

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2018**

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY Acting Mayor Alderman John Jordan at 7:35 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 Jordan.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:, City Collector Mark Tranel, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Lt. Warren Williss, Attorney Helmut Starr, Alderwoman West, Alderwoman Reed, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Christian, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.

ABSENT: Mayor Robert Doerr, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, Chief of Police Jeremy Ihler, and Alderman Herl.

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Merz moved for approval of the June 14, 2018, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, there was a discussion between Alderwomen Dailes and Avant-Elliott and Acting Mayor Jordan as to who should be able to make a motion. Alderwoman Dailes felt African American women have been disrespected.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Alderwoman West moved to open the meeting for the first Public Hearing only, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: To hear public comments on a Conditional Use Permit for a Home Day Care located at 10213 Coburg Lands Drive.

CHRISTELLA TANKSLEY, 102XX COBURG LANDS DRIVE: Ms. Tanksley described the day care operation. She said her neighbors were informed.

SANDY HENRY, 101XX NEWBOLD DRIVE: Questioned the ages of the children and what activities and education they would have.

RICK ELKIN, 3800 SALITA COURT (not sure on spelling/Christella's fiancé): Although he will not be involved in the day care, Mr. Elkin described the steps they took to get all the documents together for the state of Missouri and Bellefontaine Neighbors.

REVEREND DINAH TATMAN, 3X GREEN ACRES ROAD: She questioned the ages of the kids; how they are related; and the requirements of the state regarding day cares.

JAMES CARROLL, 103XX ASHBROOK DRIVE: He believes the community needs the services of day cares.

JOE RABEN, CITY INSPECTOR: He addressed the inspection issues. Repairs and updates were done according to the inspection.

There were concerns about getting mixed information from Ms. Tanksley regarding the operation of her day care.

Alderman Merz moved to close this Public Hearing, seconded by Alderwoman West. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderwoman Reed moved to open the meeting for the second Public Hearing only, seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: To discuss the allocation of \$29,500 from the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fund.

City Clerk Donovan gave an overview of how the CDBG Program works and said The Public Hearing Handout was available to those in attendance. Acting Mayor Jordan asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on this subject only.

SANDY HENRY, 101XX NEWBOLD DRIVE: Questioned the number of applications received by St. Louis County. There was a discussion regarding why the County does not accept applications from the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors at this time.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: Various questions about the procedure and process of the Program; City Clerk Donovan answered.

Alderwoman Dailes made a motion to place \$29,500, from the Community Development Block Grant, into home improvements for the next year, seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderwoman Dailes moved to close this Public Hearing, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott moved to open the meeting to the public, as long as the Acting Mayor deems necessary, with a 3-minute time limit, seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carried unanimously.

PASTOR DWAYNE ELLIOTT, 11XX JOLENE DRIVE: Commented on the community and the Board members' responsibilities and decorum during a meeting; he is not very happy about the current process. Issues need to be represented in a positive way.

TERRENCE LOTT, SR., 97XX BIRCH MANOR DRIVE: He wanted to know what was happening with the two (2) complaints he reported at the last meeting regarding his son having issues with PD and the Judge. Acting Mayor Jordan said he will follow up with Mayor Doerr when he returns from vacation. If he so chooses, Mr. Lott can make a complaint about the Judge to the St. Louis County Circuit Court, Judicial Administration.

SANDY HENRY, 101XX NEWBOLD DRIVE: She was told Judges are attorneys. She commented that people should watch what they say on social media.

PAT MCNAMARA-SMITH, 9XX COACH N SIX: Commented on the need for everyone to be able to watch the Court video to see exactly what took place on Court night.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: Commented on the cameras located in the Courtroom and Conference room. She said the videos would not be made public if there was a closed meeting. She asked if videos, from previously held Board Meetings, could be made public. Ms. Lane questioned the lack of detail on some of the attorneys' statements. When asked about a sign on Bellefontaine Road which was advertising "Villas coming soon", none of the Board members knew anything about it. She talked about her neighbor who is ready to move after living here only (8) months, because she cannot put up a fence for her (3) dogs. She was told the City only allows (2) dogs per household. There was a discussion about indentures.

CLIFF ROYAL, 9XX COACH N SIX: Since the subject of indentures came up, Mr. Royal said he is a real estate agent. In the sale of any house, if there is an indenture, he is required to give a copy to the homebuyer.

PASTOR DWAYNE ELLIOTT, 11XX JOLENE DRIVE: He explained indentures were used to keep uniformity and property values up. If disturbed, it would change the dynamics of the neighborhood. A discussion continued about Homeowners Association.

PAT MCNAMARA-SMITH, 9XX COACH N SIX: She was upset about a comment Alderwoman West made to her from the dais.

JAMES CARROLL, 103XX ASHBROOK DRIVE: Commented on cameras in City Hall. He supported the comments made by the Alderwomen earlier in the meeting. He thanked Officer Hill for helping him with a situation.

REVEREND DINAH TATMAN, 3X GREEN ACRES ROAD: She was very worried about the aura in the room; everyone deserves to be heard. She, again, is worried about the deterioration of the community.

CARNELL JONES, 11XX WENTWORTH DRIVE: Comments on the need for change.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Due to the proposed budget, there was no Treasurer's report to review. There was a discussion with Alderwoman Reed about the budget; she feels some items have not been addressed. They will discuss when the Mayor returns from vacation.

