

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES  
May 4, 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 Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderman Fields.

**ABSENT:** Alderman Herl

**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 April 20, 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 Jordan. 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 April 27, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Paro reported on the following:

- Rumors of closing any of the Riverview Fire Departments are false;
- The Board emphasized keeping your porch lights on and calling the police if you see suspicious behavior;
- Discussion on placing signs around the neighborhood to remind residents to report crime – not sure if the signs would be a budget issue and what they should say. Chief Ihler said community involvement is the best help;
- Discussion on street repairs on Chambers Road being done by the County;
- Sign ups for Summer Camp and Mathews-Dickey teams have begun; and
- Discussion on kids caught out after curfew.

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** The Board reviewed the April 17, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported the Bike Rodeo will be May 13<sup>th</sup> and the Fishing Experience is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mayor Doerr reported he met with Mary Oswald (Council Rep for Bellefontaine Neighbors) and Dwayne James (County Program Director) with the University of Missouri Extension Program. They are interested in programs to target 14-18 year olds. When they have more of a direction, they would like to discuss with the Youth Commission.

At this time, Maureen Williams walked in; she came to the meeting to talk about a program sponsored by Metro. Alderman Merz made a motion to open the meeting up to the public, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennie Stewart introduced Ms. Williams. She gave a presentation on the Adopt-A-Sign Program in which she designed. The goal is for the citizens to adopt and take responsibility for trash around the city's bus stops. A discussion with questions and answers ensued.

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

**IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD:** The Board reviewed the April 11, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Fields reported they worked on the city hall flowerbeds on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will be having another city clean-up day on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Jennie Stewart is trying to get new ward signs for the Home Beautification winners. Call city hall if you would like to nominate a house.

**PARKS BOARD REPORT:** The Board reviewed the April 18, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Merz said there is a big concern over the loitering going on by the gazebo in Klein Park. Alderman Merz asked Mark Dickerson if the Rec Center has received any complaint calls; Mark did not recall.

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

- The summer brochures will be delivered the week-end of May 13<sup>th</sup>;
- The outdoor pool will be opening on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>;
- Discussion on how to advertise the new work-out equipment; and
- The Mayor's Golf Tournament was a big success.

**INVOICES OVER \$500:** Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 10, dated April 25, 2017, in the amount of \$33,042.37, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

**CHIEF IHLER:** Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- The police are aware of the increased activity at Klein Park and the Bissell Hills Shopping Center; they are enforcing the law. He has contacted Ruler Foods about a possible Sub-Station in the store. There is, also, a Sub-Station sign at Family Dollar.
- The Civilian Review Board will be interviewing applicants; Chief Ihler will give an update at the next meeting.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** No report given.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR:**

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

- Happy Anniversary to Alderman Merz and his wife, Diane; and
- As discussed earlier, the Mayor met with Mary Oswald and Dwayne Johnson with the University of Missouri Extension Program. They will be contacting the community gardener to help with resident participation and as earlier stated, they will be focused on ideas for 14-18 year olds.



## **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Mayor Doerr announced the reappointment of all Commission/Board members whose terms have expired:**

Board of Adjustment: Larry Slominski and Ed Meier

Planning & Zoning Commission: Mike Wiese

Alderman Merz made a motion to approve the Mayor's reappointments mentioned above, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:**

**ALDERMAN PARO:** Today is "May the 4<sup>th</sup> Be With You" Day. Thank goodness the city avoided the floodwaters these past couple of weeks. Due to redistricting, Ward 4 has a lot of the flood area which used to be in Ward 1. Alderman Paro will discuss with Aldermen Fields and Dailes if they have any questions. She will contact MSD about possible Calumet Creek issues. She brought an issue to Chief Ihler's attention about Junior High kids trespassing in a resident's yard after school; he will look into it. The Newsletter has been sent to the printer. The Grace Chapel Scouts will be delivering them this time. A big thank you to Troop #374. Earlier tonight, Alderman Paro helped with the Cinco de Mayo Dinner at the Rec Center; it was really good. The next dinner will be the BBQ dinner in August.

**ALDERMAN SCHULTZ:** Happy Anniversary to the Merz.

**ALDERMAN MERZ:** No report given.

**ALDERMAN JORDAN:** He gave an update on the street project beginning soon. The contract has been awarded to Spencer Contracting Company to do the south side streets; J.M. Marschuetz Construction Company has been awarded the contract for the north side. The ordinances to contract with these companies will be introduced at the May 18<sup>th</sup> Board of Aldermen Meeting. Thanks to Mayor Doerr for his help.

**ALDERMAN ROTH:** Concerned about flooding and sewer backups on Coburg Lands. No updates seem to have been done.

**ALDERWOMAN DAILES:** She will begin walking and meeting with the residents very soon. She will emphasize residents should keep their porch lights on. Block units are currently being formed. There is a Ring coupon in the lobby to purchase a camera for your front door.

**ALDERMAN FIELDS:** Thanks to the I&B members who helped with cleaning the flower beds at city hall. All are invited to the next city clean-up day on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**CITY COLLECTOR:** Dr. Tranel reported the Riverview Gardens School District is working on their budget; \$55-60 million dollar budget. The school calendar is being put together also.

**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:** She is, also, concerned about the loitering at Klein Park. Hopefully, the police can get it under control. Questioned Chief Ihler about the Sub-Station at Ruler Foods. She had some ideas about the Public Safety signs. She asked Alderman Jordan if there was extra money at the end of the street project, could it be used

for street maintenance and upkeep; she was told equipment and supplies for street maintenance are already in the city's budget.

**APRIL CAYCE, 8XX NEIGHBOR LANE:** When asked about the Public Safety Commission, she was told the members consist of residents; there are no openings right now. She would like to be more active in the community and feels our resources are underutilized. She has a lot of ideas and will contact her Aldermen. She was interested in seeing more Ward 2 activities and an increase in interactions with the residents and the Aldermen. She would like to see the residents feel more a part of the city. She was told she could put up a sign stating she has a surveillance camera. Chief Ihler would like for the residents to inform the police department if they have a camera. The City Attorney reminded everyone signs are fine as long as they adhere to the city's sign regulations.

**CAROLYN SMART, 24XX HARBOR LANDING:** She told Chief Ihler how nice Officer Eickhoff and Lt. Williss were on a recent visit; she really appreciated their kindness. Her complaint is only having one internet provider in her neighborhood. Alderman Jordan will call Charter and get back to Ms. Smart.

**CYNTHIA NEWSOM, 8XX NEIGHBOR LANE:** She is really fed up with the occupancy issues in her neighborhood. It seems some landlords can get around the rules. There was a lengthy discussion about the inspection regulations. The City Attorney stated the MO House just passed legislation that would not require occupancy permits; it still needs to pass the Senate. The occupancy issue is under severe attack.

**KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL AVENUE:** Since she lives by a cemetery, Ms. Mason said it can get pretty dark in her backyard. She had Ameren put up a dusk-to-dawn light; it works great.

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 Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on May 18, 2017