

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 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 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 November 19, 2015, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Alderman Jordan 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 introduced Angela Dorn with Hochschild, Bloom & Company, LLP; she reported on the 2014-2015 Audit findings, along with a review of the Comments and Recommendations. There was a delay with completing the Audit due to new regulations regarding pensions; she had to wait on LAGERS. She, also, handed out the Executive and Financial Summaries for review. Angela noted a Single Audit was required this year due to the Grants received, especially for the Habilitation Center Project. Overall, the city received a very good audit. Angela appreciated the support of the staff and for the opportunity to present the findings at the meeting tonight.

Regarding bonding for the Mayor, City Clerk, and the City Treasurer, Angela said she would forward an email to the City Clerk with a couple of questions she had directed to the City Treasurer; he is out of town on business.

Mayor Doerr had some questions about HB 103 – calculating traffic fines vs. general revenue.

City Attorney, Kevin O'Keefe, had more inquires about new Court regulations. Angela will need follow up as to 1) How to report the complete Summary Statement to the State, and 2) Speaking to Judge Duepner regarding the Certification of Compliance of Court Proceedings.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE: Needed clarification as to the City's fiscal year. It was explained the most recent City Audit was for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year which was July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. She had more questions about the audit

findings such as housing and fines. She referred to Collector Tranel regarding the Riverview Gardens School District accreditation. She informed the Board Roy Gillespie resigned from the Red Cross Board. A discussion ensued as to all the problems there have been with the Red Cross and the Smoke Detector Program. Alderman Fields has been in contact with Chief Joe Bommarito. After the first of the year, the RFD will be installing the smoke detectors.

Since there was not a quorum at the last Board of Aldermen Meeting, it had to be cancelled. Ms. Lane asked if a "civilian Alderperson" could be appointed to take an Alderman's place if there was not a quorum. It was explained this situation has never happened before, that anyone could remember, so there was no concern it would happen again anytime soon. Mr. O'Keefe explained it is not lawful to have a substitute for an Alderman; only Officials can determine a quorum. The Mayor explained the gathering before the Board of Aldermen's Meeting is just to discuss recent events with the Aldermen. This is not a closed meeting and anyone can attend and listen.

BOBBY SMITH, 9XX COACH N' SIX: He wanted to thank all the City employees for all their hard work this past year; everyone does such a good job and he really appreciates it. He reiterated Chief Bommarito is committed in helping the residents install smoke detectors after the first of the year. Alderman Fields will meet with Bobby after January 1st to discuss how to market the program.

KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL: She said she had no problems with the Red Cross installing her smoke detectors; it went well for her and her neighbors.

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 Merz. Motion carried unanimously

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the July-November, 2015, report. Mr. Krenn was excused due to a last minute business trip out of town.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 23 in the amount of \$77,057.42 for the months of November/December, 2015, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

INVOICES UNDER \$500: The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 126 in the amount of \$14,890.08 for the month of November, 2015.

Alderman Fields asked about line item #36 - \$300 to Gamma Tree Service. Mayor Doerr explained there was a tree that was too big for the Street Department to handle, so Gamma took the stump down.

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

- PD Training has been reformed to take effect January 1, 2017;
- The St. Louis County Council passed a Police Standards Bill on December 1st although the BN Police Department is already in compliance with their regulations;
- There is a big focus on crime prevention in the following areas:
 - Do not leave your car running;
 - Do not leave Christmas gifts in the car where others can see them; and
 - When putting out boxes in the trash, break them down so others don't see that you got a "new TV for Christmas".

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the November, 2015, Collector's report. Mr. Tranel made the following requests of the Board:

- Request for Board approval for the 2016 liquor licenses for businesses which have submitted the required documents: Aldi #6, United Mart, KD Patrol/BP Gas Station, QuikTrip #605, Knights of Columbus, and Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the request, as noted, by the City Collector, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

- Request for Board approval to waive the liquor license fee for the Knights of Columbus and Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the request, as noted, by the City Collector, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

- The liquor license application has not been received by Kathy's Bissell Lounge. The 2015 paperwork has not been processed by the State yet so it is not considered in good standing; the City is not able to issue the 2016 liquor license. The request is for Board approval for Kathy's Bissell's 2016 liquor license when the paperwork is processed and in good order before December 31st.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the request, as noted, by the City Collector, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

- Request for Board approval for the 2016 liquor licenses for Lion Licensing, LLC/Conoco if the required paperwork is submitted, in good order, before December 31st.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the request, as noted, by the City Collector, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING & ZONING: The Board reviewed the December 14, 2015, Minutes. He reported member Mel Jennings has resigned due to ill health. Mr. Bryan Polk spoke about B&D Snack Shop located at 1200 Darr. He was instructed to call City Hall and schedule an inspection. City Engineer Lum explained some of the zoning issues involved; a discussion ensued.

Chairman, Bob Stolte, requested the Board of Alderman to schedule a Public Hearing for January 7, 2016, to amend the Planned Commercial Use District Ordinance to a Planned Commercial Use District which would include any businesses allowed in a C-1 or C-2 District.

