

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES  
July 5, 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, Attorney Kevin O’Keefe, City Collector Mark Tranel, Chief of Police Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Herl, Alderwoman West, Alderwoman Reed, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Christian, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.

**ABSENT:**

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

**PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES:** Alderman Jordan moved for approval of the June 21, 2018, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Merz, with the following amendment: Page 5 – Delete “a special meeting to approve”. Replace with “She will wait for the Mayor to return to discuss the budget”. Motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Alderwoman Avant-Elliott 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. By voice vote, motion failed.

A discussion continued on who is able to make a motion.

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION:** There were no minutes to review.

Alderwoman West had questions about the Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) Program. A discussion continued.

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** The Board reviewed the June 18, 2018, Minutes. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott was not at the meeting, but reminded everyone about the Youth Swim party on July 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:30. It is \$5/ticket, although if not able to pay, someone will cover the cost. She has membership concerns.

**IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD:** The evening of June 12<sup>th</sup>, the Board judged homes for the Beautification Awards. Mayor Doerr invited everyone to the Clean-Up Day this Saturday; meet at the Rec Center at 8:30 a.m.

**PARKS BOARD REPORT:** The Board reviewed the May 15, 2018, Minutes. Mark Dickerson was excused. Alderman Merz reported the Board reviewed the final plans and drawings submitted by SWT for the Bissell Hills. He gave an overview of the timeline. Mark has recycled everything possible in the park.

**INVOICES OVER \$500:** Alderwoman Reed made a motion to pay invoices 1-13, dated June 25-28, 2018, in the amount of \$42,849.49, seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Ihler said the CPR classes were for PD.

**CHIEF IHLER:** Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- He introduced the newly hired Officer, Michael Jeffers, and gave a brief bio. Officer Jeffers said a few words and the audience welcomed him to the city.
- He gave an update on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities and welcomes any new ideas on how to handle this very difficult day;
- The three (3) bids the Chief received for the annual Veritas Backup Maintenance and Support software are:

1) CDW-G	\$550.00
2) Paragon Micro	\$549.96
3) WWT	\$1,150.40

Based on the Chief's recommendation, Alderman Herl made a motion to approve the bid from CDW-G, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried.

- He asked for Board approval to attend the required MIRMA Conference July 24-27, 2018. Alderwoman Dailes made a motion to approve the Conference, seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carried.
- He asked for Board approval to attend the MO Police Chiefs Association Conference August 3-7, 2018. Alderwoman West made a motion to approve the Conference, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** No report given.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**BILL NO. 2509 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN REED (Tabled June 14, 2018)**

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

Alderman Herl made a motion to take Bill No. 2509 off the table, seconded by Alderman Christian. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Herl, yes; Alderwoman West, no; Alderwoman Reed, no; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Christian, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, no; and Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, no.

At this time, there was a discussion as to who can make the motion and whether it should stay tabled. Discussion on the budget continued. Due to a tie, Mayor Doerr voted no and will review the list of budget questions. Alderwoman Reed made a motion to schedule a Special Board of Aldermen Meeting to discuss the budget on July 12, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Motion carried.

Alderman Herl left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Alderman Jordan gave an overview of the Agreement with Horner & Shifrin and explained the funds were coming out of the Bond Issue Fund.

**BILL NO. 2511 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN JORDAN**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH HORNER & SHIFRIN, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE ASHBROOK AND CABOT DRIVE PROJECT.**

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2511 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Merz Jordan then read Bill No. 2511 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 Herl Merz. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderwoman West, yes; Alderman Christian, yes; Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, yes; and Alderwoman Reed; yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2511, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2425 when and if signed by the Mayor.

**REPORT OF THE ACTING MAYOR:**

- St. Louis County will be working on Bellefontaine Road in the summer of 2019. At this time, Mr. Adam Spector, the Area Engineer with St. Louis County Department of Transportation, gave an update on the Bellefontaine Road Street Project and the various options of the project. There was a question and answer session with the Board members. Mr. Spector said there was nothing to tell the residents yet.
- Waste Management is asking for a \$.30/month increase for each household regarding recycling costs. The Board preferred to adjust the cost at contract time.
- Mayor Doerr announced the retirement of Street Supervisor Mark Kuchta. The Board requested Mark Sanders come to the next Board Meeting so they can meet him before being appointed the new Supervisor. A discussion continued as to how employees are promoted. Alderwoman West has disenfranchised concerns.

**REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:**

**ALDERWOMAN WEST:** No report given. She later requested that the City Attorney email his contract to her.

**ALDERWOMAN REED:** She thanked the Board for scheduling a special meeting to discuss the budget. Thanks to all those who attended the meeting.

**ALDERMAN MERZ:** He welcomed the newly hired Officer Jeffers. He wished Mark Kuchta a happy retirement.

**ALDERMAN JORDAN:** No report given.

**ALDERMAN CHRISTIAN:** Welcome to Officer Jeffers. He thanked the police officers for their quick response to an issue he had on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**ALDERWOMAN DAILES:** Thanks to the Officers who patrolled her neighborhood on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. She would like the Building Department to have more help such as a Code Enforcement Officer. She made a motion to have the Public Safety Commission along with Alderwoman West, do research on putting in speed bumps, seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Motion carried.

**ALDERWOMAN AVANT-ELLIOTT:** Even though there is a \$5 cost for the Youth Pool Party, Alderwoman Dailes and Tommie Pierson will pay the cost if the youth cannot afford it. She noted the Board will be receiving an "under \$500" spreadsheet for their review. A discussion continued on the Youth Commission membership. Congratulations to Officer Jeffers. She hopes Attorney Starr will attend more Board meetings.

At this time, since the police department has about 50% of the budget, Chief Ihler asked the Board how he should proceed. Mayor Doerr noted an air conditioning issue and possible mold problem in the police area. He asked the Board to approve an emergency purchase of a unit and mold clean-up if need be.

Alderman Merz made a motion to purchase an air conditioning unit and deal with the mold issue, seconded by Alderman Jordan. After much discussion, Alderman Merz amended his motion to obtain bids first. After more discussion, Alderman Merz withdrew his motion, seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. The Mayor will have someone look at the issue.

**CITY COLLECTOR, MARK TRANEL:** Dr. Tranel handed out information from the Collector of Revenue which addressed the breakdown of taxes, special assessment, and the sewer lateral. He will continue to use this detailed document monthly.

**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 Christian. Motion carried unanimously.

**CARNELL JONES, 11XX WENTWORTH DRIVE:** Comments on transparency. Invited all to review prior Board of Aldermen minutes and to continue to stay strong.

**PASTOR DWAYNE ELLIOTT, 11XX JOLENE DRIVE:** Comments on the challenges to make decisions without preparation. Budget decisions should be made in a timely manner.

**ALICIA SMITH, 94XX DUENKE DRIVE:** Comments on Aldermen not able to attend Board meetings due to health concerns. Comments on the Youth Pool Party, fees, and the BN ID cards. Questioned how there can be too many members on a Board. A discussion on the Rec Center employees continued with the Board members.

**KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL AVENUE:** Comments on the mold issue in the police department.

**TOMMIE PIERSON, 12XX SHEPLEY DRIVE:** Congratulations to Officer Jeffers. Concerned over the speeding at the intersection of Toelle and Shepley.

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

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

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

**ATTEST:** Deni Donovan, Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on July 19, AS Amended