

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES  
October 20, 2016**

**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY** Mayor Robert J. Doerr at 7:50 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 Collector Dr. Mark Tranel, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Roth, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderman Fields.

**ABSENT:** Alderman Herl and Alderman Jordan

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

**PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES:** Alderman Merz moved for approval of the October 6, 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, as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

**WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE DRIVE:** She had questions about any current lawsuits and what the procedure is as to how the elected officials are told about them. The City Attorney said it depends on each situation.

**JACQUELINE REED, 10XX HOPEDALE DRIVE:** She is very concerned about her street being repaired with the Bond Issue funds. Mayor Doerr explained the process by which streets will be chosen.

**SARAH VATTEROTT, VATTEROTT HARRIS PC, 2458 OLD DORSETT ROAD:** Ms. Vatterott gave a presentation and handed out information on the PACE Program which uses PACE financing to help homeowners and commercial, industrial and multi-family property owners access to affordable, long-term financing for smart energy upgrades to their homes. PACE financing allows home and building owners to finance qualifying energy efficiency and clean energy improvements through a voluntary tax assessment. There was a discussion with the Board members. The City will need to pass an Ordinance to participate in the program. Mayor Doerr asked the Board to review the information for the next meeting.

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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the restatement with accruals report prepared by the City Treasurer, Bill Krenn. Mr. Krenn reported on the information in the July-September, 2016, report.

**INVOICES OVER \$500:** Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 14 in the amount of \$41,866.04 for October 12-14, 2016, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the August and September, 2016, Collector's reports. Dr. Tranel reported on the figures.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** The Board reviewed the September 12, 2016, Minutes. Chairman Bob Stolte reported the Commission recommended the Board of Aldermen adopt the 2015 International Building Code to keep in line with St. Louis County.

Per P&Z's recommendation, Alderwoman Dailes made a motion for the city to adopt the 2015 International Building Codes, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously. The City Clerk was instructed to order the required books where they will be filed in her office and available for public use, inspection, and examination for 90 days prior to the adoption of the Ordinance.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** The Board reviewed the October 10, 2016, Minutes. Chairman Bob Stolte explained Matt Schlichter, with Network Real Estate, LLC, and representing Horvath Enterprises, requested a Conditional Use Permit to erect a cell tower located at the southwest corner of the property at 10223 Lewis & Clark Blvd; Horvath has an agreement with Wirecraft for this project. The request was denied based on the City Code which states in 29-97, paragraph 7, section (a): No antenna support structures, excluding disguised support structures, shall be located within one-half (½) mile of another, pre-existing antenna support structure, with the distance being measured from the center of the base of the existing structure to the center of the base of the proposed structure.

Based on the earlier Board of Adjustment Meeting, a variance was granted to Horvath to install a cell tower. A Public Hearing for the CUP will be scheduled.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** The Board reviewed the August and September, 2016, reports. Joe Raben reported on the following issues:

- Inspections are up;
- Maclan Industries is proceeding with construction of a new building;
- New Spring Church is doing some renovations;
- Ruler Foods had their grand opening;
- McBride is building a new home at Harbor Landings;
- Construction ongoing at the auto repair shop on Lilac (Obrock); and
- Alderman Merz asked about a grass cutting issue on Toelle near Riverview High School.

**CITY ENGINEER:** The Board reviewed the August and September, 2016, reports. City Engineer, Phil Lum, explained the city's membership with ICC expired. In retaining new membership, the city was able to get about ½ of the required International Building Code Books free. He participated in the selection of the Engineering Firm who will work with the street project.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Mr. O'Keefe noted his firm will review and update the city code to reflect changes in the State law provisions regarding cell towers. He will, also, be sending the city information on an upcoming workshop for clients of his law firm pertaining to SB5 and SB572 and recent changes to the Missouri Supreme Court Rules on operations of municipal courts. Reference was made to the discussion at the May 5, 2016, Board workshop meeting when the Board of Aldermen discussed the appointment of Alderman Paro to the Public Safety Commission and the subsequent announcement

at the Board of Alderman Meeting that evening related to that discussion. Following discussion, Alderman Merz introduced

**RESOLUTION 2016-5 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MERZ**

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING, AFFIRMING, CLARIFYING AND READOPTING A PRIOR ACTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

Alderman Merz made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-5, seconded by Alderwoman Schultz. Following any discussion desired by the members, a voice vote was called. Alderwoman Dailes abstained because she was not a member of the Board at the time of the May 5, 2016, meeting and all other Aldermen present voted Aye. Motion carried; the Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Mr. O'Keefe reminded everyone he will not be at the next Board Meeting.

