

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2018**

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY Acting Mayor Alderman Scott Schultz 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 Acting Mayor Schultz.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Attorney Kevin O’Keefe, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Herl, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderwoman Dailes; and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT: Mayor Robert J. Doerr, City Collector Dr. Mark Tranel

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Merz moved for approval of the December 7, 2017, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

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

BARBARA WEST, 97XX CALUMET DRIVE: Ms. West thanked all those who helped and attended the Annual Kwanzaa Event. She had questions regarding housing inspection issues. After a discussion about the various building codes and the changes, she was informed to contact the Building Department with her concerns.

KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL AVENUE: Kathy said she had a positive experience regarding taking out building permits.

Acting Mayor Schultz asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Merz 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 did not meet in December. There were no questions of the Commission.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board did not meet in December. There were no questions at this time.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: The Board did not meet in December. There were no questions.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: The Board did not meet in December; they reviewed the participation results.

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

- The city signed a contract to move forward with the park grant for Bissell Hills Park. The next step will be to hire an Architect;
- He invited all to attend the Maline Greenway Preview at the Lewis & Clark Library on January 18th from 5-7 p.m. Learn about the latest details regarding the first phase of construction of the Maline Greenway;
- Four (4) vehicles and a backhoe were sold on the Purple Wave Auction site – it was successful; and
- Alderman Fields thanked Mark and his crew for the wonderful job they did in setting up the gym for the Kwanzaa Event.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Merz moved to pay invoices 1 through 9, dated December 28, 2017, in the amount of \$38,317.32, seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF IHLER: Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- On behalf of PD, thanks to the Board of Aldermen for the passage of Prop P. They will be looking for more experienced officers. Interviews are ongoing;
- The two (2) officers shot on December 14th are recovering and doing well;
- All police cars are updated with rifle plate carriers;
- Discussion on various types of bullet-proof vests and when they are utilized; and
- Alderman Jordan emphasized the vests have always been worn by the BN officers contrary to a newspaper article in the Post, and the rifle plate carriers were approved before the shooting.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2018-01 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MERZ

ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A TITLE VI POLICY FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS.

Alderman Merz made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-01, seconded by Alderman Herl. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Doerr was excused. Acting Mayor Schultz reported the Kwanzaa Event was very entertaining and informational. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Kathy Mason for the knitted Christmas gift.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN HERL: No report given.

ALDERMAN PARO: Urged everyone to attend the Maline Greenway Preview. She thanked the Street Department and PD for all the work they were doing despite the freezing temperatures.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Thanked Kathy for his knitted gift. He wished Mike Welz a Happy Retirement.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: He thanked city staff for their hard work hosting the employee Christmas Party. Thanks to Alderman Fields and Barbara West for their hard work hosting the Kwanzaa Event.

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: She wished a Happy New Year to all. Thanks to those in attendance tonight. Thanks to Kathy for the gift. Thank you to Alderman Fields and Barbara West for hosting the Kwanzaa Event. She invited all to a Town Hall Meeting, sponsored by State Reps Alan Gray and Rochelle Walton Gray, scheduled for January 21st from 1-3 p.m. at Christ Our Redeemer Church. Topics to include changes in the tax code, guns laws, and voter ID issues.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: Happy New Year to all. Public forum dates for more discussion regarding a City Administrator will be announced soon. He would appreciate the Receptionist be kept "in the know" regarding when the street crew takes care of the streets during inclement weather. Thanked Barbara West for her work on the Kwanzaa Event; it was well received. Also, thanks to Mark and his team for setting up the event.

CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel was excused.

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Alderman Merz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deni Donovan
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on *January 18, 2018*