Alderman Merz made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on January 7, 2016, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: The Board reviewed the November, 2015, report. Ted Stocker was not in attendance at this time. He walked in at the end of the meeting and reported the issues he has been working on to the City Clerk:

- Inspections;
- Complaint calls;
- Vacancy issues; and
- Leaves continue to be a constant complaint by residents.

CITY ENGINEER: The Board reviewed the November, 2015, report. City Engineer, Phil Lum, reported on the following issues:

- Reviewing plans for a metal building located at 9601 Lilac Avenue (Maclan);
- A resident would like to put up fencing in her yard because of problems she is experiencing due to the bus stop by her curb. Mr. Lum suggested she go through the Board of Adjustment; and
- Happy Holidays to all.

CITY ATTORNEY: Mr. O'Keefe explained the lawsuit being filed by city municipalities against St. Louis County regarding the Police Standard Bill; this violates the Missouri Constitution.

Alderman Jordan made a motion the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors join, with other concerned cities, to file suit to prevent St. Louis County's unauthorized and illegal infringement on the rights of City residents to establish and direct our own Police Department to protect us and our neighbors and neighborhoods, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Keefe continued on to explain about the $\frac{1}{4}\%$ sales tax Bill prepared for the purpose of preserving sales tax on vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors not licensed in Missouri.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2434 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, FOR THEIR APPROVAL AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY ON THE 5TH DAY OF APRIL, 2016, A PROPOSITION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO CONTINUE APPLYING AND COLLECTING THE LOCAL SALES TAX ON THE TITLING OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, BOATS, AND OUTBOARD MOTORS THAT WERE PURCHASED FROM A SOURCE OTHER THAN A LICENSED MISSOURI DEALER.

Alderman Roth read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2434 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2434 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 Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; and Alderman Jordan, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2434, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2351 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2435 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH HORNER & SHIFRIN REGARDING THE ASHBROOK-CABOT DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2435 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2435 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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; and Alderman Paro, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2435, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2352 when and if signed by the Mayor.

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

- The City, along with the Sickle Cell Association, will be sponsoring the American Red Cross Blood Drive at Hazelwood Central High School on December 19th. The Mayor encouraged everyone to participate and join the bone marrow registry;
- The City is using 79 gallons of gas per day;
- Work will be done to the (2) St. Louis County bridges in Bella Fontaine Park sometime in the spring. There will be some power outages, but it is not know at this time when or for how long;
- The St. Cyr Bridge Project and the GRG Trail is complete;
- Kroger's purchase of the Bissell Hills Shopping Center is progressing. The city has been getting help from Carl Ramey with Stifel, Nicolaus. In order to proceed, the city needs to sign an Engagement Letter.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to sign a Limited Engagement letter with Mr. Ramey, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

- Due to the resignation of Mel Jennings, P&Z is looking for another member with architect and/or engineering experience; and
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN FIELDS: Reminded everyone to check their tax notices; some of the figures may be incorrect. He thanked the Building Department staff for all their help the last few weeks. Thank you to Kathy Mason for the afghan. Have a happy and safe holiday season.

ALDERMAN PARO: Due to the passing of Bob P. Doerr, Alderman Paro wanted to thank the Veteran's Home for the wonderful care he received during his stay there and afterwards; there was so much respect. He received a Hero's Farewell. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Thank you to Kathy for the afghan. Have a safe holiday season.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Thanks to Kathy for the afghan. Thanks to the City Collector and all the work he does. Thanks to the Rec Center staff for all the hard work they did on the Christmas party. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Thanks to Kathy for the afghan. Thank you to all the city employees for all their hard work. Reiterated, meetings are always opened to the public

unless closed by legal or personnel matters. The Bond Issue for street improvements is still being discussed. He is not happy with the way St. Louis County is trying to oversee police standards. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Thanks to Kathy. He asked what the update was on the Water Company Project around Cabot and Coburg Lands. The subcontractors seem to have made a big mess of the streets and property. Mayor Doerr said the city is keeping close tabs on the project. He will have the Street Department patch up the area until the workers come back and finish the job.

ALDERMAN SMITH: He appreciates the residents asking questions if they have concerns instead of spreading rumors. The street sweeper is being repaired due to leaves being left in the street and clogging the sweeper; it is only meant for debris, not leaves. He asked everyone not to leave their cars running unattended. Always be aware of your surroundings. When getting into your car, lock the door immediately. Thanks to Kathy for the afghan. A group from the NW Chamber will be caroling at the Veteran's Home tomorrow; all are welcome. Merry Christmas to all.

MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR: Mr. Tranel thanked Kathy for the afghan. He wanted it noted that he bicycled the *entire* Trail along the St. Cyr Bridge; he seemed very proud of this feat. The Better Together group is putting out misinformation which is negatively affecting other municipalities. Another group called City Strong is trying to clarify and straighten out the facts. Merry Christmas from the City Collector staff. And, from the Riverview Gardens Special Administrative Board, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

ATTEST:


Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on January 7, 2016