

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 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 Fields. Motion carried unanimously

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Schultz moved for approval of the August 17, 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, as long as the Mayor deems necessary, with a 3-minute time limit, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

BARBARA WEST, 97XX CALUMET DRIVE: Update and discussion on the Annual Kwanzaa event being held on December 30th from 2:00-6:00 p.m. She will need approval for funds requested for the event.

KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL AVENUE: She attended the Kwanzaa event last year and said it was “very cool”.

MR. ERIK FROEHLICH (Vice President) AND DAVID GANNON (Sr. Acct. Executive) WITH AMERESCO: They introduced themselves and explained their company may be able to upgrade the City’s infrastructure, use their resources to make improvements, and cut long-term operating costs. To gain access at no cost, the City will need to sign a Memorandum of Understanding.

Alderman Paro made a motion for the City to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Ameresco, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr asked if else anyone wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Schultz moved to close the meeting to the public and open up comments for the for the Public Hearing only, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: To hear public comments to rezone the property located at 10636 Bellefontaine Road to a C-2 and subdivide the property for commercial use.

At this time, Mayor Doerr explained the project is on hold for right now, although the public may make comments on these issues.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: She was a little confused about the issue so there was a discussion on C-2 zoning and the property located at 10636 Bellefontaine Road.

PAT MCNAMARA-SMITH, 9XX COACH N SIX: She is very concerned about the rezoning issues and what it may do regarding traffic in the area. If the rezoning was approved, it may make it easier for other non-profit organizations to obtain rezoning.

GINA SHARPLEY, 9X GREEN ACRES: Does not want a commercial site at this location.

TOMMIE PIERSON, 12XX SHEPLEY DRIVE: He wanted confirmation he understood the issues.

ALICIA SMITH, 94XX DUENKE DRIVE: She is happy the Family Dollar closed on Lewis and Clark Blvd.; the business operated behind her property and she didn't like it.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone else wished to address the Board on these issues only. 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 August 24, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Paro enjoyed the Public Safety Meeting. They would like if the police were more aggressive on the panhandlers at the Ruler grocery store. There was a discussion about some of the residents who are parking their cars on their lawn due to the street repairs. Chief Ihler said the police will follow up when the project is done. Alderman Paro reminded everyone National Night Out is scheduled for October 3rd.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the August 21, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported Family Golf Night was a success. The Commission will be helping the Rec Center host the annual Fright Family Fun Night on October 20th.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: The Board reviewed the August 8, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Fields reported Beautification Clean-Up Day will be September 30th. Alderman Merz volunteered to BBQ (he also volunteered Lefty to help!). Alderman Fields gave an update on future projects the Board is working on. He encouraged all to take part in Metro Adopt-A-Stop. The Board would like to partner with the Summer Youth Camp next year.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the August 15, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Merz reported the Solar Eclipse event was a big success. The Wine and Beer Social is scheduled for October 14th.

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

- Mark has turned in the Grant Application for Bissell Hills Park;
- Over 100 people showed up for the Solar Eclipse event;
- The BBQ Dinner was a nice event;
- Fall registration is ongoing;
- The outdoor pool is closed; and
- The indoor pool is up and running after some maintenance issues were done.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Schultz moved to pay invoices 1 through 18, dated August 28-31, 2017, in the amount of \$67,441.81, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF IHLER: Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- Call Officer Owens if you are able to host on National Night Out;
- The police department is actively recruiting;
- Item #38751 on the Invoices Over \$500 was a MAACO bill for \$1,555.00. This is part of the payment to recondition the entire fleet of police cars;
- The following items were requested by Chief Ihler to be paid out of drug forfeiture funds – a total of \$7,735.67:
 - Rifle plate carrier accessories (10 sets) \$1,863.70
 - Security door lock replacements \$1,871.97
 - (2) 40' storage trailers \$4,000.00

TOTAL **\$7,735.67**

Alderman Schultz made a motion to approve the purchases from the drug forfeiture fund in the amount of \$7,735.67, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY: Mr. Kevin O'Keefe gave an explanation regarding the Ameren Class Action Suit in which the City is a part. The City's proposed settlement is approximately \$35,000. The claim is Ameren has been underreporting the gross receipts to which their tax is applied. The City's options are 1) Do nothing; 2) Object to the settlement; or 3) Opt out. A discussion ensued and it was decided to do nothing. The settlement should happen at the end of the year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2488 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN PARO

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Alderman Paro read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2488 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Paro then read Bill No. 2488 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 Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows: Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderman Herl, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; and Alderman Jordan, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2488, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2404 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issue:

- The Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rec Center. All are welcomed.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN FIELDS: The Solar Eclipse event was a good time. He thanked Mayor Doerr for his help with the Mo-DOT clean up. He would like to invite a representative from the Missouri Assessor's office to speak to the Board; date to be determined.

ALDERMAN HERL: No report was given.

ALDERMAN PARO: Congratulations to Abby Herl who was voted the Missouri State Teen Volunteer of the Year. St. Louis County is developing a Park Master Plan to guide the next 20 years of development in the park system. An Open House will be held at the North County Recreation Complex on September 14th from 5-8 p.m. Thinking of those in Florida and Texas due to the hurricanes. The Solar Eclipse event and the BBQ Dinner were very nice. The Halloween Dinner is October 17th.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Thanks to all who attended the public forum to discuss information about a possible City Administrator. And thanks for all the rezoning comments tonight.

ALDERMAN MERZ: No report was given.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: He said the street repair project is going along very well. Thanks to all those who made comments this evening.

Alderman Jordan made a motion for the Board of Aldermen, along with Chief Ihler, to go into a closed session to discuss personnel issues and consult with the City Attorney, seconded by Alderman Schultz. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderman Herl, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; and Alderman Fields, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: Her heart goes out to all those in Houston. Bebe the Clown will be at the Lewis & Clark Library on September 14th. Riverview Gardens High School Homecoming parade will be September 30th. Due to the new fire district's ISO rating of 3, you may want to contact your insurance company.

CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel said the Open House for the St. Louis County Master Plan affects the residents since there are (2) St. Louis County Parks in BN. Due to some sort of debacle with the State Board of Education, they are not able to see some of the necessary numbers for testing; RGSD's accreditation is undecided.

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

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: Ms. Lane does not feel the City needs to "settle" when trying to bring businesses into Bellefontaine Neighbors.

TOMMIE PIERSON, 12XX SHEPLEY DRIVE: Relayed a story about when he was involved in a lawsuit. He said the C-2 zoning issues should be left up to the City Attorney.

PAT MCNAMARA-SMITH, 9XX COACH N SIX: When asked, Chief Ihler explained the storage trailers he will be ordering are very safe and secure.

MARCIE GOODEN, 94XX DUENKE DRIVE: The City Attorney said there is no update on the nuisance ordinance. She had concerns about drivers having expired license plates; putting in speed bumps to deter speeders; dead animals on the street; and residents parking on their lawn. She would like the police to enforce these violations.

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 and go into a closed session, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on September 21, 2017