

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES**

June 1, 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, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT:

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Schultz moved for approval of the May 18, 2017, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Alderman Schultz moved to open the meeting to the public, with a 3-minute limit, as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: To discuss the allocation of \$29,500 from the Community Development Block Grant fund.

Alderman Schultz made a motion to open up the Public Hearing to hear comments regarding the St. Louis 2018 Community Block Grant funds (CDBG); seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carried unanimously. The Public Hearing Handout was available to those in attendance. The Mayor asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on this subject only.

MARCIE GOODEN, 94XX DUENKE DRIVE: When she asked for an explanation of what the Community Development Block Grant is all about, Mayor Doerr explained the process.

MOLLIE THOMAS, 96XX DURHAM DRIVE: Questioned why residents are not able to submit an application. She was told St. Louis County needs to go through the current applicants already on file. The City Attorney explained the program is administered by St. Louis County, and per the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, the Federal funds are used for rehabilitation of private properties for low-income residents.

Alderman Schultz made a motion, based on the Mayor's recommendation, to place \$29,500, from the Community Development Block Grant, into home improvements for the next year, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Schultz moved to close the Public Hearing and open it up to any other comments, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

MARCIE GOODEN, 94XX DUENKE DRIVE: She would like to see the old North County Journal Building, located on Lewis & Clark and Jennings Station Road, cleaned up.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: She understands State Statutes do not allow for a Budget Committee, but wondered why it was referenced in the Audit.

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

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the May 25, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Paro asked everyone to be careful now that the kids are out of school.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the May 15, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Schultz thanked the following for their help with the Bike Rodeo: Street Department, Rec Center, Police Department, Safetyville, and Sue Wilhelm, who helps maintain the bikes.

The Youth Fishing Experience will be held this Saturday; Family Golf Night is June 9th.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: The Board reviewed the May 9, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Fields reported they will be out on June 13th judging houses for the beautification awards. You still have time to call City Hall to nominate a home. Alderman Fields visited his Ward on May 21st; it was a great opportunity to meet the residents. He encouraged everyone to get involved with the Metro Adopt-A-Sign Program. He was told Mathews-Dickey will not be replacing the sign which they took down.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the May 16, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Merz said the gathering for the Solar Eclipse Event on August 21st is moving forward. Judy Mantych and Amy Mulholland are working together to find out more information.

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

- Mark told Alderwoman Dailes the Senior Bus will be picking up residents if they call and need a ride to the Solar Eclipse Event;
- The Conservation Fishing Program will supply fishing rods for the Youth Fishing Experience. They are working with the Youth Board to educate kids about fishing. Sign-ups are still ongoing.
- The weight equipment should be delivered in the next couple of weeks. They are getting the weight room cleaned up.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Schultz moved to pay invoices 1 through 17, dated May 22, 2017, in the amount of \$44,126.03, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF IHLER: Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- Since the street project has begun, the Chief advised everyone to pay attention to the street signs; cars will be towed.
- There is a candidate available for hire; he is hoping for three others.
- If you know of any kids interested in the Youth Summer Camp, contact Officer Owens.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the May, 2017, Collector's report. Dr. Mark Tranel stated income was down because the city did not receive the May distribution of capital improvement tax or the sales tax income.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:

- The Animal Clinic is this Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon;
- Discussions and meetings on the 2017-2018 budget are ongoing;
- The Riverview Gardens School District raised \$94,000 to install a new playground at Danforth School; congratulations to them.
- The street repair project has begun on the south side. He explained the process. He urged all residents to obey postings and parking signs.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN MERZ: No report given.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: No report given.

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: She sat on the committee to rename the Early Childhood Educational Center School located in the Riverview Gardens School district; names have been submitted for review. The theme of the 2018 Black History Event will be African Americans in Times of War. She is looking for residents who are Veterans of WWI and WWII.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: No report given.

ALDERMAN HERL: He graduated from the Citizens Police Academy. He highly recommended it to everyone.

ALDERMAN PARO: There was a discussion as to Danforth School and which Danforth it was named after. She believes the Scouts finally were able to deliver all of the Newsletters. If you didn't get one, give her a call. There will be an Electronic Recycling Event at Trinity Catholic High School, sponsored by The Spanish Lake Community Association in partnership with Midwest Recycling Center, on June 17th from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: He mentioned the recycling event will take lawn mowers as long as you take out the gasoline and oil.

CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel reported the Riverview Gardens Early Childhood Center, on the north side of St. Cyr, will be renamed. It is separate from Danforth School. Even though Riverview lost its accreditation, this Center never did.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Alderman Schultz moved to open the meeting to the public, with a 3-minute limit, as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: There was a discussion as to whether adults were allowed in the Conservation Fishing Program; they will get clarification from Mark Dickerson. She addressed Chief Ihler and stressed the importance of having a diverse police force. She understands how "tough" the Chief's job is. When asked, Chief Ihler said there are no current "excessive use of force" issues in Bellefontaine Neighbors. There was a

negative segment which aired on TV regarding the housing issues in the 63137 zip code; she would like the Board of Aldermen to have a discussion on this topic. Earlier she asked about the term "budget committee" and was told the city does not have one; she stated she did not like the City Attorney's answer. The City Attorney guided her to the Conservation website to answer her earlier questions about their fishing programs.

KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL AVENUE: She asked Alderwoman Dailes if she knew anything about the Buffalo Soldiers. The Buffalo Soldiers included two regiments of all-Black cavalries, the 9th and 10th cavalries, which were formed after Congress passed legislation in 1866 that allowed African-Americans to enlist in the country's regular peacetime military. Alderwoman Dailes said she was doing research.

MARQUITA HOWELL-CARTER, 96XX DURHAM DRIVE: She is a member of the Members Only 3B Outreach Ministries; she pointed out some of her members who were in attendance. She is trying to raise money and asked the Board for ideas. She is upset she cannot collect money on street corners, have a BBQ, or have a big yard sale at a location other than her house. They have purchased land and there are many problems with the property. She feels very frustrated. Some of the Board members suggested she do her homework and make sure she is able to do certain events beforehand; "Ordinances are passed for a reason". Alderwoman Dailes added her constituents like the peace and quiet in the neighborhood. Marquita thanked Mayor Doerr and Mark Dickerson for their help in the past.

Mayor Doerr said Ruler Foods will not allow BBQs on the parking lot until the shopping center is 100% filled. There are safety issues associated with collecting money on the street corners. She will talk with Chief Ihler about the Chaplain's Program.

MOLLIE THOMAS, 96XX DURHAM DRIVE: She asked again what they can do to raise money. Mayor Doerr said he would talk to Marquita privately.

MARCIE GOODEN, 94XX DUENKE DRIVE: She said the last Buffalo Soldier died in 2016. She asked if the Nuisance Ordinance was proceeding. A discussion ensued.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: She, too, wanted to know about the Nuisance Ordinance; she addressed Mayor Doerr and the City Attorney. Another discussion continued. It was mentioned the City of Maplewood, which has the Ordinance, has two lawsuits pending.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deni Donovan
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on *June 15, 2017*