

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
March 1, 2018**

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 Herl, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderwoman Dailes, 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 February 15, 2018, 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 Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Mayor Doerr introduced Mary Oswald, the MU Extension representative from the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors.

MARY OSWALD, 96XX CUTLER DRIVE: Mary passed out information on the MU Extension Program and gave an overview of the continuing education courses offered. She invited all to the fundraising dinner on March 30th.

DR. SCOTT SPURGEON, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT: Dr. Spurgeon presented information on the upcoming Proposition R which will be on the April 3rd ballot. Prop R is a no-tax rate increase which is an agreement to keep taxes at or below the current rate. He said the money (\$11.7 million) would give "better opportunities for the Riverview school district facilities" of which most buildings are well over 50 years old. He introduced three others from the district who were also in attendance: Leata Price-Land (Director of Communications), Yvonne Green (Director of Facilities), and Pat Lanane (CFO). The Aldermen asked questions concerning security at the schools; if passed, the timeline for renovations; and the value of the expiring Bonds.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: Ms. Lane commented on the following topics: the placement of nonprofit signs; calling in about appliances, mattresses, etc...laying in yards; and residents being able to speak at the Public Safety Meetings.

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.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the February 22, 2018, Minutes. Alderman Paro was not able to attend the meeting, but she will bring the issue of having residents ask questions at the meeting back to the members. Chief Ihler presented information on body cameras at the Commission meeting. They will have to adhere to state laws regarding the release of videos to the public.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the February 19, 2018, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported a good attendance at the I ♥ Craft Night. They are very excited about the upcoming Hoops Madness event on March 10th; pre-registration is required. The Bike Rodeo is scheduled for May 12th on the City Hall parking lot.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: No meeting was held in February. The next scheduled meeting is March 13th. They will take part in MSD's Annual Trash Bash event; all are invited to participate. Meet at the Rec Center at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast; the clean-up begins at 9. There will be refreshments afterwards.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the February 20, 2018, Minutes. Alderman Merz reported the survey has begun at the Bissell Hills Park. The demo by city employees continues. The Spring Brochure will be mailed out soon. The Mayor's Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 21st.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR: Mark Dickerson was excused tonight as he was attending the Missouri Parks Conference.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Schultz moved to pay invoices 1 through 11, dated February 21-23, 2018, in the amount of \$29,763.12, seconded by Alderman Herl. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF IHLER: Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- An investigation into the murder-suicide on Hoyt is ongoing;
- The walkout by the Riverview Gardens high school students on February 27th was peaceful. Kudos to Mr. Warren Newton, head of security; and
- There are currently three conditional offers of employment – they should begin service by March 11th. There is one more position to fill.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2502 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SCHULTZ

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS CITY CODE AND PROVIDING FOR THE OFFICE OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR.

Due to more revisions needed, Alderman Schultz made a motion to Table Bill No. 2502 until the next meeting, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 2503 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MERZ

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE RECREATION BROCHURES FOR DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS.

Alderman Merz read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2503 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Merz then read Bill No. 2503 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 Merz; yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Herl, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; and Alderman Paro, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2503, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2417 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issue:

- Everyone is invited to Hoops Madness sponsored by the Youth Commission on March 10th – it was a big success last year;
- I&B is partnering with MSD to sponsor a Trash Bash to clean up the city on March 24th – volunteers are needed;
- MSD is hosting an informational meeting at the Rec Center on March 7th to discuss stormwater issues;
- The Easter decorations will be going up next week;
- To repeat, the high school kids at Riverview staged a peaceful walkout last Tuesday. Another walkout is planned for March 14th; and
- Happy March birthday to Aldermen Merz, Herl, Jordan, Dailes and resident Kathy Mason.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN PARO: She is tired of raising taxes; there needs to be a limit. Alderman Paro said there are a lot of interesting “going ons” in other cities. Everyone needs to complete the census paperwork honestly; everyone needs to be counted. The Newsletter is almost ready to be put on the website. She was sorry to hear about the passing of Keith English.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Thanks to Mary Oswald and Dr. Spurgeon and the representatives from the RGSD for their information. Again, don’t forget about Hoops Madness on March 10th for 10-15 year old kids.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Thanks to Mary and Dr. Spurgeon.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: No report given.

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: Thanks to Mary Oswald for the MU Extension information. There have been sewer backups with some of the residents. She encouraged everyone to make sure they have “backup sewer drain” insurance on their policy. It is smart to make a video of your entire home and contents and backup the video. It is important for the residents to be able to speak at all Board/Commission meetings. Some residents have told her they miss Ted Stocker as the Building Inspector.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: He wanted to know when the street department crew would be filling potholes; Mayor Doerr suggested he call City Hall with specific addresses.

ALDERMAN HERL: No report given.

CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel encouraged everyone to think of Prop R from the students' perspectives; they need to have a good learning environment.

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: Was looking for information on the Adopt-A-Stop Program.

KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL AVENUE: She was concerned about the City Clerk needing to make more copies, for the next meeting, of Bill No. 2502 which was tabled.

THERESA REED, 11XX AVANT DRIVE: Asked why the lower section of Cabot Drive was peeling. Alderman Jordan explained that section will be a part of the Ashbrook Project which will begin this summer. Currently, they are using temporary asphalt.

PEG WARNUSZ, 100XX CRETE DRIVE: She was told the city clean up areas would mostly be on the major fairways in the city.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on MARCH 15, 2018