

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
July 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, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT:

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Schultz moved for approval of the June 15, 2017, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Merz, with the correction in Alderman Jordan’s report; it should read “Fontaine Place was the first street **completed**”. 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.

Alderman Schultz made a motion to open the meeting to the first Public Hearing, only, to amend Section 29-97, Article XVI of the City Code which would bring the City Code in line with the current FCC regulations regarding wireless telecommunications facilities, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried.

WANDA LANE, 49XX MARTINGALE ROAD: She asked for an explanation of the amendment. The City Attorney explained this would allow revisions regarding wireless telecommunications to conform to State law.

The Mayor asked if anyone else wished to speak on this subject only. Alderman Schultz made a motion to close the first Public Hearing and open up the second Public Hearing to amend Section 29-96, Article XVI of the City Code which would eliminate the need for a Conditional Use Permit for churches and houses of religious worship; seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak on this subject only. Alderman Schultz made a motion to close the second Public Hearing and open it up to any other comments, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried.

ANTHONY SMITH, 12XX KIMBALL COURT: Mr. Smith is the Chapter President for the Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals (VAREP), which is an organization dedicated to increasing sustainable homeownership, financial-literacy education, VA loan awareness, and economic opportunity for the active-military and veteran communities. He

brought information regarding home giveaways to approximately 18-20 families along with the application.

SHARON BURKS, 10XX FONTAINE PLACE: She was upset with the street repairs and how long it has taken. There was a discussion on signage and proper notification. Alderman Jordan explained the process of milling, overlay, and asphaltting. He said if anyone has any concerns or questions to please call him.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: She discussed the following: proposed salary presented by Chief Ihler; starting salaries vs. other cities; Chief Ihler's draft proposal; and the definition of the Budget Director.

DOREEN NOTICE, 93XX NELAN: Concerned about mistakes in pricing when she goes shopping.

REMOND SMITH, 92XX BELLEFONTAINE ROAD: Would like to see more police presence in the area especially near Fontaine Place. He is concerned about the excessive truck traffic and speeders. Discussion on the "No Truck" signage.

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 Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the June 22, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Paro said the Commission discussed putting up "No Fireworks" signs next year around the neighborhood. Chief Ihler suggested the City host a City event on July 4th with a strong informational campaign; he did not think signs would be a deterrent.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the June 19, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reminded everyone about the Youth Pool Party on July 15th.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: The Board reviewed the June 13, 2017, Minutes. That evening the Board judged homes for the beautification awards; Alderman Fields congratulated all of the winners. He recently did some block inspections. He reminded all about the Beautification Action Day this Saturday; meet behind City Hall at 8:30 a.m.

PARK BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the June 20, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Merz talked about the importance of Board approval regarding Resolution 2017-2 which will give the City permission to move forward to apply to the Municipal Parks Grant Program to renovate Bissell Hills Park.

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

- Explained the process of the Municipal Park Grant which will be due in August;
- The weight room equipment has been set up – the residents seem to love it!
- The swim team is undefeated – they are doing a fantastic job!
- The Fall/Winter brochures will be delivered in August; and
- Alderman Paro was concerned about landscaping at Bissell Hills Park and being able to see everything in the park. Mark said the City would be in charge of that.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Schultz moved to pay invoices 1 through 11, dated June 23-29, 2017, in the amount of \$30,477.93, seconded by Alderman Herl. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF IHLER: Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- Sgt. Rehg is retiring after twenty years with Bellefontaine Neighbors – a luncheon will be planned;
- Another Police Department employee will be transferring soon;
- A few hires and potential hires will be upcoming;
- Thanks to Officer Pedroli for his efforts in catching a suspect who was connected to an earlier shooting incident; and
- Thanks to the Officers and Det/Lt Applegate for their participation in the capture by the Illinois Highway patrol of the U.S. Bank robber.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the June, 2017, Collector's report.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2017-2 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MERZ

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE CITY TO APPLY TO THE MUNICIPAL PARKS GRANT PROGRAM TO RENOVATE BISSELL HILLS PARK.

Alderman Merz made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-2, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2017-3 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN PARO

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS BOARD OF ALDERMEN TO ADJUST POLICE COMPENSATION UPON RECEIPT OF APPROVED FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS.

Alderman Paro made a motion to table Resolution 2017-3, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

BILL NO. 2481 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SCHULTZ

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI.

Alderman Schultz read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading only of Bill No. 2481 and place on the July 20, 2017, Agenda, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion passed unanimously.

BILL NO. 2482 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SCHULTZ

AN ORDINANCE SUPERSEDING AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 2286 OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES OF SAID CITY IN CONFLICT HERewith, ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS OF SAID CITY.