INVOICES OVER \$500: There were no invoices over \$500.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the May, 2018, Collector's report. Dr. Tranel gave an overview of his report. Discussion on the Supreme Court ruling regarding the subject of exempted out-of-state (internet and catalog) retailers from collecting state and local sales and use tax. Alderwoman Reed questioned the breakout of personal property, real estate, and the sewer taxes. She would like to see copies of the Sewer Fund receipts.

Alderwoman Dailes was not ready to report on the P&Z meeting, so the Acting Mayor moved to the Building Inspector.

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

- Inspections and reinspections continue;

- Grass notices and citations for housing issues are up;
- McBride & Sons have submitted plans for another home to be built; (3) are already in progress and (1) is almost finished.
- Roadside Service is beginning work on the parking lot expansion project.

At this time, a discussion continued with the Board on the following: occupied vs. unoccupied homes; should a Code Enforcement Officer be hired – Raben said he could use the help; the neighbors miss Ted Stocker – the neighborhood looks like “a mess”; lead paint in homes; and some housing issues were reported to the Building Inspector.

PLANNING & ZONING: The Board reviewed the May 14, 2018, Minutes. Chairman Bob Stolte was excused so Alderwoman Dailes reported on the following:

Ms. Ollie Howell was present and has submitted all the required paperwork for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to operate a home daycare located at 10135 Jepson Drive. Chairman Stolte will ask for Board approval to schedule a Public Hearing at the July 19, 2018, Board of Aldermen Meeting, for public comment. In his absence, Alderwoman Dailes made a motion to schedule a public hearing on July 19, 2018, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Dailes voiced some concerns about home day care businesses. She made a motion to refer the question to Planning & Zoning to consider a moratorium related to all day cares, children and adults, while the current procedures are reviewed, seconded by Alderwoman West. Alderman Christian opposed. Motion carried.

They had a discussion about the upcoming Ashbrook sidewalk project.

CITY ENGINEER: The Board reviewed the May, 2018, report. Mr. Lum was excused.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Chief Ihler was excused. Lt. Williss had no report. A discussion continued with the Board about cars parked on the grass and in front yards; derelict vehicles; and high grass issues.

CITY ATTORNEY: Kevin O’Keefe was excused. Attorney Helmut Starr had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2509 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN REED (Tabled at the 6/14/18 Meeting)

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI.

No action was taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2510 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN CHRISTIAN

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR OPERATION OF A HOME CHILD DAY CARE FACILITY TO BE LOCATED AT 10213 COBURG LANDS DRIVE TO GRANNY’S CARE, LLC, AND ESTABLISHING CERTAIN CONDITIONS RELATING THERETO.

Alderman Christian read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2510 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman

Merz. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Christian then read Bill No. 2510 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 Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2510, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2424 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE ACTING MAYOR: No report.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN CHRISTIAN: No report given.

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: She asked the Board for suggestions about the fireworks issue.

ALDERWOMAN AVANT-ELLIOTT: She thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight and making comments; communication needs to be respectful. She will wait for the Mayor to return to discuss ~~a special meeting to approve~~ the budget.

ALDERWOMAN WEST: She commented that St. Louis County is not able to put barriers on Chambers Road. She was able to have the bus stop removed on Chambers which was located across from United Mart. There was a meeting with Chief Ihler to discuss the Residents Ownership Program. St. Louis County is planning on resurfacing Bellefontaine Road. There was some sort of issue with an inclusion student at the Riverview Gardens School District. The Kwanzaa event will be held on December 29th from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

ALDERWOMAN REED: Thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Due to some of the discrepancies, he had some reservations about the new day care.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: He apologized if his earlier comments to Alderwomen Dailes and Avant-Elliott may have seemed disrespectful or racist; he did not mean for them to come across as such. The issue of having the Board President or the senior Board member make the motions was to make the meetings flow easier. Traditions may not necessarily be correct. Alderwomen Dailes and Avant-Elliott accepted his apology.

MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel reported the highs and lows at the RGSD:

- Ngone Seck, Class Valedictorian, was awarded over \$1,000,000 in scholarships; she will be attending Washington University.
- The senseless killing of Porsha Owens.

It was suggested Riverview Garden students be recognized by the Board of Aldermen for their successes.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Alderwoman Avant-Elliott moved to open the meeting to the public, as long as the Acting Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderwoman West. Motion carried unanimously.

PASTOR DWAYNE ELLIOTT, 11XX JOLENE DRIVE: Thanks to Acting Mayor Jordan for his apology. He respected his comments on working together. He addressed the Board and said the members should mentor the newly elected.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: Commented on the Board members and what a good job Building Inspector Raben is doing. She noted trash pick-up being done by the Assistant. She suggested a welcoming video to be shown to all new homeowners/renters either via the website or YouTube.

JAMES CARROLL, 103XX ASHBROOK DRIVE: He appreciated the apology by Acting Mayor Jordan. Thank you to Attorney Starr for sitting in while the City Attorney was on vacation. He asked various budget questions.

ALDERWOMAN WEST: Thanks to Acting Mayor Jordan for his apology.

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

Alderman Merz made a motion for the Board to go into closed session after the meeting, seconded by Alderwoman West. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderwoman West; yes; Alderwoman Reed, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Acting Mayor Jordan, yes; Alderman Christian, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; and Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, yes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Christian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on July 5, 2018