

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 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 Collector Dr. Mark Tranel, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Herl, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT:

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Merz moved for approval of the August 4, 2016, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Alderman Merz moved to open the meeting to the public, with a 3-minute limit, 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 Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the July, 2016, report. Mr. Krenn reported the city is in good position for the upcoming audit. They auditors will be here the week of September 19th.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 22 in the amount of \$58,840.26 for the month of August 1-15, 2016, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the July, 2016, Collector's report. Dr. Tranel reported on the information in her report.

PLANNING & ZONING: The Board reviewed the August 8, 2016, Minutes. Chairman Bob Stolte reported Rulers grand opening has been moved to sometime in September. Conoco is doing some remodeling; the owner came in for the occupancy permit.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: The Board reviewed the July, 2016, report. Joe Raben reported on the following issues:

- Tall grass issues are slowing down;
- Very busy with Occupancy inspections;
- Remodeling has begun at New Spring Church; and

- The final inspection for the interior of Rulers is complete. More work needs to be done on the exterior. More updates will be done such as sod work and pavement improvements.

CITY ENGINEER: The Board reviewed the July, 2016, report. City Engineer, Phil Lum, reported on the following issues:

- Reviewing plans for a business sign on St. Cyr; and
- Reviewing the International Building Codes and how the city should proceed regarding the adoption of the codes.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2456 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN PARO

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Alderman Paro read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2456 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Paro then read Bill No. 2456 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 Paro, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; and Alderman Herl, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2456, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2372 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Doerr reported on the following:

- He has had several interested parties call about the city-owned home at 1270 St. Cyr. The Mayor has submitted paperwork for a \$25,000 Lowe's grant;
- August 20th – dedication of the renaming of 367 to Sgt. Peggy Vassallo Way;
- August 24th – stone dedication at City Hall in Sgt. Vassallo's honor;
- September 17th – Riverview Gardens will have their Homecoming parade at 10:00 a.m.; and
- The Human Relations Commission met last night to view educational videos.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN ROTH: Gave an explanation on why the city is going out for salt bids at this time. The following bids were received:

1) Lange-Stegmann	\$66.31/Ton	\$9,946.50
2) Morton Salt, Inc.	\$63.02/Ton	\$9,453.00
3) Gunther Salt Company	\$98.50/Ton + fuel surcharge	\$14,100 + fees
	(And a flat fee for each delivery)	

Per Supervisor's Welz recommendation, Alderman Roth made a motion to contract with Lange-Stegmann, seconded by Alderman Paro. Even though they were not the low bidder, the city has had a good relationship with Lange-Stegmann and they are able to store the excess salt at their facility. Motion carried unanimously. Summer is winding down; everyone needs to enjoy the rest of the summer.

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: She attended the following events:

- August 16th – Greater St. Mark's Back to School Bash;
- August 7th – Black History Month meeting whereby a February, 2017, event is being planned;
- August 13th – a ribbon-cutting event at Del Rosa; and
- August 14th – Hometown, Northwoods Annual Giving Back to Residents Picnic.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: He attended the Back to School Bash held at Advanced Auto. The Community Action Agency sponsored event at the Rec Center was a huge success. He thanked Mark Dickerson for his help with a tree in the park in which a resident had complained about. He, also, thanked PD for their help with getting a backyard cleaned up. He encouraged everyone to come to the Beautification "clean up" Day on September 24th. They are still looking for more members for Image & Beautification Board.

ALDERMAN HERL: He thanked all those who attended the Memorial for City Treasurer Larry Abeln. He reminded all, with the start of school, more kids will be out on the street.

ALDERMAN PARO: With the help of an Ameren engineer, her power did not go out with all of the recent rains. When asked, she was told the Commemorative Tree Program will have something possibly in September.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Reiterated to be careful due to all the kids on the streets; don't speed.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Alderman Merz made a motion to go into a closed session after the Board of Aldermen meeting for the purpose of dealing with legal matters per Section 610.021(1), seconded by Alderman Jordan. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; and Alderman Herl, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: He emphasized all the good work the Image & Beautification Board does. He, also, thanked all members of the various Boards and Commissions. There was a discussion on what common title to use for all the Aldermen. Alderman Jordan was concerned about misinformation that is being written on Nextdoor.com. The site needs to have accurate posts. He clarified misinformation regarding the Bond Issue that was previously posted.

JEREMY IHLER, CHIEF OF POLICE: The Board reviewed the July, 2016 Police Report. Chief Ihler spoke on the following:

- The Chief attended the Eastern Missouri Law Enforcement Academy Class 3-2015 Class Dedication Honoring Sgt. Peggy Vassallo;
- Thanked the Major Case Squad and the BN Police Department for all their hard work on the recent homicide investigation;
- He gave an update and statistics on the Travel Safe Zone study done on Highway 270 from Lilac to West Florissant. The project seems to be moving forward, but we need to wait until we hear from St. Louis County; and

- He gave an update on the Police interviewing process, written testing, and how they advertise.

MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel reported a lot of work went into getting the Riverview Gardens School District kids ready for school with community support and school supplies. He explained the accreditation process: Data will be released in November and then the MO Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) may take action in December.

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

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE: Discussion on when the Bond Issues will be sold and what the rates will be; Alderman Jordan explained the process. She asked if putting salt on the new streets will hurt. Alderman Roth explained the importance of the tarring machine purchased by the City and how it will help maintain the streets. She was told the BBQ dinner hosted by the Rec Center is \$11 and reservations are needed.


YOLANDA POE, 12XX DANVILLE DRIVE: Reported that at their last Human Relations Commission meeting, they viewed educational videos and discussed the upcoming Annual Diversity Meeting. It is going to be a different format and will be more interactive. She invited all to attend the October 26th meeting at the Rec Center.

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 Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:


Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on September 1, 2016