

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES  
October 15, 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.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ABSENT:** Alderman Schultz and Alderman Jordan

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Alderman Paro moved for the approval of the Agenda, amended to have Bill #2420 withdrawn, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES:** Alderman Paro moved for approval of the October 1, 2015, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:** To hear public comments regarding the demolition of 22 buildings that were located primarily on the north half of the Bellefontaine Habilitation Center Campus.

**TIM PERSON, GRANT ADM. FOR THE HABILITATION PROJECT:** Mr. Person gave an overview of the project. He explained since the project is 80% or better complete the city is required to hold a Public Hearing. On August 14<sup>th</sup>, the final walk-thru was done and the work was approved. Mr. Person will be preparing documents to send to the Department of Economic Development by the end of the year. When the project is complete, the city will be notified. He reminded the city the records must be maintained for five years. He went on to say how beautiful the site was and thanked James Robnett for his help. He added it was a pleasure working with the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors.

**ALEASE DAILES, 1240 ASTORIA:** She asked when the Public Hearing notices were posted; the City Clerk told her the following:

- 1) Published in the Countian;
- 2) Posted on the doors of City Hall and the Rec Center on October 5<sup>th</sup>;
- 3) Displayed on the electronic sign on October 5<sup>th</sup>; and
- 4) Put on the city's website on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone else wished to address the Board on this subject only. Hearing none, Alderman Paro moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone wished to address the Board on any other subject. Hearing none, Alderman Paro moved to bring the meeting back to the Board, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the July-September, 2015, report. Mr. Krenn reported on the revenue and expenditure figures; the budget is in good shape and is being tracked closely. He suggested the city may need to do a budget adjustment mid-year. Mr. Krenn is hoping to get the audit results in the next month. Due to changes in the past year, the audit is taking longer than usual.

**INVOICES OVER \$500:** Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 50 in the amount of \$247,046.68 for the months of August/September, 2015, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

**INVOICES UNDER \$500:** The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 71 in the amount of \$8,961.26 for the month of August, 2015.

**INVOICES UNDER \$500:** The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 91 in the amount of \$12,380.61 for the month of September, 2015.

**POLICE REPORT:** The Board reviewed the September, 2015, report. Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- He thanked all those who participated in National Night Out;
- Unfortunately, Chief Ihler attended the funeral for MO Highway Patrol Trooper James Bava,, who was killed in a crash;
- He wanted to recognize Detective Sgt. Applegate for the work he did regarding the Wellston homicides – they were able to identify a suspect;
- He is helping his students, at Florissant Valley Community College, with their required community service hours; and
- Since it is getting darker out, he asked everyone to check on all lights and report any outages.

Mayor Doerr noted an error on the 1<sup>st</sup> page of the Police report.

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the August/September, 2015, Collector's reports. Mr. Tranel had no other comments.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** The Board reviewed the October 12, 2015, Minutes. Chairman Bob Stolte reported Mayor Doerr spoke at the last meeting about the sale of the Bissell Hills Shopping Center. The project is on hold due to updates needed at Bill's Meat Market regarding the loading dock and other matters.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** The Board reviewed the August/September, 2015, reports. Ted Stocker reported on the following issues:

- Ongoing vacant lot issues;
- Unkept homes; and
- The Building Department received plans for a softball field and dugout at the Riverview Gardens High School – the project will cost about \$300,000.

**CITY ENGINEER:** The Board reviewed the August/September, 2015, reports. City Engineer, Phil Lum, reported on the following issues:

- He is reviewing the plans for the softball field;
- There are some issues at Maclan Industries he is addressing;
- Review of pole barn on Shepley;
- He is reviewing the plans for the Bissell Hills Shopping Center; and

- There is an illegal sign on Lewis & Clark – the business has been notified.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** No report given.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BILL NO. 2428 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN FIELDS**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL DRUG TASK FORCE WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY, APPROVING ASSIGNMENT OF A QUALIFIED POLICE OFFICER TO SUCH TASK FORCE, AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

Alderman Fields read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2428 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Fields then read Bill No. 2428 for a second time and thereafter made a motion that the Bill be approved by the Board of Aldermen for enactment as an Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Smith, and Alderman Paro.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2428, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2345 when and if signed by the Mayor.

**BILL NO. 2429 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MERZ**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10030 BELLEFONTAINE ROAD.**

Alderman Merz read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2429 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Merz then read Bill No. 2429 for a second time and thereafter made a motion that the Bill be approved by the Board of Aldermen for enactment as an Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; and Alderman Fields, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2429, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2346 when and if signed by the Mayor.

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR:** Mayor Doerr reported on the following:

- The signing of the sale of the Bissell Hills Shopping Center, by Kroger, has been put on hold due to negotiations; and
- The Mayor reminded everyone about the Family Halloween Party at the Rec Center on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30.

**REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:**

**ALDERMAN MERZ:** Thanked everyone who participated on National Night Out. He enjoyed the Wine & Beer Social last Saturday.

**ALDERMAN ROTH:** Alderman Roth reported the City received the following salt bids

- 1) Lange-Stegmann \$76.31/Ton
- 2) Morton Salt, Inc. \$73.69/Ton
- 3) Gunther Salt Company \$98.50/Ton + fuel surcharge and \$15.00/Truckload

Per the recommendation of Street Supervisor, Mike Welz, Alderman Roth made a motion to approve the Lange-Stegmann bid, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

**ALDERMAN SMITH:** The turnout for National Night Out was great. He relayed a story about calling the police about a "stranger" walking around his truck. He warned everyone to be aware of your surroundings.

**ALDERMAN FIELDS:** Alderman Fields talked to a lot of nice people on National Night Out who voiced their concerns.

**ALDERMAN PARO:** She had a great time at Bellefontaine Methodist Church and the Warnusz home the night of National Night Out; thanks to all who hosted a party. The new St. Louis County Library, in Moline Acres, is looking great. They have wonderful resources and kids programs. On October 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Fall Festival at the Missouri Hills Home; let her know if you would like to attend. They are looking for more vendors.

Mayor Doerr said the grand opening for the Library will be October 30<sup>th</sup>. Also, the City is hosting BINGO at the Veterans Home in honor of Peggy Vassallo.

**MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR:** Mr. Tranel is looking forward to the release of the Annual Performance Report for the Riverview Gardens School District; he'll report at the next meeting.

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

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

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on November 5, 2015