

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
August 2, 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, Chief of Police Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderwoman West, Alderwoman Reed, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Christian, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.

ABSENT: Alderman Herl, Alderman Merz, City Collector Mark Tranel

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Alderman Jordan moved for the approval of the Agenda, seconded by Alderman Christian

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Jordan moved for approval of the July 19, 2018, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Christian with the following amendments: Page 5, Alderman Jordan stated he “questioned (not reported) on the status of the air conditioning in the Police Department”; and Page 5, Alderman Jordan stated “...the ductwork has **NOT** been finished”. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried.

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 West. Motion carried.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: Comments on indentures, signage at Bissell Hills Shopping Center, and Grace’s Wigs business. Mayor Doerr has already called the owners of the shopping center on renovations and/or improvements that have not been done yet.

ALICIA SMITH, 94XX DUENKE DRIVE: She will address a letter she received from the Building Department after the meeting. Commented that she is a part of Broadway Restaurant which may open up a restaurant on the north side of Bellefontaine Road and 270; this is not in Bellefontaine Neighbors.

SANDRA GLADNEY, 98XX DELHI DRIVE: Needs help with a tree in her backyard which Ameren has trimmed. Mayor Doerr will look into it.

KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL AVENUE: She warned everyone to be careful if Ameren has them sign off on work to be done.

Mayor Doerr 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.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the June 28, 2018, Minutes. Alderwoman West read the minutes and reported on the July 26th meeting - the Commission elected John Koester as temporary Chair and Sandra Henry as temporary Secretary. A discussion ensued about the C.E.R.T. Program. Chief Ihler noted there are no available funds, but they are looking at funding from other sources. The cost would be about \$1850.00. The goal would be to have (15) participants. At the next meeting, Alderwoman West will have the members discuss speed bumps.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the July 16, 2018, Minutes. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott was not at the meeting, but announced there will be a Family Golf Night on August 10th. She is doing research on a possible Resource Fair in the future.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: The Board reviewed the July 10, 2018, Minutes. Mayor Doerr reported the cleanup on July 7th was a success. The next cleanup day is September 29th.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the July 17, 2018, Minutes. Mark Dickerson reported on the following:

- SWT should have bid packets done soon. Mark gave an update on the Bissell Park project. He explained the members will make some decisions about the park project; the public can observe at the next meeting.
- The Back to Nature Fishing program ended last Saturday. He thanked Alderman Jordan for his help.
- The Fall brochure should be mailed out to residents the week of August 20th;
- The BBQ Dinner is scheduled for August 28th;
- Discussion from Alderwoman Dailes about a tree growing over a resident's fence into St. Cyr Park; and
- General questions from the Board.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderwoman Reed made a motion to pay invoices 1-12, dated June 25-28, 2018, in the amount of \$43,921.50, seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Motion carried unanimously. There were some questions of the Board.

CHIEF IHLER: Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- He gave an update on (2) recent shootings: Bellefontaine and Jennings Station road, and Ashbrook at Addison;
- Riverview Gardens School District is hosting a back-to-school event on August 11th; and
- He attended the MIRMA Conference. The city was recognized twice: 1) PD received 100% on their training; and 2) The City received 100% on its Risk Performance Evaluation.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given. Alderwoman Dailes was told the city is involved in at least two (2) litigations.

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.

The Bill was not taken off the table.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alderswoman Reed voted with the prevailing side of Bill No. 2514 at the July 19, 2018, Board of Aldermen meeting. Alderswoman Reed made a motion to reconsider the vote on the passage of Bill No. 2514, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Alderswoman Dailes opposed.

Alderswoman Reed explained she misunderstood the Missouri licensing process.

Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows: Alderswoman Reed, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Christian, yes; Alderswoman Dailes, no; Alderswoman Avant-Elliott, yes; and Alderswoman West, yes. With a vote of 5-1, the motion passes.

BILL NO. 2514 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN REED

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR OPERATION OF A HOME CHILD DAY CARE FACILITY TO BE LOCATED AT 10135 JEPSON DRIVE TO OLLIE HOWELL AND ESTABLISHING CERTAIN CONDITIONS RELATING THERETO.

Alderswoman Reed read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2514 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jordan. Alderswoman Dailes opposed. Motion passed. Alderswoman Reed then read Bill No. 2514 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 Jordan. Alderswoman Dailes opposed. Motion carried.

