

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 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, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT:

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 August 18, 2016, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr requested a moment of silence for the passing of Mary Bardgett. She worked in the Building Department from 1992-1996 and was a very active resident in the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors.

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 Roth. 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 August 25, 2016, report. Alderman Paro commented on the Public Safety Minutes; she did not receive "only negative comments" from the Board on the fireworks issue. She thanked Mayor Doerr for having the crosswalk painted in front of Bissell Park. She contacted St. Louis County about their study on crosswalks by schools, Mathews-Dickey, and parks.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the August 15, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported Family Golf Night will be Friday, September 16th from 6:30-8:30. They will start planning more events after the first of the year. There is one opening on the Commission.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: The Board reviewed the August 9, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Fields reported September 24th is the next Beautification Day; all are welcomed. The cleanup of the hill next to the Rec Center will be in October. The Board has talked to

Officer Owens and is planning to work with the Summer Camp kids next year. He wanted to thank the members of the I&B Board for all their hard work. He said Jennie is very knowledgeable about gardening; he appreciates her help.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the August 16, 2016, Minutes.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR: Mark Dickerson was excused. Martha Snead reported on the following:

- The final version of the Master Plan for Bissell Park should be coming soon. It would be done in phases beginning with the shelter and restrooms. Some of the work will be done in-house to help with costs.
- The Home, Health, and Energy Resource Fair was a big success;
- The Weight Loss Program has begun another session – there are about (70) participants weighing in at the Rec Center;
- The BBQ Dinner was very nice;
- The pool will close the evening of Labor Day;
- The lifeguards tested very well on the MIRMA testing;
- Swim lessons are going well;
- The Rec Center has such a good reputation in the surrounding communities although they would like to see more BN participation; and
- The Swim Team had a very successful season with over 100 swimmers.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Nothing to approve

POLICE CHIEF IHLER: Chief Ihler said the City will receive grant money for the purchase of bullet-proof vests although the funds won't be available until October. He asked for Board approval to take the money (\$7,995) out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund now to buy (13) vests and reimburse \$3,997.50 (50/50 split) when the funds become available in October. Alderman Roth made a motion to approve the purchase of (13) bullet-proof vests now with funds from the Asset Forfeiture Fund to be reimbursed at a later date, seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2016-3 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN FIELDS

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR THE PREVENTION AND REDUCTION OF POLLUTION IN STORM WATER RUNOFF FROM MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI.

Alderman Fields made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-3, seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2016-4 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENT TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-4, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

BILL NO. 2457 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN PARO

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL DRUG TASK FORCE WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY, APPROVING ASSIGNMENT OF A QUALIFIED POLICE OFFICER TO SUCH TASK FORCE, AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Alderman Fields read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2457 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Fields then read Bill No. 2457 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; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Schultz, 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. 2457, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2373 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

APPOINTMENTS: None

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:

- Mayor Doerr reported the “Sgt. Peggy Vassallo Way” signs have been put up in 367;
- Reminded everyone to stop by and look at the stone dedicated to Peggy Vassallo. He thanked everyone who attended both events;
- There was a dedication for Adam Wainwright Field at Bob Russell Park regarding the Mathews-Dickey fields. They will be working on putting a football field on the field located closest to Bellefontaine Road;
- Ruler Foods should be opening on September 15th;
- The Town Hall Meeting is scheduled on September 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the Rec Center; and
- Metal Recovery has closed down.

At this time, Mayor Doerr read a Proclamation stating October 4, 2016, as “National Night Out” Day in the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: She is busy working on the Black History celebration scheduled in February, 2017. All volunteers are welcomed.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: He wished everyone a safe Labor Day week-end.

ALDERMAN HERL: No report given.

ALDERMAN PARO: Her electric went out again. A meeting has been scheduled with Ameren on September 7th to discuss. She thanked the Mayor for setting it up. She, also, is going to contact St. Louis County about the “natural wildlife” that seems to be growing wild.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: He wished everyone a safe and enjoyable Labor Day week-end.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Thanked all those who expressed their condolences due to the passing of Mary Bardgett, his mother-in-law.

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 Schultz. **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: No report given.

ALDERMAN ROTH: He expressed his deepest sympathies over the passing of Mary Bardgett.

CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel passed out an informational piece on the students in the Riverview Gardens School District. About 40% of the students reside in Bellefontaine Neighbors. The total amount of kids was a little over 5,000.

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.

BARBARA WEST, 97XX CALUMET: The subject of who owns the land behind her house, since Mr. Combs has passed away, was brought up. The grass needs to be cut again. It was emphasized residents are not allowed to go on private property. Mayor Doerr will talk with the Street Department about cutting it one more time.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE: She asked what sort of vendors will be going into the Bissell Hills Shopping Center. The Mayor explained it is totally up to the Kroger as long as the businesses adhere to the City Codes. He did hear they would prefer "chain" types of stores opposed to Mom & Pop businesses.

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 Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on October 6, 2016