

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 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 Collector Mark Tranel, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT: Alderman Paro

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 February 4, 2016, 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.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE: When asked, Alderman Jordan explained he has always promoted the idea of a City Administrator, but the Board has never made a decision. There is also a money issue. Treasurer Krenn explained details of his report when asked about Department spending, the Operating Budget, and items under \$500 paid by the City. She had additional questions, so Mayor Doerr suggested she meet personally with the Treasurer.

BARBARA WEST, 97XX CALUMET: The field behind her house is in terrible condition. The previous owner has passed away so there was a discussion as to who is the current owner. Mayor Doerr will look into the issue.

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, 2015 – January, 2016, report. Mr. Krenn reported on his findings. The City is in a good position right now. He explained again that all of the Overs and Unders are all budgeted items.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 18 in the amount of \$52,526.72 for the months of January/February, 2016, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

INVOICES UNDER \$500: The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 71 in the amount of \$9,802.37 for the month of January, 2016.

POLICE REPORT: The Board reviewed the January, 2016, report. Chief Ihler reported the radar trailer is up and running. If anyone would like it used in a certain area, give Officer Owens a call.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the January, 2016, Collector's report. Mr. Tranel stated his report may seem like income is higher than usual, but it just happened to cover more weeks. He noticed an error on the report so he will update and send to the City Clerk.

PLANNING & ZONING: The Board reviewed the February 8, 2016, Minutes. Chairman Bob Stolte reported on the following issues from the meeting:

- Sun Valley Adult Day Care requested a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to operate a community center/assembly hall located at 1000 St. Cyr Road. Mr. Stolte was going to ask the Board to schedule a Public Hearing, but he received a phone call from Ms. Whitehead who explained the hall would not be used during the day. Since a CUP was not needed, the Public Hearing would not be required. They will need to apply for a business license. The facility purchased the lot across the street which will be used for more parking. A discussion ensued about the crosswalk not being able to be painted by St. Louis County, because they first have to update the lights at the crosswalk with a "walk" button; this will be done in 2018!
- Reverend Farr requested a CUP to operate a church (New Spring Church), located at 10229 Lewis and Clark, replacing the Tribe of Judah. Mr. Stolte asked the Board to schedule a Public Hearing on March 17th at 7:30. Alderman Jordan made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion passed unanimously;
- Ken Buchanan was representing the Knights of Columbus. They are requesting a zoning change from an R-2 to a C-2. Since P&Z did not receive the paperwork on time, the request was tabled until the next meeting on March 14th; and
- Mayor Doerr explained the reason for an amendment to Ordinance #2346 regarding the sale of the city-owned property at 10030 Bellefontaine Road.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: The Board reviewed the January, 2016, report. Ted Stocker reported on the following issues:

- Responding to complaint calls;
- Inspections and reinspections;
- Leaves;
- He attended a meeting with Mayor Doerr and other city employees with MO-American Water Company about the bad work done on Coburg Lands and the sidewalks;
- Kroger has submitted plans to the Building Department regarding Ruler's; and
- There is an ongoing issue on Donnell involving a vacant home and Moka – nothing seems to be getting done.

CITY ENGINEER: The Board reviewed the January, 2016, report. City Engineer, Phil Lum, reported on the following issues:

- Finally, after working diligently on issues, the B&D Snack Shop has opened up on Darr;
- The safety of those traveling from the parking lot to the Sun Valley facility is a true concern. Sun Valley is responsible for pedestrian's safety;
- The two neighbors dividing the property located at 10030 Bellefontaine Road will be getting (2) tax bills each until the boundary adjustment is made;
- Plans from Maclan Industries are under review; and
- The plans from Kroger are under review.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2439 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MERZ

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2343 AND APPROVING A REVISED RESUBDIVISION IN LOT 2 OF COBURG LANDS SUBDIVISION AND AUTHORIZING SAID PLAT TO BE RECORDED IN THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OFFICE IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY.

Alderman Merz read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2439 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Merz then read Bill No. 2439 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 Merz, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; and Alderman Roth, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2439, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2356 when and if signed by the Mayor.

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

- SB 625, introduced by Senator Gina Walsh, will be heard on Monday, February 22, 2016. This is a request to designate part of 367 to "Sgt. Peggy Vassallo Way". Mayor Doerr has written a letter on behalf of the City;
- Kroger has submitted plans to the Building Department – they are under review; and
- In the spring, STL County will do a study before painting the crosswalks by Danforth schools – the crosswalk issues were addressed by the Public Safety Commission at the last meeting.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN MERZ: No report given.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: No report given.

ALDERMAN ROTH: No report given.

ALDERMAN SMITH: Reminded everyone to join with the Image & Beautification Board on March 19th for the city clean-up which has partnered with the MSD Trash Bash. The annual Housing Resource Fair will be April 6th. Wayne Kaufman wants to be notified when the city-owned house at 1270 St. Cyr is renovated. He noted the radio spot with Chief Ihler on WGNU went really well.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: He encouraged everyone to ask questions if they do not understand the verbiage used when introducing a Bill. Thanks to Ms. Lane for her questions tonight.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: No report given.

MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR: Mr. Tranel announced, due to the help of Senator Gina Walsh, MoDOT has decided to finish the 270 Corridor Study. He added, the State Board has appointed him to another term on the Special Administrative Board (SAB) for the Riverview Gardens School District. Mayor Doerr and the Board congratulated him.

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 Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: Asked if the property values go down, does that mean less taxes are paid therefore less money is received in by the City; she was told yes. Alderman Jordan explained how the assessed value of the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors affects how much the City can Bond for street improvements. Alderman Smith added vacant and abandoned homes do not help. It is very important to maintain your property.

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 Fields. Motion carried unanimously

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on March 3, 2016