**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 read the Bill for the first time. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be at the next Board Meeting.

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

- Mayor Doerr asked the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance for the PACE Project for adoption;
- The Frightfully Family Fun Halloween party is scheduled this Friday;
- The annual Diversity Meeting will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup>;
- The Veterans Home will host a Veterans Day celebration on November 11<sup>th</sup> – more details to come; and
- The committee selected McClure Engineering to oversee the street project. Hopefully the project will begin in March, 2017.

**a. Appointments**

Mayor Doerr announced the recommendation of his appointment of Kenneth Wilkins to the Youth Commission. Per the Mayor's recommendation, Alderman Paro made a motion to approve the appointment of Kenneth, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Doerr said there is an opening on the Park Board now.

**REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:**

**ALDERWOMAN DAILES:** She asked Marcie Gooden to think about the Park Board vacancy. She asked for volunteers to set up tables at the Rec Center this Saturday; she wants to see how it will be set up for the Black History event on February 11<sup>th</sup>. They have a really good program in store.

**ALDERMAN FIELDS:** No report given.

**ALDERMAN PARO:** She is still keeping in contact with St. Louis County regarding upcoming street projects. Chambers should be starting in October, 2017, but not sure about Lilac. Tom Grunewald, a blind resident, is concerned about safety when walking from Chambers, and down Bellefontaine Road to the Rec Center. Alderman Paro contacted St. Louis County about this issue. Larry Welty and Stephanie Voss will attend the next Public Safety Meeting, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, to listen to their concerns. She hopes for a good turnout from the public.

**ALDERMAN SCHULTZ:** He invited all to attend the Halloween Party tomorrow night at the Rec Center; they will be collecting canned goods. Welcomed Kenneth to the Youth Board.

**ALDERMAN MERZ:** Thanks to all who participated in National Night Out.

**ALDERMAN ROTH:** No report given.

**JEREMY IHLER, CHIEF OF POLICE:** The Board reviewed the August and September, 2016, Police Reports. Chief Ihler spoke on the following:

- Chief Ihler confirmed the MO Police Chiefs Association will be conducting the Law Enforcement Audit on November 29-30; and
- He will be at the Diversity Meeting next week.

**MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR:** Dr. Tranel reported Riverview Gardens High School received the Monsanto School of Excellence Award which brought \$500,000 in grants to the school.

**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.

**MARCIE GOODEN, 94XX DUENKE DRIVE:** Regarding the PACE Program, Ms. Gooden had two issues she would like the Board to ask Ms. Vatterott (she had left the meeting): 1) What happens if the recipient passes away; and 2) She would like more statistics from the California project. Alderman Schultz added, the PACE Program is all over the country; not just California. Ms. Gooden asked why McClure Engineering was picked; she was told a lot had to do with their timeframe of getting the street project done. She asked if any of the light poles were going to be replaced. Mayor Doerr said all the funds will have to go to the streets; the poles are about \$2500/each. She asked if the city has looked into grants. The Mayor said the city has been able to use grants in the past, but now, there are no more eligible streets. Lastly, she thanked the Aldermen in Ward 4 for their help with contacting a neighbor to clean up their leaves.

**WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE DRIVE:** She asked why PD was over budget this month. Mr. Krenn stated it was due to separation of employment; any leftover benefits, such as sick leave, comp, and vacation are paid to the employee.

**KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL:** Kathy was upset with a sign which was put on an Ameren pole in her backyard; Mayor Doerr said he would have it taken down tomorrow. There was a discussion about surveillance signs.

**WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE DRIVE:** She wanted to know what could be done about cars that won't wait for the car in front of them to turn; instead, they go around in the oncoming lane.

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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

Deni Donovan  
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on November 3, 2016