

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 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 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 Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Schultz moved for approval of the March 1, 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, with a 3-minute time limit, as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carried unanimously.

CLARENCE WILSON, 12XX ST CYR ROAD: Concerned about housing issues with the house next door and what the house will be used for. Mayor Doerr will follow up with the homeowner.

JENNIE STEWART, 10XXX MARALDO PLACE: Very concerned about the housing issue on Bellefontaine Road where the shooting occurred. Mayor Doerr has discussed the issues with the City Attorney, Judge, and Prosecutor so the issues are being addressed. Mr. O'Keefe commented on the rights of property owners. Jennie invited all to the clean-up day on March 24th. The subject of Adopt-A-Street will be addressed at the next I&B Meeting.

BARBARA WEST, 97XX CALUMET DRIVE: Raised trash concerns regarding a house on Calumet; Mr. Raben, the Building Inspector, will investigate.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: Ms. Lane suggested putting in solar lights near the gazebo. She questioned Chief Ihler as to whether or not it matters if a homeowner agrees to press charges when a burglary has occurred in their home.

KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL AVENUE: Since there is a vacant home across the street, she asked Chief Ihler if the police could keep an eye on all vacant homes. Chief Ihler said they do the best they can, but it is difficult to track all of them.

THERESA REED, 11XX AVANT DRIVE: The City Clerk confirmed the Ameren pole which was lying on the ground at the 1100 block of Bakewell Drive, has been replaced. The neighbors near the Conoco station are complaining about a US Drop Box which has been placed near the

street; it is not being kept up. Mayor Doerr will check it out. Chief Ihler confirmed the department is now down only one (1) Officer. Ms. Reed is concerned about all of the vacancy issues.

TINA MINOR, 92XX HOPEDALE: She commented on the importance of the passage of Prop R.

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the July, 2017, through January, 2018, report. City Treasurer, Bill Krenn, gave an overview of the funds. He said the city is performing well within the budget.

Mayor Doerr asked about the AT&T Settlement (he misspoke; he was really referring to the Ameren settlement). Mr. Krenn said he thought the city received the funds; he will verify.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Schultz moved to pay invoices 1 through 8, dated March 8, 2018, in the amount of \$13,591.62, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the February, Collector's report. Dr. Tranel explained in his report, the funds from Prop P are listed under the category of "Public Safety Sales Tax" unlike the Treasurer's report. The figures are reported differently because his report is monthly opposed to the fiscal reporting of the Treasurer.

PLANNING & ZONING: The Board reviewed the March 12, 2018, Minutes. Chairman Bob Stolte reported on the following:

- Donna Pirkle, representing Roadside Trailer Services, requested the city terminate and release Easement DB 6838 PG454 in order to put in a rain garden in order to meet MSD's requirements. Chairman Stolte explained the easement was used to get to the Jamestown Racquetball facility which is no longer in existence. He asked the Board of Aldermen for approval to move forward and have the City Attorney prepare an Ordinance to vacate the city's easement at 1188 Pershall Road. Alderman Merz made a motion for an Ordinance to be prepared for Board approval to vacate the easement, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.
- A Letter of Intent was submitted by Mr. Marc Kootman of Trimarc Metals located at 630 St Cyr Road. He would like to move his business to a larger facility at 665 St Cyr. Inspections will need to be done.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: The Board reviewed the February, 2018, report. Joe Raben reported on the following issues:

- Inspections and reinspections continue;
- McBride is moving very quickly at Harbor Landings;
- The house fire on Hoyt should be demolished soon – due to insurance issues, this has been delayed for a while; and
- Reliable Automotive, located at 10708 Lilac Avenue, is finalizing their business license – they will open soon.

The Aldermen questioned some housing issues on Amaral Circle and Duenke; the Building Inspector will address these issues.

CITY ENGINEER: The Board reviewed the February, 2018, report. Mr. Lum reported on the following issues he has addressed:

- Approving housing permits at Harbor Landings;
- Approving the electronic sign going up at Bob Russell Park (Mathews-Dickey);
- He is working with the City Attorney regarding M-2 District issues; and
- He is addressing parking issues at Roadside Trailer Services.