Alderman Schultz read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading only of Bill No. 2482 and place on the July 20, 2017, Agenda, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion passed unanimously.

BILL NO. 2483 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SCHULTZ

AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE PAY PLAN AND COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, AND REPEALING OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Alderman Schultz read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading only of Bill No. 2483 and place on the July 20, 2017, Agenda, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion passed unanimously.

BILL NO. 2484 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A REVISED SECTION 29-97 OF ARTICLE XVI OF CHAPTER 29 OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2484 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Herl. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Merz then read Bill No. 2484 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 Herl. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Herl, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; and Alderman Schultz; yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2484, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2397 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2485 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A REVISED SECTION 29-96 OF ARTICLE XVI OF CHAPTER 29 OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO HOUSES OF WORSHIP.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2485 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Merz then read Bill No. 2485 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 Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Herl, yes; and Alderwoman Dailes; yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2485, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2398 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:

- The budget was delayed for various reasons;

- Key points of the budget were: 2% raise for the employees; including a City Administrator's salary of \$40,000 the first (6) months of 2018; and medical insurance may go up so it was set at an increase of 5%;
- U.S. Bank was robbed last Saturday – the suspect is in custody thanks to the Police Officers and the witnesses;
- Aldi is set to reopen July 10th;
- The fireworks were once again out of hand;
- He spoke at the Boys and Girls Club;
- He attended a "meet and greet", June 30th, with other Mayors, including James (Kansas City) and Krewson (St. Louis City); and
- He reminded everyone again about the Beautification Action Day this Saturday.

The Mayor asked for Board approval for Deni Donovan, City Clerk, to attend the required MIRMA Annual Conference July 25-28 in Branson. Alderman Paro made a motion to approve the conference, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr read a brief bio from Sheila Nicholson. He is recommending her to fill the open seat on the Human Relations Commission. Per the Mayor's recommendation, Alderman Herl made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Doerr will schedule a meeting with the Commission to discuss training and the upcoming Annual Diversity Meeting.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: She will facilitate a Town Hall Meeting at the St. Louis County Library featuring Representative Tommie Pierson, Jr this Saturday. She will be working on a Back-To-School Event for college students; help is appreciated. She would like resident feedback on the possible hiring of a City Administrator.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: He has been working with Alderman Schultz on the possible hiring of a City Administrator. They are only at the stage of developing the duties and responsibilities; a strategic plan; and how to recruit.

ALDERMAN HERL: Nothing to report.

ALDERMAN PARO: The street repairs seem to be going really well; the workers have been very helpful. There was a discussion about the street sweeper. She is asking for a little more tolerance and patience from the residents. There was a discussion about the placement of the "No Trucks" signs.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Alderman Schultz said the Board is still soliciting comments on the possible hiring of a City Administrator. Thanks and welcome to Sheila Nicholson. And thanks to the Police Department for their hard work.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Welcome to Sheila. He asked Chief Ihler to look into an abandoned car on the Bissell Hills Parking lot which has been there a while. Also, he asked for the Police to be on the lookout for a red Mustang and motorcycle which have been speeding around the Maraldo area.

The following bids were given to the Board of Aldermen by the City Clerk to purchase (2) copy machines: (1) in the Reception area and (1) in the Building Department:

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| 1) Copying Concepts | | |
| \$4,857.30 (Reception) | | \$4,137.70 (Building) |
| \$.0052/click | | |
| TOTAL: | \$8,995.00 | |
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| 2) Ricoh: | | |
| \$5,261.33 (Reception) | | \$3,327.20 (Building) |
| \$.0049/click | | |
| TOTAL: | \$8,588.53 | |
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| 3) Americom | | |
| \$7,422.04 (Reception) | | \$5,530.64 (Building) |
| \$.0006/click | | |
| TOTAL: | \$12,952.68 | |

Deni, City Clerk, made a recommendation to purchase the copiers from Copying Concepts. Although their bid came in slightly higher, the City has a long relationship with them and knows their service is beyond compare.

Based on the City Clerk's recommendation, Alderman Merz made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion passed unanimously.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: The fireworks were loud, but he noted not the sound of gunshots. He thanked everyone who serves on the City's Boards and Commissions. Thank you to all those in attendance tonight. He gave an update on the street repairs which are also on the City's website. Again, he encouraged all to call him with any questions or concerns.

CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel reported this is a very busy time for the upcoming Riverview Gardens school year. There are asbestos issues in some of the buildings. Mayor Doerr was happy to announce the hiring of Solana Garner as the new Chief of Security at Riverview.

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.

Mayor Doerr asked if 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 9:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deni Donovan
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on July 20, 2017