

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
August 3, 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 Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Herl, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT: City Collector Dr. Mark Tranel

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Schultz moved for approval of the July 20, 2017, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Merz. 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 Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL AVENUE: Reported a clogged sewer at Addison and Ashbrook. Thanks to Neighborhood Watch for the more detailed crime report.

PEG WARNUSZ, 100XX CRETE DRIVE: Reported a “wire” issue in a yard at Crete and Chambers. She has not heard any more early morning trash pick-ups behind the Bissell Hills Shopping Center.

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 Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the July 27, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Paro spoke about the “Drive Like Your Kids Play Here Signs”; the Commission would like to see them on the entrances to all the subdivisions. They enjoyed their conversation with Cpl. Laumeier and the new Officer, Brian Rayford.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the July 17, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reminded everyone Family Golf Night is August 11th. They will host another Hoops Madness next year.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: The Board reviewed the July 11, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Fields reminded everyone about the Metro Adopt-A-Stop Program. They are looking into pricing for signs to put on the lawns of the summer beautification winners. The winners will be recognized at the September 21st Town Hall Meeting. The Board is reviewing I&B applications given to them by the Mayor. They are always looking for residents who go above and beyond to keep the City looking nice.

PARK BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the July 18, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Merz reported Judy Mantych and Amy Mulholland are working on the Solar Eclipse Bash.

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

- He is still working on the Municipal Grant application for Bissell Hills Park;
- He will be going out for pricing for heating and cooling issues;
- They are still working on the Fall/Winter brochure;
- The swim team had a wonderful year – the 40th year is next year; and
- All are invited to the BBQ Dinner on August 29th.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Schultz moved to pay invoices 1 through 22, dated June 23-29, 2017, in the amount of \$39,615.72, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Fields questioned the Boy Scout Troop getting \$600; that was for the delivery of the May, 2017, Newsletter.

CHIEF IHLER: Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- More testing and interviewing, for Police openings, will be upcoming;
- In the process of preparing a Strategic Plan to present at the Town Hall Meeting in September;
- The “Drive Like Your Kids Play Here” signs have been ordered and will be given out by the Officers;
- Chief Ihler mentioned a new program called COPS (Community Oriented Problem Solving) which the department will start utilizing;
- He will apply for a \$10,000 grant to be used for either a speed trailer or a traffic monitoring system;
- He has been nominated to serve as Treasurer for the MO Police Chiefs Association and to Chair on the technology committee;
- The body camera grant has been submitted, but he won’t find out until October; and
- Staffing issues should balance itself out in October.

CITY ATTORNEY: At this time, Alderman Schultz made a motion to have a closed meeting regarding legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City’s Representatives and its Attorney per Sec. 610.021(1), seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2017-4 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN PARO

ETHICS RESOLUTION

Alderman Paro explained this Resolution concerns the Code of Ethics which provides for the disclosure of potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain officials of the city; this needs approval, by the Board, on odd years although it has always been recommended by the City Attorney to do every year.

Alderman Paro made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:

- Plans to change the boundary lines regarding the closed Dennys building, located in Moline Acres and Bellefontaine Neighbors, have been submitted to the boundary commission by Moline Acres. In exchange for giving the whole building to Moline, Bellefontaine will get three (3) homes; and
- Mayor Doerr gave an update on the street repair project.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN FIELDS: In response to a comment made last Board Meeting about why he voted no on the budget and pay raises, Alderman Fields said he supported pay raises although he was not in full agreement with the entire budget. He commented on the Department Heads, their job descriptions, and their salaries.

ALDERMAN HERL: No report.

ALDERMAN PARO: The Newsletter is ready to go; comments made about the delivery options. She doesn't have any problems with the street repair project except the dust. Commented on the potholes in the Bissell Hills Shopping Center. Reminded everyone about the BBQ Dinner at the Rec Center on August 29th. A resident is having big problems with the high school kids cutting through his yard. Alderman Paro will write letters to the RGSD, Chief Ihler and the Mayor. True Redemption Center Community Outreach will host an event on August 13 from 12-4 p.m. at 1229 Shepley Drive. They will be offering free haircuts and manicures for boys and girls along with giving out free school supplies.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Congratulations to the swim team!

ALDERMAN MERZ: No report given.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: No report given.

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: The college backpack giveaway did not go well. There will be a Back-To-School event August 12th at 9300 Lewis & Clark. In response to why she voted no on the budget and pay raises last Board Meeting, she said there needs to be more dialogue and understanding.

At this time, Mayor Doerr made an additional comment to be added to his report as follows:
The Mayor commented strongly on the negative and untrue comments made on the Nextdoor site.

CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel was absent.

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.

PEG WARNUSZ, 100XX CRETE DRIVE: She explained she is a “lead” on Nextdoor. What this means is when someone thinks a comment is inappropriate, the reader should flag it and her job is to review the comments and make the necessary decisions.

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 Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Schultz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into the Closed Session, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on August 17, 2017