CHIEF OF POLICE: The Board reviewed the February, Police Report. Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- The Bissell Hills Shopping Center issues are being addressed;
- Regarding vacant properties, if you see something that isn't right, be aware and call the police if necessary;
- The walkout at the Riverview Gardens High School (RGHS) was very short and peaceful. There may be another walkout in April. The communication between the police and the Riverview Gardens Director of Security is great;
- He is still working on Department Policy regarding body cameras although the policy passed the first time around. He will continue working with the Public Safety Commission; and
- He has a couple of conferences coming up. The first one is The National Conference which will be March 26-28 in Washington D.C. It is totally paid for by a grant. He asked for Board approval to attend. Alderman Paro made a motion to approve the Chief's attendance at the conference, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carries unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2502 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SCHULTZ

Alderman Schultz made a motion to amend Bill No. 2502 by the text of Bill No. 2502.1, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Alderman Schultz read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2502.1, as amended, and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Schultz then read Bill No. 2502.1 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 Schultz, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; and Alderman Jordan, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2502.1, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2418 when and if signed by the Mayor.

Mayor Doerr said the dedication of Aldermen Fields and Schultz in working on the City Administrator issue is greatly appreciated.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

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

- Reminded everyone to vote on April 3rd;
- Walking paths and trails updates by Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) have begun at Bella Fontaine Park;
- MSD hosted a public forum to discuss Project Clear and the possible fee increase which will be on the April 19, 2019, ballot. If passed, the increase would be in effect on January, 2020;
- Chain of Rocks Drive should be open by this June. The Project will take about 18 months to complete.
- All are invited to the annual Memorial Day Celebration at the Veterans Home on May 28th;
- He met with representatives from Mathews-Dickey to discuss a new electronic sign and a new building being installed at the park;
- He attended a meeting with MSD to discuss their project on Coburg Lands, from Chambers to Avant. The project will begin in 2021 and should be done in 2022; and
- The City Clean Up Day is March 24th – all are invited.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Thanks to all those who helped with putting together the City Administrator Ordinance. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

ALDERMAN MERZ: No report given.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: He suggested the high school kids paint the board ups at the unsightly house on Bellefontaine Road; Dr. Tranel will follow up. He stated he is a big supporter of hiring a City Administrator. He reminded everyone the importance of the passage of Prop R.

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: She was proud of the high school kids for walking out to recognize gun violence. She reminded everyone to vote. She knows of a teacher who would like to join the Youth Commission. Mayor Doerr was not sure there was a vacancy, but she needs to complete the Application which is on the city's website. It is important that everyone clean up around their home.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: He reported potholes on Edgewater, Edna, and Newby. Volunteers are needed for the March 24th clean-up day. The City Administrator work was a good experience and a group effort. Thanks again to Kenneth Wilkins, John Kulla-Branz, and Marcie Gooden for their input.

ALDERMAN PARO: The passage of the City Administrator Ordinance is only the first step. She is not entirely convinced this is a good idea. She thinks solar lights along the path at Klein Park would be nice. She is not in favor of Donation Boxes. She would like input from the residents as to what other businesses that would not like to see in the city. She has a newfound respect for St. Patrick's Day.

MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel encouraged everyone to support Prop R and vote. The Special Administrative Board (SAB) established a memorandum of understanding to open a health clinic at the school.

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 Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

PEG WARNUSZ, 10XXX CRETE: She asked about the conference Mayor Doerr had with Kroger. She is very upset about the shoplifting going on at Family Dollar. She feels they are a nuisance and are not being "good neighbors". A security guard is greatly needed.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: She suggested Kroger build a fence to deter shoplifters from jumping into the neighboring homes when running away with merchandise.

TINA MINOR, 92XX HOPEDALE DRIVE: She is surprised at the hours of operation at Family Dollar – 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

THERESA REED, 11XX AVANT DRIVE: Commented on the fencing issue.

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.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on April 5, 2018