

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
May 3, 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, Alderwoman West, Alderwoman Reed, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Christian, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.

ABSENT: Alderman Herl

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Alderman Jordan moved for the approval of the Agenda, seconded by Alderwoman West. Motion carried unanimously

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderwoman Avant-Elliott moved for approval of the April 19, 2018, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, with the following amendment: Alderwomen Dailes and Avant-Elliott voted no to the motion to contract with Horner & Shifrin for construction engineering for the salt shed. Motion still carried. Seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Alderman Jordan 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.

At this time, City Clerk, Deni Donovan, swore in the newly elected officials again. Even though they were officially sworn in at the April 19, 2018, Board of Aldermen Meeting, some of their family members and friends were not in attendance. The following were sworn in: Alderwoman Barbara West, Alderwoman Theresa Reed, Alderman Jim Christian, and Alderwoman Miranda Avant-Elliott.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Jordan moved to bring the meeting back to the Board, seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the March 22, 2018, Minutes; there was no a quorum.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the April 16, 2018, Minutes. There is no Aldermanic Rep. Alderwoman Reed said the Commission discussed upcoming events.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: The Board reviewed the April 10, 2018, Minutes. There is no Aldermanic Rep. Mayor Doerr said the city cleanup day went very well.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the April 17, 2018, Minutes.

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

- SWT discussed the timeline for the project at Bissell Hills Park. They will return to the Park Board for a final approval.
- The summer brochures should be mailed the week of May 14th;
- There are a few more maintenance issues with the indoor pool; and
- Mark clarified the replacement of the sidewalks being done by the Park Project vs. the Ashbrook Street Project.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Jordan made a motion to pay invoices 1-4, dated April 1-26, 2018, in the amount of \$8,296.19, seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderwoman West had questions regarding some invoices, but not any regarding Over \$500.

CHIEF IHLER: Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- They will be hiring one more officer who should be ready in a few weeks.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2506 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH HORNER & SHIFRIN, INC. FOR STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2506 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2506 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 Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows: Alderman Jordan; yes; Alderman Christian, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, no; Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, no; Alderwoman West, yes; Alderwoman Reed, yes; and Alderman Merz, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2506, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2421 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issue:

- He was the guest speaker at the Annual Veterans Home Volunteer Luncheon; he met Theresia Metz, the new Administrator.
- Everyone is invited to the Memorial Day Celebration on May 28th at the Veterans Home – due to construction, it will be held in the back of the building;
- On April 25th, he attended the Annual Police Prayer Breakfast – it was very emotional;
- Beautification Day was very well attended – there were about (35) volunteers. I&B could really use more members.
- At the last Metro Municipal League Meeting, Police Best Practices were adopted;
- The Annual Bike Rodeo will be this Saturday, May 5th at City Hall; and

- Due to the newly elected officials attending a workshop on June 7th, the Board of Aldermen Meeting has been canceled.

APPOINTMENTS:

Public Safety: Mayor Doerr announced the appointments of Walter Brown and Kelvin Green and gave a brief bio on both.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the appointments, seconded by Alderman Merz. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Christian, yes; Alderman Dailes, yes; and Alderman Avant-Elliott, yes. Motion carries.

Public Safety: Mayor Doerr announced the reappointment of Ed Meier.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the reappointment, seconded by Alderman Merz. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Christian, yes; Alderman Dailes, no; and Alderman Avant-Elliott, yes. Motion carries.

Public Safety: Mayor Doerr announced the reappointment of Jeff Lofton.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the reappointment, seconded by Alderman Christian. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Christian, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Reed, yes; and Alderman West, yes. Motion carries.

Public Safety: Mayor Doerr announced the reappointment of Bobby Smith.

Alderman Christian made a motion to approve the reappointment, seconded by Alderman Jordan. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Christian, yes; Alderman Reed, no; Alderman West, no; Alderman Merz, yes; and Alderman Avant-Elliott, no. Motion does not carry.

Public Safety: Mayor Doerr announced the reappointment of John Koester. **Alderman Jordan** made a motion to approve the reappointment, seconded by Alderman Christian. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Christian, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Reed, yes; Alderman West, yes; and Alderman Dailes, yes. Motion carries.

Planning & Zoning: Mayor Doerr announced the reappointment of Bob Stolte.

Alderman Jordan Made a motion to approve the reappointment, seconded by Alderman Christian. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Christian, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Reed, yes; Alderman West, yes; and Alderman Dailes, yes. Motion carries.

