda, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Jordan moved for approval of the August 20, 2015, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Alderman Jordan moved to open the meeting to the public, with a 3-minute limit, for as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

WANDA LANE, 9915 MARTINGALE: She was very proud of how Chief Ihler handled himself during the long week of coping with the passing of Sgt. Peggy Vassallo. She, also, wanted to thank Mayor Doerr for all he did during this very sad time. She was upset Channel 5 did not explain the procession route and apologized to Clarence Jackson (DDC Advertising) for calling and taking it out on him.

The Mayor thanked Clarence Jackson, Pastor Harsely, and various others who acted to the tragedy so quickly; he was "very proud" to all those who responded.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Jordan moved to bring the meeting back to the Board, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Meeting was cancelled due to the passing of Sgt. Peggy Vassallo. Alderman Fields commented on the Dispatch phone numbers. National Night Out is still scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the August 17, 2015, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported they are talking about new ideas for next year such as a Spring Resource Fair in March.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the August 11, 2015, Minutes. Alderman Smith reminded everyone Beautification Day is scheduled for September 26th; all are invited. They are still looking for members. They will name a Chairman at the next meeting.

PARKS BOARD COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the August 18, 2015, Minutes

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR: Mark Dickerson reported on the following:

- The work on the indoor pool area looks great. The pool is being filled at this time;
- Jean Garaschia is ill – they are looking for a few more members;
- Registration has begun and the classes are filling up;
- The contract with MO Highways and Transportation Commission regarding the new Rec Center bus has been received – the delivery of the bus should be in September; and
- The outdoor pool will be closed to the public, for the summer, on Tuesday, September 8th.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

CHIEF OF POLICE, LT. IHLER: Lt. Ihler reported on the following:

- Thanked everyone for all their help and assistance last week. He was very proud how the community came together;
- Officer Owens will be in charge of National Night Out;
- On September 20th, Chief Ihler will be attending the Bridging the Gap Program which will showcase the Bellefontaine Neighbor's Police Department;
- He has submitted the paperwork for a government grant for body cameras; and
- So far, the class he is teaching at Flo is going well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:

- A billboard will be going up, along the stretch of Hwy. 270 within the boundaries of BN, sometime next week honoring Sgt. Peggy Vassallo. Clarence Jackson reported that normally the fee is \$2300/month, but the company wanted to show their support and decided to charge the city only \$500/month;
- The Food Truck event, scheduled for September 10th, has been cancelled;
- The MML awarded Sgt. Vassallo and Officer Owens the 2015 Innovation Award for their work on the Summer Camp. Mayor Doerr stated the city wants everyone to know what it has known for a long time...how much Peggy cared for the residents of this community. Mayor Doerr is extremely proud of this award. Along with Officer Owens, Chief Ihler will stand in for Peggy. Mayor Doerr, Aldermen Smith and Jordan will, also, be in attendance.

Alderman Jordan made a motion for Board approval for Chief Ihler to attend the MML Award Ceremony and to spend one night in Kansas City, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted, Mayor Doerr will be going on a scholarship from the MML.

- The work on the St. Cyr Bridge has begun;

- Mayor Doerr attended a meeting in support of completing the Highway 270 Corridor Study – it was discontinued after being 95% complete. They were told all plans were stopped in Missouri, not just in North County;
- The sale of the Bissell Hills Shopping Center should be finalized soon. Bellefontaine is waiting on plans from the new owners; and
- Reminder to all the Town Hall Meeting will be September 17th.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: Remembered Peggy... "May Peggy Rest in Peace".

ALDERMAN PARO: She heard Bellefontaine Methodist Church wanted to do something to honor Peggy, but has not heard what that will be. She remarked on all the help Jean Garaschia was in putting together the city's history. She asked someone to take pictures at the MML Award Ceremony for the Newsletter.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: On behalf of the Youth Commission, Peggy will be terribly missed; her help over the years, with the youth events, has been invaluable.

ALDERMAN MERZ: He commented on what a good job Channel 5 did in reporting the events of the funeral procession. He did hear them announce the procession route.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: No report given.

ALDERMAN ROTH: The city did itself proud by coming together; thanks to all who participated. In honor of Jean Garaschia... "no report".

ALDERMAN SMITH: He would like everyone to refer to Chief Jeremy Ihler as "Chief" and not by his first name; he has earned the rank of Chief. He is tired of the Officers not being allowed to give out tickets due to all the unrest over the past year. "Police need to be Police". He was very moved by the funeral procession. He felt very proud as to how the community came together.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: He has never experienced anything like he did by being a part of the funeral procession; the city came together as one. He reminded everyone about signing up to host on the night of National Night Out.

MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR: He asked for Board approval for the RGSD parade coming up soon. Alderman Paro made a motion to approve the parade, seconded by Alderman Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

He attended a Special Administrative Board (SAB) meeting; they had a moment of reflection for all the good work Sgt. Peggy Vassallo did for the community. He would hope others would carry on the same good works. It will be very difficult to "fill the gap".

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Alderman Jordan moved to open the meeting to the public, with a 3-minutes time limit, as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: Shared a story about Sgt. Vassallo and the kids at Summer Camp.

ALEASE DAILES, 1240 ASTORIA: Commented on how Peggy was "genuine to everyone". She would like to see more information on NextDoor. She suggested a street be named after

Peggy. Mayor Doerr explained it would not be possible to do so although he is talking with MoDOT about a section of 367, around the Missouri Veterans Home, be named after her.

GREG WARNUSZ, 10030 CRETE: Commented on Peggy and all she did for the community. He really appreciated the way Mayor Doerr saluted the Officers during his eulogy; he greatly appreciated it.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Jordan moved to bring the meeting back to the Board, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deni Donovan,
Deni Donovan, City Clerk.

Approved by the Board of Alderman on *October 7, 2015*