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

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2514, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2428 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2515 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

Alderman Jordan gave a brief history of how the (4) following Bills came to be; the Department Heads' salaries were currently in the same Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2400 AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2515 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Christian. Alderswomen Avant-Elliott and Reed opposed. Motion passed.

At this time, there was a discussion on whether the pay would be given to the next incoming Chief of Police. Alderswoman Avant-Elliott made a motion to amend Bill No. 2515 to include the salary only be specific for Chief Ihler. The City Attorney stated the pay Ordinance is for the position, not the person. A discussion continued about: the possibility of approving another salary Ordinance in the future; Prop P funds; Chief Ihler received the same salary as the previous Chief of Police; working off the current 2017-2018 budget for now; and Alderswoman Avant-Elliott was asked to draft language for amending Bill No. 2515.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to go to the second reading of Bill No. 2515. Then, Alderswoman Avant-Elliott made a motion to amend the language in Bill No. 2515 to restrict

the salary of this Bill only to Chief Ihler. Then Alderwoman Dailes seconded Alderman Jordan's motion for a second reading. At this time, there was confusion over what motion was being made.

A roll call was suggested on the motion to go to the second reading of Bill No. 2515.

Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows: Alderwoman West, yes; Alderwoman Reed, no; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Christian, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; and Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, no. The motion passes by a vote of 4-2.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott made a motion to amend Bill No. 2515 to restrict the salary amount to Chief Ihler only with language to be provided at a later date. Discussion continued about what language is to be used. Alderwoman Dailes rescinds her vote from a yes to no. The motion fails by a vote of 3-3. The Mayor asks Alderwoman Avant-Elliott to provide language to the City to be sent to the City Attorney. It was requested the language be sent to the entire Board.

Due to the failure to pass Bill No. 2515 and not repealing Ordinance #2400, Alderman Jordan made a motion to table Bill Numbers 2516, 2517, and 2518 until the next meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Alderman Christian opposed. Motion passed.

BILL NO. 2516 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN JORDAN (Tabled)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS.

BILL NO. 2517 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN JORDAN (Tabled)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS.

BILL NO. 2518 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN JORDAN (Tabled)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Due to a resignation on the Planning & Zoning Commission, Mayor Doerr recommended Leo Gordon to the Commission. He gave a brief history of Mr. Gordons's accomplishments and read his resume to the Board. Alderwoman Dailes made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment, seconded by Alderwoman West. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Doerr reported on the following:

- The catalytic converter was stolen from the Rec Center bus while parked in front;
- The Siteman Center had a groundbreaking last Tuesday at Christian Northwest Hospital;
- The Veterans Home had a ribbon cutting – the entrance is now open; and
- The branch pickup, from the storm, is now complete. Kudos to the good job done by the Street Department.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERWOMAN REED: She would like the Department Heads to send all job descriptions to the Board along with three goals for strategic planning, for next year, for their review. All expense reports should have a receipt attached to them. Receipts should be attached to the credit card statements. Limb pickup is complete so the guys should be back doing their job.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Commented on the date St. Louis County property taxes are due. He didn't know if writing a letter would help. The City Attorney explained all cities are in the same situation.

ALDERMAN CHRISTIAN: He thanked everyone for attending and congratulated Leo on his appointment. He reminded everyone to vote next Tuesday. He commented on the budget process and his concern on how negatively it is affecting the employees by not being passed.

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: Commented on how she is going to advertise for the Black History event. She requested a list of all city owned property. She asked that the Assistant Building Inspector be at the next Board meeting. Comments on a City Administrator and what the budget allows. Comments on city fees. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight.

ALDERWOMAN AVANT-ELLIOTT: Congratulations to Leo. Everyone needs to vote. Explained the Board is working on passing the budget. Thanked everyone for attending.

ALDERWOMAN WEST: Thanks to all in attendance tonight. Congratulations to Leo. Comments on community policing. Invited everyone to the Ward 1 Bash coming up on September 15th near Calumet and Kelvin. She is looking for support and volunteers.

CITY COLLECTOR, MARK TRANEL: Dr. Tranel was excused.

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

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: Comments on the problems still persisting at the gazebo near the Bissell Hills Shopping Center. Lighting might help.

CARNEL JONES, 11XX WENTWORTH DRIVE: Thanked the Board members for all they do. Comments on change.

KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL AVENUE: Disappointed on what was said earlier and not having the budget passed.

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

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

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

ATTEST: Deni Donovan, Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on AUGUST 16, 2018.