

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 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 Collector Dr. Mark Tranel, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, Chief of Police Jeremy Ihler, 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 Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Merz moved for approval of the May 4, 2017, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Schultz. 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.

PUBLIC HEARING: to hear public comments on a Conditional Use Permit for St. Charles Tower, to install a 150' monopole telecommunications structure (cell tower) at 800 Chambers Road.

MICHELLE DOHRMAN, 4 WEST DRIVE, STE 110, CHESTERFIELD MO: Introduced herself as the Site Acquisition Coordinator with St. Charles Tower. She said there is room enough for 3 carriers on the tower. The original presentation to install a tower at the Knights was in 2011. Alderman Paro objected to the barbed wire being used on the fencing.

APRIL CAYCE, 8XX NEIGHBOR: She was told the purpose of the tower was to increase cell phone capacity; it will take about a year to get the carriers signed up.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone wished to address the Board on this subject only. Hearing none, he asked if anyone wished to speak on any other subject.

BILL KIEFER, 94XX YORKTOWN DRIVE: He introduced himself as a Board Member of the POW-MIA Museum. Their mission is to create awareness for POWs (Prisoner of War) and MIAs (Missing in Action). At a Cardinals game on July 29th, Mayor Doerr will be representing all Legion Posts in Missouri and will be honored for his service. Bill spoke about getting donations for signage. He asked the Board to consider presenting a POW-MIA City Recognition Proclamation.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: Since it was National Police Week, Ms. Lane was disappointed the city did not recognize the police department. She would like to see the police supported. It was suggested, residents should bring their ideas to the Board of Alderman next year. She would like to see some sort of informal “meet and greet” between the residents and police. Alderman Fields said he would follow-up on this idea.

JAMES COLEMAN, 1XX GREEN ACRES: He is part of a neighborhood group which believes crime is on the rise. With the passage of Proposition P they would like to see more officers hired, more equipment, higher wages, youth programs and the hiring of people of color. He also suggested a police presence on 367 and highway 270.

APRIL CAYCE, 8XX NEIGHBOR: She and her neighbors are still having issues with another neighbor; trash and occupancy problems.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Merz moved to open the meeting to any other comments, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Board reviewed the July, 2016-April, 2017, report. City Treasurer, Bill Krenn, presented an overview of his report and stated the city is staying on budget. He gave an overview of the street repair project figures. Earlier, he met with the Mayor and Department Heads to discuss the upcoming budget.

INVOICES OVER \$500: No invoices to approve.

COLLECTOR’S REPORT: The Board reviewed the April, 2017, Collector’s report. Dr. Mark Tranel commented on his report.

PLANNING & ZONING: The Board reviewed the May 8, 2017, Minutes. Chairman Bob Stolte reported on the following:

- A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) was requested by the service station located at 10320 Bellefontaine Road. The hours would be from 6 a.m. until 11 p.m. They will also be a convenience store. They will not be selling alcohol.

Chairman Stolte asked approval from the Board to schedule a Public Hearing on June 15, 2017 for the CUP. Alderman Schultz made a motion to approve the Public Hearing, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

Since the site plan is already on file, Chairman Stolte asked for an additional motion to waive section 29-60(b) of the City Code which requires a site plan be submitted.

Alderman Merz made a motion to waive the submission of another site plan, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Collector answered Alderwoman Dailes that if they decided to sell liquor, they would have to request a liquor license.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: The Board reviewed the April, 2017, report. Joe Raben reported on the following issues:

- High grass letters have gone out;
- Aldi renovations are ongoing;
- McBride has paid for two construction permits for homes in Harbor Landings.

Mayor Doerr contacted Charter; they will be servicing Harbor Landings.

Alderman Fields said it seems trash in residents' backyards is getting worse. He has seen items such as tires, couches, TVs, etc...in backyards. It was suggested making sure the residents know about recycling and bulk pick-up done by Waste Management at the end of the month. Alderman Fields said there was a property owner who did not respond to his renter in a timely manner when the basement flooded; it was so bad, the renter had to move.

Alderman Paro had issues with a house on Bellefontaine Road being sold "as is". She would like to remind the new owners they need an occupancy permit before anyone moves in. When the discussion turned to the orange stickers, City Engineer Lum said they are a big, red flag for the possibility of copper theft.

Alderwoman Dailes was told a letter had gone out regarding the trailer at the 367 and Jennings Station Road site.

CITY ENGINEER: The Board reviewed the April, 2017, report. Mr. Lum reported on the following issues:

- Approving building permits;
- Due to his absence at the April P&Z meeting, he prepared a report for them regarding the St. Charles Tower;
- He noted the week of May 21st is Public Works Week; and
- He told Alderwoman Dailes the fence permit was denied for the property located at 9300 Lewis & Clark. The Building Department has a process - comply or remove it.

JEREMY IHLER, CHIEF OF POLICE: The Board reviewed the April, 2017, Police Report. Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- The Law Enforcement Certification Audit went well. They covered best practices and policies over the last three years;
- There are three candidates being interviewed;
- The Chief confirmed 33 citations were written by the officers last month; and
- He asked for Board approval to purchase a lock box to store weapons and equipment in the unmarked Detective's car. The total is \$1,727.00 which will come out of the drug forfeiture account.

