

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2016**

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 Attorney Kevin O’Keefe, City Collector Mark Tranel, 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 Merz. Motion carried unanimously

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Jordan moved for approval of the December 17, 2015, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Fields. 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.

PUBLIC HEARING: To hear public comments to discuss an amendment to the Planned Development District-Commercial (PD-C) to include any businesses permitted in the C-1 and C-2 Commercial Zoning Districts for the Bissell Hills Shopping Center, located at the Northwest corner of Bellefontaine and Chambers Roads.

Attorney O’Keefe explained the required Public Hearing, and Bill #2436, will allow Bissell Hills Shopping Center to “expand the permitted uses” for future businesses.

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

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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

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

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: No meetings held in November or December, 2015.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the November 16, 2015, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reminded everyone about Craft night on February 12th and the DARE Dance on March 11th; this will be held in honor of Sgt. Vassallo.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the November 10 and December 15, 2015, Minutes. Alderman Smith reported Beautification Day will be moved to March 19th in order to work with MSD's Trash Bash.

PARKS BOARD COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the November 17, 2015, Minutes. Aldermen Merz

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

- The Planning Grant has been submitted which will allow funds for a Master Plan of one of the city's parks;
- Still waiting on the bus;
- They are working on the Spring/Summer brochure which will be delivered with the February Newsletter;
- He informed the Board he will be attending the MO Parks and Recreation Conference in February; and
- Alderman Smith noted the Newsletter and the Brochure are printed by two different companies.

CITY ATTORNEY: Mr. O'Keefe explained the Proposition, which will be on the April 5th ballot to retain the current tax on motor vehicles, needs a common title. In order to be uniform with the other municipalities and to educate the voters, the Proposition will be labeled Proposition "B" on all ballots. Alderman Paro made a motion to authorize the City Clerk to mark the Proposition as "B"; seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Chief Ihler commented about the "overabundance of shots fired" on New Year's Eve. He explained it is terribly difficult to find the culprits because it happens so fast. When calling in a complaint, he asked the caller have as much information as possible. It will never be completely stopped, but PD's goal is to reduce the problem; and
- The new School Resource Officer began work on January 4th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2436 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SCHULTZ

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1452 AND REVISING THE PERMITTED USES IN THE PLANNED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR BISSEL HILLS SHOPPING CENTER.

Alderman Schultz read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2436 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Schultz then read Bill No. 2436 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 Merz. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; and Alderman Smith, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2436, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2353 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:

- Expressed his gratitude for all those who participated in the Blood Drive. He was disappointed there were only a few who registered for the Bone Marrow Registry. Thank you to the Human Relations Commission members who participated; and
- City Hall will be closed on January 18th due to the Martin Luther King Holiday.

A. APPOINTMENTS:

- Mayor Doerr announced the appointment of Kenneth Wilkins to the Park Board. Per the recommendation of Mayor Doerr, Alderman Paro made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mayor Doerr announced the appointment of Mary Oswald to the MU Extension Program. Per the recommendation of Mayor Doerr, Alderman Paro made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mayor Doerr announced the appointment of Patrick Barrett to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Per the recommendation of Mayor Doerr, Alderman Paro made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN PARO: She suggested the Bone Marrow Registry Program be a part of the City's annual Resource Fair. She tried contacting Mayor Schneider's office to obtain information, for Proposition B, to put in the Newsletter. Mayor Doerr said he would call tomorrow. She is waiting to hear when the delivery date will be for the Newsletter. Even though she had trouble with Charter, they did credit back the days she was out of service. She was happy the flood did not affect BN that badly. Welcome to all the appointees.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Congratulations to Ken, Mary, and Pat.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Welcome to all the new appointees and the return of Mary Oswald.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Thanked everyone for attending tonight. Also, thanks to all those who serve on Boards and Commissions; they provide a great service to the city. He questioned how to educate those who fire off guns on holidays; the gun fire was terrible on New Year's Eve.

ALDERMAN ROTH: He, also, thanked everyone for attending tonight. He thought the City got lucky this time around from the flooding. He saw how the other communities, which flooded, worked together.

ALDERMAN SMITH: Thanks to the three appointees. The street sweeper has been out, but he warned everyone it is not a leaf collector. The clean-up and renovation of the property at 1270 St. Cyr will be a big job. He urged everyone to report all suspicious activity.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: He wished everyone a Happy New Year. He reiterated the street sweeper is out, weather permitting. There is a lot of work being done to clean and update Frieden's Cemetery. Mayor Doerr stated the Cemetery has spent a lot of money on tree removal and upkeep. Alderman Fields asked if Clarence Jackson, with DDC Advertising, will give a brief update on what he has been doing.

Mr. Jackson gave a brief description on what he does to promote the City. He will give the Board a list of upcoming issues.

MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR: City Collector Tranel invited all to the Riverview Gardens Special Administrative Board Meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Northumberland location.

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.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE: She appreciates the Minutes not reflecting a speaker's full address. She asked questions of Collector Tranel about the RGSD accreditation; it has not been changed as of yet. The explanation of closed meetings by Alderman Jordan was appreciated. Attorney O'Keefe explained the process and definition of what a Conditional Use Permit is; especially how it will be used at the Bissell Hills Shopping Center.


THERESA REED, 11XX AVANT: She is upset with the mess the Water Company has made of Coburg Lands and the surrounding streets. Mayor Doerr has made several phone calls to the Water Company about the complaints being made. They said they would complete the work on Bellefontaine Road at Coburg Lands tomorrow.

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 Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on January 21, 2016