

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES  
November 3, 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, Attorney Kate Henry (sitting in for Kevin O'Keefe), Lt. Shawn Applegate (sitting in for Chief 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:** City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, and Chief Ihler

**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 October 20, 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, for as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carried unanimously.

**MARY OSWALD, 96XX CUTLER DRIVE:** Mary was appointed to the MO Extension Council as a representative from the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors. She spoke about the programs being offered to residents. Discussion on venues, transportation, and cost.

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 Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION:** The Board reviewed the October 27, 2016, report. Alderman Paro reported on the information given to the Commission by the St. Louis County Engineers regarding upcoming street projects on Chambers Road, Lilac Avenue, and Bellefontaine Road. The request for a stop sign at Oran and Church will be reviewed. When asked by Alderwoman Dailes why her request for a stop sign at Oran and Donnell was denied, Alderman Paro did not know; it was a Commission decision. There was a discussion as to how many signs she wanted at this 3-way stop.

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** The Board reviewed the October 17, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported the Family Halloween party was well attended. They are working on plans for events after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

**IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD:** The Board reviewed the October 11, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Fields reported the clean-up day on the hill was very successful. They are looking into new signs for the Home Award and Christmas winners.

**PARKS BOARD REPORT:** The Board reviewed the October 18, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Merz reported on the recent events hosted by the Park Board.

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

- Kathy Endorf attended the St. Louis County Park Open House for Bellefontaine Park regarding path and bridge updates;
- Regarding the Tree Commemorative Program, Mark planted a dogwood tree today in memory of Jean Garascia. A dedication will be sometime soon. He will follow up with a dedication for Jeannette Bost as soon as Ruler Foods landscapes the area by Klein Park; should be sometime in the spring.
- Alderman Paro would, also, like to do a dedication to Robert P. Doerr at Klein Park; and
- Mark confirmed the city bus is accessible on Election Day.

**INVOICES OVER \$500:** Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 9 dated October 24, 2016, in the amount of \$19,456.79; invoices 1-5 dated November 2, 2016, in the amount of \$9,008.08; and an invoice to Ed Roehr for Tahoe police vehicle equipment, out of the drug forfeiture account, dated November 2, 2016, in the amount of \$1,431.00 for a total of \$29,895.77, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

**LT. SHAWN APPLGATE:** Chief Ihler was excused. Lt. Applegate had nothing to report.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Kevin O'Keefe was excused. Kate Henry had nothing to report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BILL NO. 2460 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SCHULTZ**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF FOUR QUARTERLY CITY NEWSLETTERS FOR DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS.**

Alderman Schultz reported since there was not enough time to put the November Newsletter together due to time constrictions, the Bill will need to be reworded. Alderman Schultz made a motion to Table Bill No. 2460, seconded by Alderman Merz. Alderman Paro abstained. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 2461 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH McCLURE ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE BOND ISSUE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2461 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2461 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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Jordan, yes;

Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Paro, 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. 2461, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2376 when and if signed by the Mayor.

#### **REPORT OF THE MAYOR:**

##### **Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:**

- At the St. Louis County Muni League Meeting, there was St. Louis City/County talk. Mayor Doerr emphasize this would not be considered a merger;
- He met with neighboring Mayors to discuss their Police Departments and St. Louis Courts issues; and
- Due to time constraints, the November Newsletter will not go out, although the next issue should be February, 2017.

#### **REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:**

**ALDERMAN FIELDS:** He asked when the Bill for the PACE Program, which was presented at the last meeting, would be on the Agenda. Mayor Doerr said it should be ready at the next meeting. He saw residents picking up trash; he encouraged everyone to do this. Thanks to all who attended the Diversity Meeting. He would like to see more meetings throughout the year.

**ALDERMAN HERL:** No report given.

**ALDERMAN PARO:** Encouraged all to get out and vote.

**ALDERMAN SCHULTZ:** He thanked the Human Relations Commission on the Diversity Meeting; it was a great format. Everyone needs to get out and vote.

**ALDERMAN MERZ:** No report given.

**ALDERMAN JORDAN:** No report given.

**ALDERMAN ROTH:** Not only should everyone vote, but you should do the research and know the issues; be informed.

**ALDERWOMAN DAILES:** She is working on the Black History Event scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup>; she is still looking for volunteers. Thanks to Representative Tommie Pierson for his help. Discussion on absentee voting. Thanks to the residents for hosting Halloween parties. The Diversity Meeting was outstanding.

**CITY COLLECTOR:** Dr. Tranel reported Kroger/Ruler Foods applied for a liquor license for packaged liquor and Sunday sales. Alderman Schultz made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will announce their findings for Riverview Gardens School District accredited status on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 12:01 a.m.

**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.

**WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD:** She asked Mayor Doerr if there was a procedure for informing the Board of Aldermen on legal issues; he said he leaves legal matters up to the City Attorney. She had concerns over collective bargaining issues.

**MARY OSWALD, 96XX CUTLER DRIVE:** She would have liked to have seen a better attendance at the Diversity Meeting; it was very well done.

**YOLANDA POE, 12XX DANVILLE DRIVE:** She was very pleased with the feedback she received about the Diversity Meeting. They used a different format than in previous years. Communication is important. She will meet with the Human Relations Commission to discuss having more Diversity Meetings throughout the year. Mayor Doerr will schedule a post-meeting with the Commission. He stated Bellefontaine Neighbors is one of the few cities which has a Human Relations Commission.

**MARCIE GOODEN, 94XX DUENKE DRIVE:** She asked what does a resident need to do to be able to use the Rec Center bus service. She was told only an ID card from the Rec Center. She asked for an explanation as to who the former residents were who were receiving a tree in their honor. She was told Robert P. Doerr was a long-time Alderman and Board member; Jean Garascia was a long-time Park Board member; and Jeannette Bost was an I&B member. Alderman Fields will follow up with her questions about the PACE Program.

**GREG WARNUSZ, 100XX CRETE DRIVE:** He made a comment about the PACE Program and what may happen if the resident passes away; Alderman Fields will look into it.

**BILL KRENN, 1XX GREEN ACRES:** He enjoyed the Diversity Meeting very much. Alderman Merz did explain there is a process to have a tree in memory of someone. The City has a Tree Commemorative Program which outlines the process. Bill would like to see more information on the Program made to the residents.

**DAVE DIESTELKAMP, MEC MCCLURE ENGINEERING COMPANY:** He thanked the city for their trust in his company to oversee the Bond Issue Street Improvement Project. He has been in business for 37 years and is very familiar with the contractors. He hopes to be able to stay on top of any trouble they may come across when the streets get updated. McClure is getting ready to begin field work. They hope to have the bid packages available to the contractors by March, 2017. The street selection will begin soon. Alderman Jordan added the Board of Aldermen will meet to discuss the streets. McClure would like to get pricing locked in soon.

Wanda Lane asked what sort of trouble he anticipates. Mr. Diestelkamp said several issues can happen when replacing concrete. She asked how McClure will publicize the bid packet to the contractors. He stated there is a process by which contractors know where to look for upcoming bids.

Marcie Gooden asked if they have ever done any work in Bellefontaine Neighbors; she was told no.

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.

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

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

**ATTEST:**

Deni Donovan  
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on November 17, 2016