

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 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, Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Paro, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT: Alderman Schultz, City Collector Mark Tranel

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 April 21, 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.

BILL KIEFER, 94XX YORKTOWN: Thanked Alderman Anthony Smith for his years of service. On behalf of the Vietnam Veterans of American, Chapter 794, he presented the City with a check for \$300 for Officer Ron Shreves and the Police Unity Tour. Mayor Doerr accepted the check.

BARBARA WEST, 97XX CALUMET: Thanks to Alderman Smith for his years of service and hard work. He served with “honor and dignity”.

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: There was no report. Alderman Fields apologized and said he would have them for the next meeting. He would like to see more visibility in the neighborhood by the Police since the weather is getting nicer. He emphasized to everyone if they see something not right, call Dispatch right away.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the April 18, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Schultz was excused. Mayor Doerr reported the Bike Rodeo will be May 14th; the Youth Fishing Experience will be held on Sunday, June 5th; and Family Golf Nights will be June 10th and August 12th.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: The Board reviewed the April 12, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Smith said the Board would like to see the Klein Park sign replaced. Mayor Doerr said he asked one of the Boy Scout leaders about making trashcans for the city as an Eagle Scout project. He encouraged everyone to cut their grass and rake leaves in their yard.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the April 19, 2016, Minutes.

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

- Mark will check out the request for new signage at Klein Park – they already fixed one of the posts;
- SWT has not presented the City with a Master Plan for Bissell Park yet. They plan on having another open house, possibly in June;
- The new City bus is working great; and
- They are working on outdoor pool issues and cutting grass – they cut about (25) yards.

POLICE REPORT: The Board reviewed the March and April, 2016 reports. Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- The City received the prescription drop box from CVS although it is not in use yet;
- On May 6th, he will be attending the Annual Uniform Memorial Ceremony at the St. Louis County Police Department - Sgt. Vassallo will be one of those honored;
- On May 7th, he will be attending a Memorial Service in Jefferson City;
- May 12th is the Special Olympics Torch Run honoring Sgt. Vassallo. They will meet at Shop N Save at 9:00 a.m.; and
- Don't forget about the Food Truck Event, at City Hall, on May 18th.

CITY ATTORNEY: Mr. O'Keefe was pleased to be able to report that "Judge Cohen has just entered an order sustaining our Motion for Summary Judgment and declaring the police takeover/standards ordinance to be "invalid and unenforceable." He agreed with our argument that the County does not have authority to usurp municipal police powers as they attempted to do." He appreciated the City's help.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2446 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING RESULTS OF THE GENERAL CITY ELECTION HELD BY THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016.

Alderman Roth read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2446 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2446 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 Paro. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; and Alderman Paro, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2446, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2363 when and if signed by the Mayor.

At this time, City Clerk, Deni Donovan swore in the newly elected Alderpersons: Al Herl, Don Merz, John Jordan, Alease Dailes, and Anthony Fields. Afterwards, they all took their place on the dais.

BILL NO. 2447 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN FIELDS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING AMEREN MISSOURI TO PROVIDE MONTHLY SUCCESSOR CONNECTION REPORTS.

Alderman Fields read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2447 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Fields then read Bill No. 2447 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 Fields, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Jordan yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Dailes, yes; and Alderman Herl, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2447, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2364 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2448 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN FIELDS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-81 OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS CITY CODE RELATING TO HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS.

Alderman Fields read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2448 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dailes. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Fields then read Bill No. 2448 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 Dailes. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Merz yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Herl, yes; and Alderman Dailes, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2448, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2365 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Doerr recommended the appointment of Anthony Smith to the Image & Beautification Board. Per the Mayor's recommendation, Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr appointed Alderman Andrew Fields to the Image & Beautification Board as the Aldermanic Rep and Alderman Shirley Paro, as the Aldermanic Rep, for the Public Safety Commission.

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:

- Last week, he attended the Memorial Prayer Breakfast, in honor of fallen Officers. Members of the Vassallo family, employees of City Hall, and members of the Police Department were in attendance. Sgt. Peggy Vassallo was honored along with other fallen Officers;
- St. Louis County Police Department will host the Annual Uniform Memorial Ceremony on May 6th in the St. Louis County Government Memorial Park. The ceremony will consist of the posting of colors, a roll call of the deceased and a 16 volley shotgun salute. Sgt. Vassallo will be one of those honored;
- The quarterly newsletter will go out for delivery the week-end of May 14th. Thanks to Shirley Paro for all of her hard work;
- The City is busy working on the 2016-2017 budget;
- The Veterans Home asked for Board approval to sponsor a fireworks celebration on Saturday, June 25th. Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the festivities, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Veterans Home will host a Memorial Day celebration on Monday, May 30th at 10 a.m. – There is one Tuskegee Airmen from the Veterans Home who Mayor Doerr would like to honor; and
- Mayor Doerr recognized Mayor Hoskins, from the City of Berkeley and Mayor Jones, from Dellwood who were in the audience - Hazel Erby, County Councilman, had already left the meeting.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN FIELDS: Thanks to Anthony Smith for all of his help over the last couple of years. Alderman Fields loves working with the residents in a positive way. Thanks to the City staff for all of their help. He reminded everyone his door is always open. He is looking forward to working with the newly elected Aldermen.

ALDERMAN HERL: Congratulations to all those elected.

ALDERMAN PARO: The Newsletter has been sent to the printer. She reminded everyone the Youth Fishing Experience is Sunday, June 5th; the wrong date was listed in the Newsletter. The CVS prescription drop-off box is a good idea. She will miss Anthony; they worked on several projects together. She told Alderwoman Dailes to call her if she had any questions. Again, she reiterated, how much respect she has for the Veterans Home facility.

ALDERMAN MERZ: He enjoyed working with Anthony. He would like to talk to Chief Ihler about his Police Report.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: He wanted to thank all those in attendance. Also, thanks to all those who work on the various Boards/Commissions.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to open up nominations for Board of Aldermen President, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Roth nominated Alderman Don Merz, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried; Alderman Merz abstained. Alderman Paro made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Merz is the new Board President.

It was noted Alderman Paro will have served on the Board of Aldermen for (25) years this June. Alderman Jordan said the Board is moving forward to put a Bond Issue on the ballot to repair more streets. He, also, noted the City's attorney, Kevin O'Keefe, was on the news regarding his Springfield case.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Thanks to all for attending tonight. Thanks to Alderman Merz for accepting the position of Board President. Thanks to Mayor Doerr for the progress of the Bissell Hills Shopping Center. He is looking forward to the Food Truck event on May 18th. Thanks to Anthony for all of his help over the years.

ALDERMAN DAILES: Thanks to all who showed up tonight. It is an honor to serve the community.

CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel was excused tonight. He needed to attend the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Public Hearing earlier this evening to discuss the efforts to return the Riverview Gardens School District to accredited status.

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

DEBBIE CARLSON, 12XX BAKEWELL DRIVE: She is very upset about the process it takes to have someone cut their grass. She is very dissatisfied with Dispatch, too. Alderman Jordan stated the rules of grass cutting are given to new tenants, in the Welcome Packet, when they move in. When she questioned the policy of calling PD if the house is occupied vs. calling the Building Department when the house is vacant, Chief Ihler explained the process. Alderman Dailes said she has discussed high grass with her neighbors.

KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL: Kathy referred to how the City of St. Louis takes care of vacant lots. Mayor Doerr stated the city has a different policy.


One of Alderwoman Dailes neighbors presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on May 19, 2016