

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
October 4, 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, Alderwoman West, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Christian, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.

ABSENT: Alderman Herl, Alderwoman Reed.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Alderman Jordan moved for the approval of the Agenda, as amended to have Alderman Jordan introduce Bill No. 2526 due to Alderwoman Reed's absence, seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Jordan moved for approval of the September 27, 2018, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carried.

It was noted, in the September 20th Town Hall Minutes, the correction of the spelling of Duane Elliott to DWanye. 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 Alderman Merz. Motion carried.

At this time, Mayor Doerr introduced Kelly Beets, from MIRMA, who is involved in the Risk Management group with MIRMA. He presented the police department with a grant for \$7,500 (75% of the cost) for video surveillance and \$4,476 (60% of the cost) for (4) tasers with cameras.

MIRMA conducted a firearms training program in which the Chaplains were involved. He thanked all of the Department Heads and said he enjoys working with the city.

CARNELL JONES, 11XX WENTWORTH DRIVE: Thanked the Alderwomen in Ward 4 for hosting a National Night Out event.

MARCIE GOODEN, 94XX DUENKE DRIVE: She wanted to thank all of the elected officials who attended Ward 4's National Night Out event. Also, thanks to the area vendors who made donations towards the event.

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 West. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: There was no report presented.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the September 17, 2018, Minutes. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott reminded everyone Frightful Family Fun Night is October 19th. They discussed their budget.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: The Board reviewed the September 11, 2018, Minutes. Alderman Christian thanked those who helped with the cleanup day. Discussion on landscaping updates and the Adopt-A-Street Program.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the September 18, 2018, Minutes. Mark Dickerson reported on the following:

- The Board did not discuss the benches being relocated; moving the stones; or where to put the bench in honor of Sgt. Peggy Vassallo.
- All are invited to the Beer & Wine Social this Saturday;
- October 17th is the Halloween Dinner;
- The contractor for the Bissell Hills Park Project is working on permits. The wait will be on the shelter.
- They are reviewing fees other community centers charge in comparison with Bellefontaine Neighbors.
- Regarding raising fees, the City Attorney said the Hancock Voter approval requirement does not apply for a true user fee.
- The \$25 refund which is shown in the Under \$500 invoices pertains to the refund for cleaning the room. No refund is given if a room is canceled within (2) weeks of the event.
- Discussion on using credit cards at the Rec Center for items less than \$15. Mark noted there is an ATM machine people can use.

INVOICES OVER \$500: There were no invoices to approve.

INVOICES UNDER \$500: There were no invoices to review.

CHIEF IHLER: Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- National Night Out was a good night;
- He will meet with the RGSD next Tuesday to discuss safety issues at the schools;
- A Chaplain Meeting is scheduled for next Thursday; and
- Firearms' training was held which assesses an officer's decision-making skills – the Chaplains participated.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2526 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS PURSUANT THERETO.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2526 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2526 for a second time and thereafter made a motion that the Bill be approved, by the Board of Aldermen for enactment as an Ordinance. Motion carried.

Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows: Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, yes; Alderman Christian, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderwoman West, yes; and Alderman Merz, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2526, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2441 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following:

- Thanks to all who helped and participated in National Night Out;
- Reminded everyone about the Beer & Wine Social this Saturday;
- Thanks to all who attended the cleanup day and especially to the Image & Beautification Board members for all of their efforts; and
- Keep Kathy Mason in your thoughts due to her recent surgery. She wanted to thank PD and First Responders who helped her.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: It was a great turnout for National Night Out; thanks to Marcie Gooden for helping to organize the event. Kathy Mason is thankful for the First Responders.

ALDERWOMAN AVANT-ELLIOTT: On September 29th, Moline Elementary School received the 2018 Bayer School of Excellence at the St. Louis American Foundation's Salute to Excellence in Education. Earlier at the workshop meeting, better ways of communicating with the community was discussed. All are invited to the Frightful Family Night on October 19th. Thanks to Marcie for her help with National Night Out.

ALDERWOMAN WEST: Thanked the Chaplains for their service. Thank you to all who participated in National Night Out. And, again, Kathy wanted to thank PD and the First Responders for their help.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Thanks to all those who attended the National Night Out event he and Alderwoman Reed hosted.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: There was a discussion at the workshop meeting to delete the section in the Code Book regarding the Insurance Advisory Board which is no longer in existence. He made a motion to put the Bill on the October 18th Agenda, seconded by Alderwoman West. Motion passed.

In the budget, Aldermen training is up 61%, which is good, but the problem is the city paying for those who cancel or not attend an event a scheduled event. He would like the Board to consider charging the Alderman employee if the city is charged any fees. An exception would be something unforeseen and the Board votes to waive the payment to the city.

Alderman Jordan gave an update of the Ashbrook Project. All participants had a meeting a couple of weeks ago; everyone seems to be on the same page, including work being done at Bissell Hills Park. He would like the City Clerk to put information on the website updating the residents about the Park Project and the Ashbrook Drive Project.

ALDERMAN CHRISTIAN: Thanks to all those who showed up for the cleanup day. Thanks to all who participated in National Night Out. He will begin research regarding social media and more communication between the city and the community. He also gave information to the Board about the budget process and how it can proceed next year.

CITY COLLECTOR, MARK TRANEL: Dr. Tranel announced, along with the Moline Acres award, the St. Louis American Salute to Excellence selected Kurly Taylor, a college advisor at Riverview Gardens Senior High School, as the SEMO Counselor of the Year. They had a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Highland Elementary School playground. Renovations are being done at the high school cafeteria. And, the clinic, at the high school, should be opened soon.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Alderwoman Dailes 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 unanimously.

DWAYNE ELLIOTT, 11XX JOLENE DRIVE: He gave an update on the Chaplain's Program. The ride-a-longs have been received well; reports to follow. Per a request from the Aldermen, Chief Ihler will give him the Aldermen's email addresses.

MARCIE GOODEN, 94XX DUENKE DRIVE: She would like to know what the goals are of the Chaplain's Program. Chief Ihler said he hopes to start the Neighborhood Watch Program at the beginning of the year. She would really like to see Officers, passing by, stop and say hello. She was told the City Administrator position was not in the 2018-2019 budget. She would like to see an Officer by the Danforth School when it lets out; no one is stopping at the stop sign. She would like Dr. Tranel to have a representative come to a Board Meeting every once in a while to present updates in the Riverview School District.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deni Donovan,
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on *November 1, 2018*.