

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 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.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence due to the passing of long-time City Treasurer, Larry Abeln.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Robert J. Doerr, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, Lt. Warren Williss, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Herl, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT: Collector Dr. Mark Tranel, Chief Jeremy Ihler, Alderman Mark Roth,

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 July 21, 2016, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Fields. 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 Herl. Motion carried unanimously.

RHODIA SLEET, 97XX BIRCH MANOR COURT: Questioned the process by which one is chosen for one of the City's Boards or Commissions. She was upset she was not chosen to be on the Public Safety Commission.

BARBARA WEST, 97XX CALUMET: She complained of the process by which members are chosen. Mayor Doerr explained he takes many things into consideration, one of which was to review their bios.

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 Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Fields moved to pay invoices 1 through 4 in the amount of \$14,925.94 for July 15-31, 2016, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously. City Treasurer explained the change in approving invoices over \$500 at every meeting instead of once a month

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the July 28, 2016, report. Alderman Paro said there was a lengthy discussion about fireworks at their last meeting. Several options were discussed, but they will not get approval from St. Louis County or the Riverview

Fire Department to have a supervised fireworks display in BN. Alderman Fields and Alderwoman Dailes made other suggestions, but the City Attorney cautioned the City about sponsoring any sort of fireworks display because the City's liability would be great.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the July 18, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported the Youth Pool Party was a success. Family Golf Night is scheduled for August 12th. They are in the process of coming up with new ideas for events next year.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: The Board reviewed the July 12, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Fields thanked Jennie Stewart's involvement with the Riverview Gardens High School Trash Pickup Day on May 14th. She is also meeting with them to encourage more City participation. Alderman Fields welcomed all to join them on the next Beautification Day on September 24th. They are working on replacing the stones on the hill next to the Rec Center. He visited some of the residents emphasizing the need to keep up the maintenance on their property. He explained, the reason for moving to the Image & Beautification Board as Aldermanic Rep from Public Safety was he felt he could do more working with I&B. He wants to learn all the facets of the City.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the July 19, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Merz noted the Wine and Beer Social will be October 8th.

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

- The Community Action Agency (CAA) will be hosting a Housing, Healthcare, and Job Fair at the Rec Center on August 6th;
- He should be hearing from SWT Design regarding the Park System Needs Assessment for Bissell Hills Park;
- Alderman Paro said some residents have complained about how the gazebo area looks at Klein Park since the bushes have been removed. Mark asked everyone to wait and see how Ruler landscapes the area; and
- Alderwoman Dailes asked about a Leadership Seminar sponsored by CAA which was supposed to be held at the Rec Center. Mark said the Rec Center could not accommodate this event.

POLICE REPORT: The July, 2016, report will be on next meeting's agenda. Since Chief Ihler was excused, Lt. Williss reported on the following:

- He will have more information on the Travel Safe Zone study being done on Highway 270 at the next meeting;
- Due to the recent homicide, the Major Case Squad is working at City Hall;
- In the neighboring communities, there will be a number of events planned, over the next few days, for the anniversary of the Michael Brown shooting. Lt. Williss assured the residents the safety of the Police and the citizens is their first priority; and
- He said communication is very important. He is available from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. if anyone would like to contact him on any issues.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

APPOINTMENTS: None

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:

- The Memorial Mass for Larry Abeln will be this Saturday at Holy Name Catholic Church at 12:00 p.m.;
- Thanks to all who voted for the passage of the Bond Issue;
- The Community Action Agency will be hosting a Home, Health, & Energy Resource Fair plus Back to School Event this Saturday at the Rec Center;
- The City's insurance company, MIRMA, has given approval for the Police to administer Narcan, if needed, within certain guidelines;
- The adult pool party is tomorrow night;
- Family Golf Night is scheduled for August 12th;
- Riverview Gardens School District is hosting a Back to School Bash this Saturday;
- Bellefontaine Neighbors received two awards from MIRMA at the Annual Conference:
 - 1) 100% Participation in Police On-Line Training; and
 - 2) Certified Loss Prevention Evaluation Score
- The MML Conference will be held in St. Louis September 12-14.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Thanked everyone who voted for the passage of the Bond Issue. The City will be meeting with the Bond Council and Stifel to discuss how to move forward.

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: Worked with the residents during the election. She will be meeting with residents to discuss events for Black History Month; dates are being considered.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: He encouraged residents to reach out to their Aldermen if they feel their street should be updated. Thanks to Mike Welz and the Street Department for all their hard work trimming trees in the community. He mentioned security cameras are being installed in different areas of St. Louis County. He loves working with the Image & Beautification Board.

ALDERMAN HERL: He will miss Larry Abeln. He was a good friend and neighbor.

ALDERMAN PARO: There was a discussion about high grass in areas with more than (3) acres. She will ask Officer Owens to schedule a speaker with St. Louis County who can explain the updates being done on County roads and sidewalks at a Neighborhood Watch Meeting. She will call St. Louis County again about the condition of the weeds and debris in an area called Prairie Grass at Belle Fontaine Park.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Thanks to all who voted. He gave his condolences to the Abeln family.

ALDERMAN MERZ: He gave the Abeln family his condolences.

CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel was excused tonight.

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 Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL: Asked if it would be helpful to put an article in the Newsletter about fireworks events going on in neighboring communities to keep residents from using them in Bellefontaine Neighbors illegally. Regarding the gazebo in Klein Park, she wondered if the City would consider putting in a pebble garden. When asked, she was

told the Board and Commission meetings are open to the public. She thanked Alderman Fields for his help getting a willow tree cut down.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE: She asked about putting trashcans by the bus stops in the City; Alderman Fields suggested she call Metro. Regarding fireworks, St. Louis County will never approve of having a fireworks display in the County. She asked City Treasurer Krenn a few questions about the Overs and Unders; he explained the process of approving these items. He also explained about the annual audit procedure and the approval of the yearly City budget.


ALICIA SMITH, 94XX DUENKE: When asked, she was told the City uses the firm of Hochschild, Bloom & Company for the City's annual audit; the City does go out for bid when contract time comes around. Mayor Doerr said he will talk to her after the meeting about the Rec Center fees.

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 Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Fields made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Herl. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on August 18, 2016