

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 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 Smith. Motion carried unanimously

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Jordan moved for approval of the February 18, 2016, 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 Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

DR. MARK TRANEL, RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT (SAB): Dr. Tranel presented artwork to the City which was given to him by a 7th grade student. It was School Board Appreciation Week so the students participate in various events. Although the student could not attend the meeting, his teacher, Katy Cook, said a few words. The drawing will be displayed at City Hall.

ALEASE DAILES, 12XX ASTORIA: Questioned why the City did not host anything for Black History month. After a brief discussion, Ms. Dailes volunteered to meet with the City next year. She was concerned about kids needing something to do during the summer. Mayor Doerr suggested sporting events with Mathews-Dickey. She complained about a particular car, driving in the neighborhood, which seemed suspicious; Chief Ihler will follow up.

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 Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the February 25, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Fields reported on the following:

- Is it possible for the Judge to issue a sentence of community service instead of a fine? Several issues were discussed such as insurance and supervision. More research is needed;

- Please contact the Riverview Fire Department if you are interested in the Smoke Detector Program;
- Thanks to the Street Department for their hard work during the snow storm; and
- Remember to move your clocks an hour ahead on March 13th.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the February 15, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported on the following upcoming events: D.A.R.E. Dance 3/11/16; Family Resource Fair 3/19/16; and the Bike Rodeo 5/14/16. Mayor Doerr asked for the vendor list from the Resource Fair.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION: There was no meeting held in the month of February. Alderman Smith invited everyone to attend the Trash Bash Clean-Up Day on March 19th.

PARKS BOARD COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the February 16, 2015, Minutes. Aldermen Merz reminded everyone about the Open House at Bissell Park on March 15th; all are invited to voice their ideas. The City received a grant for the purpose of having a Master Plan prepared for the renovation of Bissell Hills Park; SWT will prepare the Master Plan.

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

- The Board is still getting the Tree Dedication Program together – it should be finalized at the next Park Board Meeting;
- It was suggested to “show off” the new bus at the Open House;
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be March 26th; and
- The Mayor’s Golf Tournament will be April 16th.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- Kids vs. Cops Basketball game will be March 17th at noon; and
- Summer Camp will be June 6-10 for the 9-11 year olds and June 13-17 for the 12-14 year olds.

CITY COLLECTOR: Collector, Mark Tranel reported the Retail Merchants License payments are coming in on time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Appointments:

Mayor Doerr gave a brief history about Mike Weise and made a recommendation to appoint him to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Alderman Merz made a motion to approve the Mayor’s recommendation, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr gave a brief history about Leo Gordon and made a recommendation to appoint him as an alternate to the Board of Adjustment. Alderman Smith made a motion to approve the Mayor’s recommendation, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:

- The City is lucky to have the new bus;
- Easter decorations will be displayed next week;
- March 26 is the Easter Egg Hunt at the Rec Center, beginning at 11:00 a.m.;
- The Family Resource Fair, sponsored by the Youth Commission, will be held on March 19th at the Rec Center;
- There will be an Open House at Bissell Hills Park on March 15th from 5-7 p.m. to discuss renovations; and
- All are invited to attend the Veterans Home Town Hall Meeting on March 22nd from 5-7 p.m. at City Hall

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Thanks to Leo and Mike for joining Planning and Zoning and the Board of Adjustment; it is greatly appreciated. Alderman Jordan welcomed a Boy Scout who was sitting in the audience to observe the meeting.

ALDERMAN SMITH: Told how he and his nephew volunteered in Ferguson last Saturday to help send water to Flint, Michigan. He sat in on the Election Board for the Fire Department to find a replacement for Chief Bommarito who is retiring. There was a lot of good information at the Neighborhood Watch Meeting; a rep from Animal Control was the guest speaker. Thanks to Leo and Mike. Thanks to Roy Gillespie for his donation of popcorn which will be used for upcoming events.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: Welcomed Leo and Mike.

ALDERMAN PARO: Thanks to the new appointees. She asked everyone to remember Erma Bosley who passed away in February. She was a long-time resident who spent years doing research on the cement dust, which came from the Cement Plant; it is believed the residue may have caused a lot of illnesses. She was instrumental in getting laws changed.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Congratulations to Leo and Mike. He agreed how good the speaker was at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting. Thanks to the Riverview School District for the artwork donation.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Welcome to Leo and Mike.

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 Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL: She reported seeing the flyers for the Veterans Home Town Hall Meeting on March 22nd at City Hall.

ALEASE DAILES, 12XX ASTORIA: She asked that Youth events be put on the website; she was told they are on the calendar. There was a discussion on how to deal with fencing issues.

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 Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Smith. 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 March 17, 2016