

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2017**

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 Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT: City Collect, Dr. Mark Tranel and Alderman Paro

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Alderman Merz moved for the approval of the Agenda, noting the update of Alderman Roth introducing Bill No. 2466, seconded by Alderman Schulte. Motion carried unanimously

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Merz moved for approval of the December 15, 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 Public Hearing as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: To hear public comments to amend Section 29-88 of the City’s Code regarding Off-Street Parking.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone had any comments on this subject only.

PHIL LUM, CITY ENGINEER: Phil explained the City is proactively using best practices to mirror St. Louis County and the other municipalities’ regulations regarding off-street parking. The Bill will be introduced at a future meeting.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone else wished to address the Board on this subject only. Alderman Merz made a motion to close the Public Hearing and to open up the meeting to the public for general comment, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion Carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr introduced Angela Dorn with Hochschild, Bloom & Company, LLP; she reported on the 2015-2016 Audit findings, along with a review of the Comments and Recommendations. Ms. Dorn handed out the Executive and Financial Summaries for review. Alderman Roth questioned the statement made by the auditors as to getting information together in a “timely matter”; he wasn’t sure what “timely” meant. Mr. Krenn explained the city is changing a few of its practices per recommendations made by the auditors. Angela noted a Single Audit was required this year due to the Grants received, especially for the Habilitation Center Project and the St. Cyr Bridge Project. Overall, the city received a very good audit. Angela appreciated the support of the staff and for the opportunity to present the findings at the meeting tonight.

BILL KIEFER, 94XX YORKTOWN DRIVE: Mr. Kiefer announced, before the April 30th Cardinal game, there will be a 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War Era Pin Ceremony at Ball Park Village. Mayor Doerr will represent Legion Post 335. There are also tickets, at a reduced rate, available for that day's baseball game.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: Ms. Lane had several questions about the audit findings, such as lawsuits, and fines and court costs. She questioned the City Treasurer on how to interpret the monthly year-to-date Treasurer's reports.

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.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: No meeting held in December.

YOUTH COMMISSION: No meeting held in December.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: No meeting held in December.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: No meeting was held in December although the Board reviewed the monthly figures.

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

- The Rec Center is in the middle of winter registrations for classes;
- He is in the process of working on the out-of-date HVAC controls for both buildings; and
- Alderwoman Dailes and Mark had a discussion about the food vendor who will be using the kitchen and selling food at the Black History Event – he should be charged as a vendor.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 15, dated December 27, 2016, in the amount of \$30,818.10, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF IHLER: Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- The hiring process of Officers is ongoing. He went on to explain the process. Background checks are being done. Chief Ihler expects new hires within the next couple of months.

CITY ATTORNEY: Kevin O'Keefe had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2466 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SEVERAL SECTIONS AND PROVISIONS IN CHAPTERS 17 AND 19 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS REGARDING OFFENSES.

Alderman Roth read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2466 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman

Fields. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2466 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 Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Keefe provided a brief description about the necessity of this Ordinance to stay consistent with State law.

Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows: Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Herl, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, no; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; and Alderman Jordan, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2466, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2382 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:

- Due to the TracFone settlement, the city will receive \$21,887.94;
- The Public Hearing held tonight, to amend Section 29-88 of the City's Code, is needed to aid in the continuing EPA mandate passed by MSD;
- There are canned goods in the lobby for the taking. A resident started this project called "Take1, Give1";
- The Kwanzaa celebration on January 28th was very successful. Thanks to Barbara West for her work on this event; and
- Budgeting for A/C and heating costs will need to be done from now on.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN JORDAN: There is an upcoming meeting with MEC. A date will be set for a public forum to update the residents on the street updates.

ALDERMAN ROTH: He wished everyone a Happy New Year. He appreciates the work done by Chief Ihler on the hiring of Officers. Due to the receipts and expenditures, an amended to the budget will be forthcoming.

ALDERMAN DAILES: Happy 2017 to all. She had a good time at the Kwanzaa event. She is working on the Black History event.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: He agreed the Kwanzaa event was a success. There was a discussion as to what will happen to the old Regions Bank building when the new building opens up across the street. Image & Beautification will be partnering with MSD again on the clean-up day in Bellefontaine Neighbors sometime in March.

ALDERMAN HERL: No report given.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: He, also, agreed the Kwanzaa event was very informative and entertaining; thanks to Barbara West.

ALDERMAN MERZ: He wished Chief Ihler good luck in the hiring process. Thanks to Barbara West.

CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel was excused.

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.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: Ms. Lane had several concerns about the following: online PD application; the application process; contract discussions with PD; and the powers of the Board of Aldermen regarding contract negotiations. The City Attorney stated some of the matters she is concerned with involve personnel matters which cannot be discussed in a public forum. The pictures of the Mayors were moved to the conference room because the Courtroom cannot be associated with politics or police matters.

QUENTIN PHILLIPS, 13XX BELGROVE: Quentin was concerned with youth involvement and activities in Bellefontaine Neighbors. Alderman Schultz said the city has various events year-round. He may want to get involved with the Youth Commission or one of the other Boards or Commissions. Mathews/Dickey is privately owned, but they should start up games in the spring sometime; they are moving into Phase 2. He suggested the Rec Center update the backboards in the gym.

Mayor Doerr asked if else anyone wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Merz moved to bring the meeting back to the Board, seconded by Alderman Herl. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Merz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Fields. 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 *January 19, 2017*