

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

ABSENT: Chief Jeremy Ihler and Alderman Paro

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 March 17, 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, for as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE: Questioned the time limit of speaking during this time and the endorsement process of candidates.

CHUCK HULCE, PROJECT MANAGER FOR STOCK & ASSOC. (KROGER): Mr. Hulce gave an update on the Bissell Hills Shopping Center recently bought by Kroger. He spoke about the cosmetic improvements to be done, parking lot work, paving, and timelines for the opening of Rulers; they are shooting for this July.

MARIE GOODEN, 94XX DUENKE: Asked if there would be cameras on the shopping center lot. Mr. Hulce said it had not been discussed, but they will have dusk-to-dawn lights on the parking lot. He was not sure about the rumor of another Ruler being located at the old River Roads site.

ALEASE DAILES, 12XX ASTORIA: When asked about the maintenance of the shopping center, she was told Kroger will take care of all maintenance and they are still looking for tenants.

JOAN COX, 14XX SHEPLEY: Asked if the mailboxes would remain at the shopping center; she was told yes.

BARBARA WEST, 97XX CALUMET: Stated the leasing sign on the parking lot is blocking driving vision on Bellefontaine Road. Mr. Hulce said it would be taken care of.

JENNIE STEWART, 10XXX MARALDO PLACE: When asked about the U.S. Bank building, Mr. Hulce said they just renewed their contract and they will be working together to make sure all the buildings are uniform.

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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the March 24, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Fields reported on the following:

- Everyone should be aware of the Zika Virus and its symptoms. He noted St. Louis County, Vector Control, services the City;
- They would like to see another clean-up day, but it was mentioned the Image & Beautification Board already hosts (2) clean-up days a year; and
- They are still discussing working with a Non-Profit group to assist offenders in paying their fines and court costs by doing some sort of volunteer work for the City.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the March 21, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported the Family Resource Fair was a big success; he will give the Mayor more information soon. The Bike Rodeo is scheduled for May 14th. It was noted the Fishing Experience event is on Sunday, June 5th instead of Saturday. Alderman Smith said the American Legion Post will donate items for this event.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: The Board reviewed the March 8, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Smith asked if it was possible for the Boy Scouts to do a project on making trashcans for the City. The Riverview School District called him about helping out at the next City clean-up day. Jennie Stewart was in the audience; the Mayor asked her to say a few words about clean-up days. Jennie again reminded everyone there are (2) clean-up days per year; the next one is in September. Everyone is welcome. The Commission is looking for volunteers.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the March 15, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Merz stated the Open House at Bissell Hills Park was a good success.

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

- They are getting ready for the Mayor's Golf Tournament on April 16th;
- They are still working on the lights in front of City Hall and by the street;
- He confirmed the weight room is not having any more problems with a bad circuit and the gym lights are working fine; and
- Park reservations are coming in.

POLICE REPORT: The Board reviewed the February, 2016 report. Chief Ihler was excused.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given at first, but then Kevin O'Keefe gave a brief summary on the appeal of SB5 and challenging the legality of a bill St. Louis County approved of on December 1, 2016, which set baseline standards that all police departments, operating in the county, must meet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2442 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN FIELDS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MORPHOTRAK, INC. FOR SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CITY'S FINGERPRINT AND BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM.

Alderman Fields read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2442 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Fields then read Bill No. 2442 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 Smith, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; and Alderman Roth, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2442, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2359 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2443 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SCHULTZ

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH KROGER PARTNERSHIP I REGARDING CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PARKING SPACES AT KLEIN PARK.

Alderman Schultz read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2443 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Schultz then read Bill No. 2443 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 Smith, yes; and Alderman Fields, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2443, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2360 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:

- Congratulations to those who were elected and those who were re-elected;
- Thanks to Jennie Stewart and the entire Image & Beautification Board for all their work on the Annual Trash Bash;
- Thanks to the Youth Commission for all their work on the successful Family Resource Fair;
- The Easter Egg Hunt was a good day;
- The Veterans Town Hall Meeting held at City Hall on March 22, went well;
- The update on renaming a part of 367 to "Sgt. Peggy Vassallo Way" is moving forward;
- Even though it may be a "well kept secret", the City does have a community garden – volunteers are welcome;
- The house at 1270 St. Cyr is being renovated; and
- The Annual Housing Resource Fair had a low attendance.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN SMITH: Congratulations to all the candidates. He reminded everyone about the Annual Memorial Day Celebration on May 30th at the Veterans Home. The American Legion Post had reached out to the Riverview School District about sponsoring a couple of the kids, but no one responded back.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: Congratulations to the Youth Board and the work they did on the Family Resource Fair. He has witnessed drug transactions in the street. If anyone sees something like this, please call the police right away.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Congratulations to those who were elected. He reminded everyone if they see something illegal; call the police first, not the Aldermen; the police will get there faster.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Congratulations to all those elected. He mentioned the ballot problems did affect his polling place.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Thanks to all who ran and those who won.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Thanks to all those who voted and congratulations to those who won. Reminded everyone it is time to start tending to your yards and cut the grass.

CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel was upset Alderman Smith did not get a call back when trying to sponsor a couple of the school kids. He reminded everyone there will be a public hearing on May 5th, where you will have the opportunity to address issues regarding the Riverview School District.

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 Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

YOLANDA POE, 12XX DANVILLE: She's concerned about crime in the neighborhood. She has contacted Chief Ihler on several issues.

ALEASE DAILES, 12XX ASTORIA: Some residents have told her when they call the police, they have been told to take pictures of illegal activity; Mayor Doerr stated this is not recommended.

A discussion continued as to the amount of drug transactions which are being witnessed by residents. Chief Ihler has been made aware of some of the incidences. There seem to be a lot of cars, with IL license plates, involved. Everyone should be aware and contact the police if you see something not quite right.

BARBARA WEST, 97XX CALUMET: She is in the process of planning a Kwanzaa event and wanted to know if the Rec Center would be available. Since it is celebrated from December 26-January 1 the Mayor had to find out if the Rec Center would be open during this time.

MARIE GOODEN, 94XX DUENKE: She walks the neighborhood and sees all sorts of illegal things going on.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE: Had questions about how the Board of Aldermen endorses a particular candidate.

BARBARA WEST, 97XX CALUMET: Ms. West voiced her opinion about endorsing candidates.

ALEASE DAILES, 12XX ASTORIA: Ms. Dailes, also, voice her opinion about endorsing candidates.

ALICIA SMITH, 94XX DUENKE: She was very upset how the meeting was going. She thanked Alderman Schultz on how professionally he handled himself, at the polls, on the day of the election.


KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL: Voiced her opinion on the meaning of making an endorsement for a particular candidate.

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 Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on April 21, 2016