

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
December 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, Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, Chief of Police Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Herl, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, and Alderman Roth.

ABSENT: City Collector Dr. Mark Tranel, Alderman Fields, Alderwoman Dailes

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Alderman Merz moved for the approval of the Agenda, noting the deletion of the Approval of Invoices Over \$500, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Merz moved for approval of the November 17, 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, for as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Jordan said he received a call from a disgruntled resident who he has trouble hearing at the Board of Aldermen Meetings. Alderman Jordan asked for everyone to use their microphones when speaking.

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.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: There was no meeting held in November. Alderman Paro said there is good communication with St. Louis County and Bellefontaine Neighbors regarding upcoming projects.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the November 21, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported the Halloween Party was successful. There will be a Craft Night in February. They are very excited about the 2017 Hoops Madness Event planned for March 11th. The Police Department will be partnering with them.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: The Board reviewed the November 15, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Fields was excused. Mayor Doerr noted the Christmas Decorations judging will be the week of December 11th. Nominations may be sent to the City Clerk.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the November 15, 2016, Minutes. Since Mark Dickerson was excused, Alderman Merz reported they are working on the following:

- Preparing for the Christmas Party for the Veterans Home;
- Getting ready for the employees Christmas Party;
- Mark pulled the MML Grant for Bissell Park, but he will plan to submit again next year. The City received \$6,400 back, so it only cost \$1,600 for the Master Plan.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR: Mark Dickerson was excused.

INVOICES OVER \$500: There were no items to approve.

CHIEF IHLER: Chief Ihler had no report.

CITY ATTORNEY: Kevin O'Keefe had no report.

UNFINISHED 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.

The 1st Reading was October 20, 2016, at the Board of Aldermen Meeting. The Bill was Tabled at the November 3, 2016, Board of Aldermen Meeting.

Alderman Schultz made a motion to remove Bill No. 2460 from the Table, seconded by Alderman Merz. Alderman Paro abstained. The motion carried.

The City Attorney explained the text change was due to the dates of the Quarterly Newsletter: November, 2016, February, 2017, May, 2017, and August, 2017 was changed to February, 2017, May, 2017, August, 2017, and November, 2017.

Alderman Shultz made a motion to amend Bill No. 2460 by the text of 2460.1, seconded by Alderman Merz. Alderman Paro abstained. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2460.1 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SCHULTZ (2nd Reading)

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Alderman Schultz read Bill No. 2460.1 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 Schultz, yes; Alderwoman Merz, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Paro, abstained; and Alderman Herl, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2460.1, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2379 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:

- He attended a North County Inc. Seminar which partnered with Washington University to discuss the perception of North County. It was very informative. The next session will be by invitation only. From these discussions, a Plan will be devised; and
- There will be a Public Hearing at McCluer High School, on December 15th, for public comments on the Chain of Rocks Bridge Construction Project.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: He congratulated the Grace Chapel Lutheran School's 5th Grade class on the first GREAT Program Graduation Class.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Nothing to report.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: He reported more information will be forthcoming about the Street Project after a scheduled meeting on December 12th. An Open House will be scheduled in a couple of months.

ALDERMAN ROTH: He said the Annual Turkey Bowl, held at the Knights of Columbus, was a great success. The soccer game had a lot of participants as the crowd cheered them on. A good time was had by all. He wished all a good holiday season.

ALDERMAN HERL: Nothing to report.

ALDERMAN PARO: She is happy to see the updates to the Chain of Rocks Bridge; there is a big problem with speeders.

CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel was excused to attend the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) meeting.

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 Schultz. 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.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on December 15, 2016