

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 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, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, Chief of Police 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 March 16, 2017, 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, as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Herl. 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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the March 23, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Paro said there seems to be a lot of kids walking in the streets or just hanging out after curfew. The Commission would like to see more police enforcement. There was a discussion as to the responsibilities of the parents. She will post "red flag warning" days on Nextdoor. This is issued when weather conditions may cause fires to spread easily due to high winds and relatively low humidity.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Commission reviewed the March 20, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported Hoops Madness was very successful. Again, thanks to Officer Owens for helping with score keeping. There are upcoming activities in the summer.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: The Board reviewed the March 14, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Fields reported the Trash Bash clean-up day was very well attended. Discussion on having a lunch, instead of breakfast, for the next clean-up day. He never realized how long Clarence Cherry and Jennie Stewart have served on the Board. There are many upcoming events. The summer Beautification Awards will be given out the week of June 13th. A speaker will attend a meeting to discuss the Adopt-A-Sign Program with Bi-State.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the March 21, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Merz reported the summer brochures will be going out soon; the Mayor's Golf Tournament will be held on April 22; the outdoor pool is being prepped for the summer opening; and the Easter Egg Hunt and Arbor Day Tree Giveaway will be April 15th.

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

- Mark is waiting to hear back from Ruler Foods regarding the placement of the trees so he can proceed with the Commemorative Tree Program honoring Robert P. Doerr and Jeannette Bost. Mayor Doerr will call the property manager.
- Mark received a call about purchasing 8-year old gym equipment for a very reasonable price to replace the 26-year old equipment being used now. The city could purchase the (20) pieces for approximately \$17,000; EBAY comparison pricing was well over \$23,000. He passed around pictures of the machines. He has looked into leasing the equipment in the past, but it is not economically feasible. Funds are in the budget per the City Treasurer, although they will need to make an adjustment to the budget.

Alderman Merz made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the gym equipment, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Aldermen Fields and Alderwoman Dailes voted no. Motion carried.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 8, dated March 22, 2017, in the amount of \$12,070.08, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously. When asked, Chief Ihler explained the purchase of tourniquets, in the amount of \$781.82, was a necessary item for the officers to carry on their belts.

CHIEF IHLER: Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- Officer Owens, along with PD, are getting ready to host another Summer Camp for kids ages 9-14 from July 10-21;
- The department is cracking down on "shots fired". One case has already been made with two pending; and
- He asked for Board approval to purchase forearm grip flashlights, for the officers out of the drug forfeiture money, in the amount of \$2,723.50. Alderman Paro made a motion to approve Chief Ihler's request, seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2474 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN PARO

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MORPHOTRAK, INC. FOR SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CITY'S FINGERPRINT AND BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM.

Alderman Paro read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2474 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Paro then read Bill No. 2474 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 Paro, yes; Alderman Herl, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; and Alderman Roth, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2474, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2390 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:

- Laclede Gas is working in the Bissell Hills area. Between them and the Water Company, there are a lot of utility updates going on before the street improvement project gets started.
- The city has 225 tons of salt in reserve and 300 tons in-house;
- The Conoco station, located at 10320 Bellefontaine Road, is reopening;
- Street bids were released this morning; and
- Due to some sort of snafu, St. Louis County had to readjust the audio at the Chambers and Bellefontaine Road crosswalk to assist the blind pedestrians in our city.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Doerr recommended the reappointed of Jack Duepner as Chief Judge for the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors. Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation, seconded by Alderman Herl. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN PARO: She, Mr. Grunewald, and the Public Service Commission met with representatives from St. Louis County to discuss the curb situation at the southwest corner of Chambers at Bellefontaine Road. Since meeting with representatives from St. Louis County, outages have stopped completely in her subdivision. She told a story on how Clarence Cherry began on the Image & Beautification Board. She reported shots fired near her house.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Kudos to the Image & Beautification Board and all the volunteers for their help with litter pick-up.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Gave kudos to the Acting Mayor from the last meeting. By the way, it was him.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: The bid documents were released last week for the street improvement project; the information is on the website. The deadline is April 26th at 10 a.m. There was a meeting this morning with the city, contractors, and engineers to discuss the project. He will be out of town for the April 20th meeting.

ALDERMAN ROTH: He reported there is a big pothole on Cabot near Kilgore. Mayor Doerr will inform the Street Department.

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: She had a Ward Meeting with the residents to discuss block units. They discussed the importance of everyone turning on their porch lights to deter thieves. They would like to get more homes on any given street to host on National Night Out.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: No report given.

ALDERMAN HERL: No report given.

CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel reported United Mart has obtained their Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and Retail License. He asked for Board approval for their liquor license. Alderman Schultz made a motion to approve the liquor license for United Mart, seconded by Alderman Merz. 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.

BARBARA WEST, 97XX CALUMET DRIVE: Questioned what will happen with the old gym equipment. Mark Dickerson had already left, so Mayor Doerr will ask him that question tomorrow. She thanked Chief Ihler for the contact information for Ruler Foods and Family Dollar. She has concerns about shopping carts, panhandling; and safety issues for the employees as well as the residents when going to these stores. Discussion with Alderman Paro why there was not any coverage in the February Newsletter on the Kwanzaa event held in December. Alderman Paro explained, due to her illness, she was only able to get out a one-page Newsletter.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE LANE: Had questions on the reappointment of Judge Duepner. More discussion on HB48 (which was brought up at the last meeting) and how it could include Bellefontaine Neighbors without the city knowing anything about it. Collector Tranel seemed to think it may have something to do with the population dynamics. The City Attorney said it is possible to include a city in a Bill without the city knowing about it. When asked, it was confirmed that the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors does not have a lobbyist.

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 Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deni Donovan
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on *April 20, 2017*