Board of Adjustment: Mayor Doerr announced the reappointment of John DuHadway.

Alderman Jordan Made a motion to approve the reappointment, seconded by Alderman Dailes. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Dailes, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Reed, yes; and Alderman West, yes. Motion carries.

Board of Adjustment: Mayor Doerr announced the reappointment of Mike Petroff.

Alderman Merz made a motion to approve the reappointment, seconded by Alderman Jordan. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Christian, yes; Alderman Dailes, yes; and Alderman Avant-Elliott, yes. Motion carries.

Youth Commission: Mayor Doerr announced the appointment of Scott Schultz. **Aldерwoman** made a motion on the appointment of Scott Schultz, seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Merz, yes; Alderwoman Reed, yes; Alderwoman West, yes; Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, no; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Christian, yes; and Alderwoman Dailes, no. Motion carries.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERWOMAN REED: Thanks to all for attending tonight. She encouraged everyone to think about joining the Image & Beautification Board; there are many vacancies. There is also a vacancy on the Youth Commission; she would like some new ideas. The Bike Rodeo is scheduled for May 12th. She attended the city cleanup day. There will be copies of the Treasurer's Report, at the Board of Aldermen Meetings, for public viewing. The Newly Elected Officials Seminar was very informative.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Thanks to all for attending the meeting tonight. Welcome to the newly appointed Public Safety members, the Youth Commission member, and to all the reappointed.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: He thanked all those who are members of all the Boards and Commissions.

ALDERMAN CHRISTIAN: He thanked those for showing up tonight and to all the volunteers on the city cleanup day. He attended the Newly Elected Officials Seminar. He cautioned everyone to be aware of the summer months and kids playing in the street. Welcome to the newly appointed and the reappointed members. Happy Cinco de Mayo and Happy Mother's Day.

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: Welcome to everyone. Speeding is an issue in the city. Be aware of neighbors not having trash service; it is required of every home. She encouraged everyone to get to know the kids in the neighborhood. She is going to work on putting together a citywide garage sale.

ALDERWOMAN AVANT-ELLIOTT: She announced a Board of Aldermen President needs to be elected along with an Aldermanic Rep for P&Z and Public Safety.

ALDERWOMAN WEST: Encouraged everyone to become active and get involved. Thanks to everyone for attending tonight.

CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel said the Special Administrative Board will meet on May 7th to promote summer programs for the kids.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott made a motion to elect a Board of Aldermen President, seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Motion carried. There was much discussion as to the process. It was decided to submit nominations by written notes and then have a roll call vote on the nominations. There were four (4) nominations for Alderman Jordan; three (3) for Alderwoman Dailes. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderwoman West, Jordan; Alderwoman Reed, Dailes; Alderman Merz, Jordan; Alderman Jordan, Jordan; Alderman Christian, Jordan; Alderwoman Dailes, Dailes; and Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, Dailes. Alderman Jordan is the new Board President by a vote of 4-3.

Alderman Christian made a motion to nominate Alderwoman West as the Aldermanic Rep for Public Safety, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried.

Alderman Dailes nominated herself as Aldermanic Rep for the Planning & Zoning Commission; Alderman Christian nominated Alderman Jordan. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Avant-Elliott, Dailes; Alderman Dailes, Dailes; Alderman Christian, Jordan; Alderman Jordan, Jordan; Alderman Merz, Jordan; Alderman Reed, Dailes; and Alderman West, Dailes. Alderman Dailes is the Aldermanic Rep for P&Z.

Mayor Doerr announced the positions of Aldermanic Reps for the Youth Commission and the I&B Board will be delayed.

At this time, Alderman Jordan made a motion to go into a closed session to consult with the City Attorney per Section 610.021(1), on May 17th, 2018, beginning at 6:30 pm; seconded by Alderman Merz.

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

KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL AVENUE: Said the Cinco de Mayo Dinner at the Rec Center on May 1st was very nice. She apologized for the confusion regarding breakfast not being served on the city cleanup day.

DINAH TATMAN, 3X GREEN ACRES: Had questions about the city budget and what the responsibilities were of the Department Heads.

CARNELL JONES, 11XX WENTWORTH DRIVE: Congratulated all of the newly elected.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Jordan moved to bring the meeting back to the Board, seconded by Alderman Avant-Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.

It was announced there will be refreshments served after the Board Meeting; all are invited.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deni Donovan
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on *May 17, 2018*