

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 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, City Collector Dr. Mark Tranel, Chief of Police Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT: Alderman Herl

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 October 5, 2017, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, amended to reflect the absence of Aldermen Paro and Fields, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MARTIN GHAFoori, STIFEL: He gave an overview and explanation regarding refinancing the 2009 bonds and saving the City over \$300,000; it was a highly successful sale.

JENNI BROOKS, GILMORE BELL: Jenni explained Gilmore Bell is the Bond Counsel looking out for the best interests of the City during the refinancing of the 2009 Bonds.

RILEY SHANTZ, REPRESENTATIVE FOR HOUSING PLUS: He requested Board support for the Housing Plus Project which will be built next to Hope Church. Housing Plus is a Missouri based affordable housing development company specializing in tax credit financed single-family and multi-family development with supportive services.

BRIAN KOWERT, CEO FOR HBD CONSTRUCTION: HBD is a General Contracting Company. Mr. Kowert stated HBD has been in the business, locally, for the past 95 years. The project will be union built. Questions regarding percentages of minority contractors, outside amenities for the residents, income requirements, and management were discussed.

BARBARA WEST, 97XX CALUMET DRIVE: She made sure Alderman Paro received the email she sent regarding the Kwanzaa Event. She will talk to Chief Ihler after the meeting about some trouble she is having with kids playing football in front of her house.

MILDRED PERRY, 93XX DUENKE: She is upset about the barrier which was put on the property located at 9308 Lewis & Clark Blvd; she feels it is very unsightly.

Also, she would appreciate it if Officers, driving by when she is out walking, would either stop and say hello or give a wave.

WILLIE ROBERSON, 14XX HAVILAND DRIVE: He was upset with the poor showing for the Annual Diversity Meeting which was held last Wednesday. Mayor Doerr thanked Willie and the rest of the Human Relations Commission for all their hard work.

KAREN JONES, 12XX NEWARK DRIVE: She is, also, upset with the barrier at Lewis & Clark Blvd.

BARBARA WEST, 97XX CALUMET DRIVE: Discussion continued as to what can be done to update and/or change the Code pertaining to fencing and barricades.

ALICIA SMITH, 94XX DUENKE DRIVE: She is upset with the bright lights from the Dollar General opening soon on Lewis & Clark Blvd. Mayor Doerr will reach out to the Jennings Mayor to discuss.

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Due to audit, there is no Treasurer's report this month. City Treasurer, Bill Krenn, updated the Board on the 2017 Bond Issue figures. He thanked Martin and Jenni for all their hard work and savings to the city regarding the refinancing of the 2009 Bonds. Lastly, he has dealt with HBD Construction in the past and said they are a wonderful company to work with.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Schultz moved to pay invoices 1 and 2, dated October 10-17, 2017, in the amount of \$6,020.30, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the August & September, 2017, Collector's reports. Dr. Tranel said the City is a little behind compared to last year due to utility taxes.

PLANNING & ZONING: The Board reviewed the September 11, 2017 and October 9, 2017, Minutes. Chairman Bob Stolte reported on the meeting with Housing Plus. They did request a Letter of Support from the Board of Aldermen at the P&Z Meeting. He feels this project may keep some of the residents in the neighborhood if they want to downsize. Mayor Doerr stated raising the population is vital to the City; the Census needs to be accurate. A discussion ensued regarding rezoning issues.

Alderman Jordan made a motion for the City to prepare a Letter of Support for the Housing Plus project, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Alderwoman Dailes opposed. Motion carried.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: The Board reviewed the August & September, 2017, reports. Joe Raben reported on the following issues:

- Inspections and sewer lateral projects are up;
- McBride & Sons is busy in Harbor Landings;
- Mr. Raben explained St. Louis County is holding up the demo on Hoyt Drive due to a house fire; and
- Mr. Raben suggested updating the guidelines for board-ups. The City Attorney remarked sometimes the board-ups are kept up longer due to insurance issues.

