

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
July 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, Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Collector Dr. Mark Tranel, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Herl, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT: Alderwoman Dailes

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Alderman Merz moved for the approval of the Agenda, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Merz moved for approval of the June 16, 2016, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the June 23, 2016, report. Alderman Paro said the issue of fireworks and how to educate the public about them will be on their next Agenda.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the June 29, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported the Youth Fishing Experience event went well. The Youth Pool Party will be July 16th. After the first of the year, the group will focus on more events.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: There was no meeting on June 14, 2016, although the Board judged homes that night. Alderman Fields congratulated the Beautification winners and thanked them for keeping up their properties.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the June 21, 2016, Minutes.

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

- Instead of having a meeting, they met at the Open House at Bissell Hills Park from 5:00-7:00 to discuss park options and updates; Mark was happy with the turnout. He will forward any new updates to the Board when he gets them;

- Alderman Paro is very concerned with the bushes blocking the view around the Gazebo in Klein Park. There was a discussion about how far back to trim the bushes, should they be taken out, and when to do the work.
- Alderman Fields asked about the grass cutting schedule. Mark said it varies, but if the front is cut by a neighbor, it may not look like it needs to be cut so someone needs to call the City to let them know the back still needs cutting.
- The leak in the outdoor pool is fixed; and
- The boring work needed to replace the electric wires, in front of City Hall, should begin soon.

POLICE REPORT: The Board reviewed the June, 2016, report. Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- He is submitting the City's nomination for the 2016 MML Innovation Award regarding the City's partnership with Florissant Valley Junior College to educate and recruit Police Officers; and
- He had asked MoDOT to do a safety study on Highway 270 to make a portion of the highway a Travel Safe Zone. They have concluded their study and will present their findings and recommendations to the City very soon. The safety zone will go from Lilac to West Florissant.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Doerr read the bio of Tim Compas. He recommended Tim's appointment to the Youth Commission. Per the recommendation of Mayor Doerr, Alderman Schultz made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr read the bio of Juanita Best. He recommended Juanita's appointment to the Public Safety Commission. Per the recommendation of Mayor Doerr, Alderman Paro made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Alderman Herl. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr announced the reappointments of the following members of the Human Relations: Yolanda Poe, Willie Roberson, Pat McNamara-Smith, Anthony Smith and Mike Petroff. Per the recommendation of Mayor Doerr, Alderman Merz made a motion to approve the reappointments, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Doerr announced the Commission is in the process of developing training for its members.

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:

- Mayor Doerr announced Alvena Chrismer, a long time resident, will be 100 years old in a couple of weeks – congratulations!
- On August 20th, at 10:00 a.m., a special dedication will be made at the Veterans Home to rename a portion of 367 to "Sgt. Peggy Vassallo Way";
- There will be a "stepping stone" dedication in Peggy's honor on August 24th at City Hall – time to be determined;
- Alderman Jordan will discuss the upcoming Bond Issue during his Alderman report;

- The Riverview Gardens School District will be hosting a “Back to School Bash” on August 6th at the Senior High;
- There will be a Public Hearing, regarding the Chain of Rocks Bridge, on July 13th at the Ann McDonald Center located at 11410 Old Halls Ferry Road from 4-7;
- The City received a Thank You note for their donation to the Maggie Welby Golf Tournament;
- Mayor Doerr announced the retirement of City Inspector Ted Stocker as of July 1st and the City Treasurer, Larry Abeln, as of July 30th; and
- The City will post a job opening for a part-time Building Inspector.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN MERZ: No report given.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: The Bond Issue, Proposition S, will be on the August 2nd ballot. The City will be hosting two informational meetings to educate the public about the facts. They will be held on July 20th and 28th at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Thanks to Juanita Best and Tim Compas for their acceptance to join the Commissions. He hopes everyone had a good 4th of July holiday.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: He asked the City Clerk if the Welcome Packet had been updated. Deni was unaware of any problems, but said she would look into it. He was very disappointed about the Board of Education not taking any action regarding the Riverview Gardens School District accreditation. He wished the newly appointed residents well.

ALDERMAN HERL: No report given.

ALDERMAN PARO: Welcomed the newly appointed and reappointed members. She gave an update about street repairs after speaking with St. Louis County – she was very upset:

- Chambers Road will be in 2017 instead of 2016;
- Bellefontaine Road will be done in 2018; and
- Lilac Road may be 2018 or 2019

Lastly, she thanked the Police Department for the recently installed CVS Medication Disposal.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Reminded everyone there will be an electronic recycling event at Trinity High School on Saturday. Thanks to Tim, Juanita, and the members of the Human Relations Commission for their contribution.

CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel will not be at the next meeting when he usually reports so the June, 2016, Year-End Report was reviewed. He hopes the Board of Education will take action at the next meeting in September regarding Riverview’s accreditation.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Alderman Merz moved to open the meeting to the public, as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Herl. Motion carried unanimously.

PEG WARNUSZ, 100XX CRETE DRIVE: Peg spoke about the trouble at Klein Park. She believes there are minors drinking and doing drugs; it has become quite a gathering spot. The gazebo really isn’t the problem because the group does not go in there unless it’s raining. She would like to see more Police presence.

ALICIA SMITH, 94XX DUENKE: She inquired about an idea she brought up at the last meeting; to have an overall fee for all Rec Center activities. Alderman Merz was on vacation

so he will follow up. She is very concerned about "drug houses" and overall trouble she sees in the neighborhood. Chief Ihler will follow up with her after the meeting. Lastly, the fireworks seemed louder this year; they went on until 3:00 a.m.

KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL: When asked, she was told a Newsletter will be delivered on July 30th. Shirley Paro will do one edition for free so information can get out regarding Proposition S.

MILDRED PERRY, 93XX DUENKE: She enjoys walking in the neighborhood, but she complained about not seeing any Police cars go by. She is seeing more and more unkept lawns, trash in the area, and clogged sewers. Mayor Doerr told her to call City Hall if she sees a lot of debris in front of a sewer; MSD will clean it out. There was a discussion about the alley way at the old Journal Building. Even though it is private property, Mayor Doerr will try and reach out to someone to clean it up.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE: She had questions as to what will happen if the Bond Issue does not pass. She asked how information will get to the residents. Mayor Doerr told her there will be a flyer in the next Newsletter edition, it will be posted on the City's website, and there will be two informational meetings to update the community. She asked Alderman Paro what could be done about the trash under the overpass at Bellefontaine Road and Dunn Road. Even though this is St. Louis County, Alderman Paro will make a call.

MARIE GOODEN, 94XX DUENKE: She wanted to thank the Police Department for their help in getting her neighbors to clean up their mess after they shot off fireworks. She is having a problem with beavers. She was told to call Vector Control; they may be able to help. Lastly, she is tired of the speeders in the neighborhood. Chief Ihler said the old radar trailer was broke beyond repair. He is looking into portable radar machines although they are extremely expensive. Chief Ihler will follow up with other ideas.

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 Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on July 21, 2016