Alderman Roth made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY: Mr. O'Keefe explained his firm is partnering with other firms to bring a Class Action Lawsuit against wireless telecommunications companies. There seems to be a discrepancy with how the data is being transmitted. His firm is offering this to all their clients. Fees and expenses will be recovered only after a win. If the city wants to proceed, he would like the Mayor to sign an Engagement Letter.

Alderman Jordan made a motion for the city to move forward with the lawsuit and have Mayor Doerr sign the Engagement letter, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

Senate Bill 5 has been ruled unconstitutional by the MO Supreme Court.

Alderman Paro asked if he has followed up on powdered alcohol; he said it is under review. When asked, Mr. O'Keefe said it is not possible to ban the sale of airplane bottles of booze.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2475 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

Alderman Jordan gave an explanation on how the bid process works. There is a pre-construction meeting scheduled next week. Construction should begin June 1st and be done by December 1st, 2017. He encouraged all to pay attention to notices being posted.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A NOTICE OF AWARD AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS WITH SPENCER CONTRACTING COMPANY FOR THE SOUTH ZONE PORTION OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS STREET REPAIRS 2017 BOND ISSUE PROJECT.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2475 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2475 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 Jordan, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderman Herl, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; and Alderman Merz, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2475, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2391 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2476 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A NOTICE OF AWARD AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS WITH J. M. MARSCHUETZ CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE NORTH ZONE PORTION OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS STREET REPAIRS 2017 BOND ISSUE PROJECT.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2476 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2476 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 Jordan, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Herl, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; and Alderwoman Dailes, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2476, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2392 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2477 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN PARO

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ST. CHARLES TOWER, INC. FOR INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF AN ANTENNA SUPPORT STRUCTURE AND ANTENNA AT 800 CHAMBERS ROAD AND ESTABLISHING CERTAIN CONDITIONS RELATING THERETO.

Alderman Paro read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2477 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Paro then read Bill No. 2477 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 Paro, yes; Alderman Herl, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Roth, abstained; and Alderman Jordan, abstained.

The Officers of the Knights of Columbus abstained.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2477, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2393 when and if signed by the Mayor.

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

- Working on the 2017-2018 City Budget;
- St. Louis County Parks will host an Open House to discuss the Master Plan for various parks on May 31st from 4-8 p.m. at the North County Rec Center. The flyer is on the bulletin board if you need more information; and
- The house located at 1270 St. Cyr has been sold; the closing will be in a few weeks.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Regarding National Police Week, he explained the Board of Aldermen had no intention of slighting the police department. He encouraged residents to contact their Aldermen if they have ideas about upcoming events. A special thanks to Chief Ihler and Officer Owens for their help with the Bike Rodeo.

ALDERMAN MERZ: The Parks & Rec Board will host a special event for the total solar eclipse day on August 21st. As it gets closer, he will give an update on the plans.

Alderman Merz nominated Alderman Schultz for President of the Board of Aldermen. Mayor Doerr asked if there were any other nominations; there were none. Alderman Merz made a motion to select Alderman Schultz as the next Board President, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: He reported the street repair project is moving along very nicely.

ALDERMAN ROTH: He announced his resignation as of May 31st due to moving out of Bellefontaine Neighbors. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Aldermen. "It has been my pleasure to serve the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors".

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: No report given.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: He will be passing out flyers with the I&B Members this Sunday. He will, also, go out again in June. He thanked Officer Laumeier for his help on a police issue over the weekend.

ALDERMAN HERL: No report given.

ALDERMAN PARO: She apologized for the confusion over the delivery of the Newsletters. It was suggested to replace the city banners with new POW-MIA banners. She thought it was cute to hear about an officer helping a family of ducks cross the road. She inquired about the cost of a sign and pole. Please send any stories or articles to her for the next Newsletter.

MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel said school is out next week. He is optimistic on the academic outcome this year in the Riverview Gardens School District.

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 was told the Board President is a one-year term. She inquired about the status of the police contract. She thanked Alderman Roth for his honesty. She had questions about the budget. The City Attorney said State Statute does not allow for a budget committee; it is a singular obligation.

BOB STOLTE, 11XX SIEBE DRIVE: He reminded everyone the Memorial Day Celebration will be at the Veterans Home next Monday at 10 a.m. He is concerned about all the BBQs being held at Advance Auto. Mayor Doerr said the St. Louis County Health Department is investigating.

JILL GREENE, 8XX NEIGHBOR: Concerned about occupancy and trash issues.

APRIL CAYCE, 8XX NEIGHBOR: Concerned about people who move in items before an occupancy permit is given.

KEVIN SHEPARD, P.E., SENIOR PROJECT ENGINEER FOR MCCLURE ENGINEERING COMPANY: Mr. Shepard introduced himself and thanked the Board for passing Ordinances #2391 and #2392 regarding the street repair project. Their goal is to repair as many streets as possible with the funds available. Door hangers and signage will be posted.

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.

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, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on June 1, 2017