CITY ENGINEER: The Board reviewed the August & September, 2017, reports. Mr. Lum reported on the following:

- Reviewing Harbor Landing plans;
- Mr. Lum gave a lengthy explanation of what constitutes a PDF and referred to Sections of the Code 29-58 through 29-60. He, also, delved into the fencing issue section of the Code. He emphasized the process needs to be followed.

CHIEF OF POLICE: The Board reviewed the August & September, 2017, Police reports. Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- Aldermen Jordan and Dailes questioned self-initiated calls for service and moving violations;
- He sent a draft of the Strategic Plan to the Board of Aldermen for their review;
- A grant for body cameras has been approved in the amount of \$435,000 to be divided between (10) Police Departments. The cameras should be in use sometime next summer;
- He will be meeting with a representative from MU Extension to discuss opportunities for the City;
- He was on a Best Practices committee to make sure all departments reach their certification and have the same policies in place;
- He asked for Board approval to purchase shelving to be used in the trailers outside at a cost of \$576.18. He and the Mayor will meet with Wirecraft to see if they can get a better deal. Alderman Schultz made a motion to approve the shelving purchase for \$576.18 unless they get a better deal at Wirecraft, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.
- He asked for Board approval to attend the Missouri Police Chief's Conference December 5-8, 2017. Alderman Schultz made a motion to approve Chief Ihler's request to attend the Conference, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2492 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2017A, OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI; PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AS THEY BECOME DUE; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2492 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2492 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 Paro, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; and Alderwoman Dailes; yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2492, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2408 when and if signed by the Mayor.

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

- There was a water main break at the Rec Center last week – the cost was \$5,800;
- The repairs to the high arm cost \$1,320;
- The Diversity Meeting, chaired by the Human Relations Commission last night, had a low attendance; it was disappointing. Mayor Doerr thanked the Commission for all their hard work;
- Community Action Agency (CAASTL) is hosting their annual Home, Health, and Energy Resource Fair from 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on October 28th at the Rec Center;
- He will, also, be meeting with Mr. Janson with MU Extension on a different matter than the Chief's; and
- There will be a Housing Event at the Rec Center on November 21st. More information will be given at the next meeting.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: He thanked Jenni and Martin for all their help in saving the City money regarding the refinancing. Regarding an earlier comment, Alderman Schultz stated the City does take new businesses, coming into the City, seriously. He wanted to clarify his earlier statements about rezoning issues.

ALDERMAN MERZ: He will not be at the November 16th Board of Aldermen Meeting.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: The street project should be completed within the next four (4) weeks. He agreed the City's Code Book may need updating.

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: She thanked Jenni and Martin for saving the City money. She is sorry the Diversity Meeting did not go well. She explained she opposed the Letter of Support for Housing Plus because she would like more information.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: He thanked all those who helped with the City clean-up on September 30th. Thanks to Alderman Jordan for keeping the street project on track. The Assessor's Office has been in touch with him. Hopefully, a representative can speak to the Board possibly in January, 2018.

ALDERMAN PARO: The Newsletters should be delivered around November 11th. She understands there is a loitering issue at Klein Park, but she has not seen it. She stressed PD should be called right away if there are any problems. She attended the St. Louis County Park Improvement Open House. There was a good attendance from North County residents. Happy Halloween to all.

MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel reported the Riverview Gardens School District has some staffing issues they are trying to fix. There are approximately 5800 students currently enrolled.

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

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: Mayor Doerr explained the Human Relations Commission received training to be able to host the Diversity Meeting. The Code of Ordinance is updated regularly. She commented on zoning issues.

BOB RUSSELL, 13XX BELGROVE DRIVE: He gave an explanation as to the property lines of Hope Church.

BOB STOLTE, 11XX SIEBE DRIVE: Thanks to all the work done by the Human Relations Commission. Hopefully, they continue with their mission.

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 Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Schultz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Paro. 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 November 16, 2017