

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
January 3, 2019**

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.

At this time, there was a moment of silence for the passing of Marty Rudloff, the longest running Mayor in the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Robert J. Doerr, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderwoman West, Alderwoman Reed, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Christian, and Alderwoman Dailes.

ABSENT: City Collector Dr. Mark Tranel, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.

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 December 20, 2018, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion passed.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Doerr opened the meeting to the public and asked if anyone in the audience would like to make any comments, with a 3-minute time limit.

ANTHONY GREEN, 94XX DUENKE DRIVE: He would appreciate if the cities of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Jennings, and Moline Acres would work together to find viable and economical businesses in the area since Shop and Save has shuttered.

CARNELL JONES, 11XX WENTWORTH DRIVE: Reminded everyone to be aware of tax scammers. He recommended an assistance program called VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance).

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone had any other comments. Since there were none, the meeting was brought back to the Board.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: There was no meeting held in December.

YOUTH COMMISSION: There was no meeting held in December.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: The Board reviewed the November 13, 2018, Minutes. There was no meeting in December due to the Christmas decoration judging on December 18th.

Alderman Christian reported the Adopt-A-Street program has been given to the Mayor for his review. Congratulations to all the Christmas winners. The next meeting will be March 12, 2019.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: There was no meeting held in December. Mark Dickerson reported on the following:

- He gave an update on the Bissell Hills Park Project. The staging area is at the park for both the park project and the Ashbrook project. It is going very smoothly.
- Alderwoman Reed confirmed on Mark's report that the total # of hours is included in the total # of participation; the hours should not be included in the number of participants. There was also a discrepancy regarding the van donations.
- Alderman Christian questioned if the installation of the bathrooms for the park will interfere with the Ashbrook Project since cranes and trucks will be involved. Mark said he will work it out. The bathrooms should arrive the week of January 14th.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the December 10, 2018, Minutes. Chairman Bob Stolte reported on the following:

- Pastor Martin and his wife purchased the property at 10020 Bellefontaine Road. They presented a Letter of Intent and completed a Conditional Use Permit application to operate a childcare center. At the last meeting, Alderwoman Dailes made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on January 17, 2019, to hear comments from the public.
- There was, also, a discussion about subdividing the property located at 10550 Toelle Lane. The City Attorney was asked to prepare a Bill at the December 20th Board Meeting. It will be on the January 17th Agenda.
- Discussion on in-home day cares and why the Commission suggested not to allow any more in-home day cares in the city; some of the reasons were:
 - Safety of the children;
 - Increased workload for the Building Department and the City Building Inspector;
 - In-home day cares should be unnoticeable. With a day care, there may be a lot of activity; and
 - Liability to the city.

Alderwoman Reed questioned the in-home vs. commercial day cares and what inspections are required. Building Inspector, Joe Raben, stated the state and the city do inspections once a year. Bellefontaine Neighbors has no policy to reinspect commercial day cares.

At this time, P&Z Chairman Bob Stolte, asked if the moratorium should be extended another (3) months; there was no more discussion on this topic.

Alderwoman West commented on the number of children vs. the number of adults required. Chairman Stolte confirmed the suggestion to discontinue in-home day cares was a unanimous decision.

City Attorney O'Keefe said there are several issues to consider:

- Zoning and land use issues;
- Activity in the home does not become disruptive in the neighborhood; and
- If Bellefontaine Neighbors regulates the quality of care, then the city may be held liable.

City Engineer, Clayton Klein, commented about zoning; more traffic; and commercial day cares may be good fit for the city. There are many options to review.

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

- Inspections update;
- Sewer laterals are up;
- There is a new owner at the New Bethlehem Cemetery;
- Holt Electric is showing some interest at a building on Pershall Road;
- McBride & Sons continue work on the last (2) houses;
- Bissell Park is making progress; and
- After doing some research, Mr. Raben reported home ownership is about 60% in Bellefontaine Neighbors.

CITY ENGINEER: The Board reviewed the December, 2018, report. Clayton Klein reported on the following:

- It's important to know how the city wants to see day cares;
- He has not heard back from the Chicken•Fish restaurant owners; and
- He has been working with Mr. Raben regarding Holt Electric.
- Alderman Jordan asked if more housing will be built at Harbor Landings; Mayor Doerr said no, although the land is for sale.
- Alderwoman Reed was told the city is waiting on drawings regarding Burger King.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderwoman Reed moved to pay invoices 1 through 6, dated December 24, 2018, through January 3, 2019, in the amount of \$36,585.81, seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carried.

INVOICES UNDER \$500: Informational only.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- Thanked all those responsible for getting the HVAC system replaced in PD;
- There are now (2) vacancies in PD;
- The position for Evidence Manager/Support Coordinator has been posted for a while;
- On New Year's Eve, the police did not receive many calls for gunshots being fired although it was very troublesome; and
- The police are trying to apprehend the suspect in the recent double homicide in Bellefontaine Neighbors – they believe he is currently in the Chicago area.

CITY ATTORNEY: Happy New Year to all.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

- He informed everyone about Marty Rudloff's funeral arrangements. He was the longest running Mayor in the city and also served (10) years as an Alderman. He suffered with Parkinson's for many years.
- The Auditors will give a presentation at the January 17th Board Meeting; and
- The Kwanzaa celebration was a big success. Congrats to Alderwoman West for all her hard work; the event was outstanding.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Happy New Year. The Ashbrook Project is showing great progress. MoDOT did give their OK to replace the parking lot by the Bissell Hills Park.

ALDERMAN CHRISTIAN: Happy New Year.

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: Happy New Year. The Black History Celebration is going well although she is looking for a food vendor. Kudos to St. Louis County Prosecutor Wesley Bell and Micheal Butler, the 1st African American Recorder of Deeds. Thanks to all who came out for tonight's meeting.

ALDERWOMAN WEST: Happy New Year. Thanks to the Board of Aldermen, the Riverview Fire Department, her nieces, and everyone who gave their support to the Kwanzaa event. The Public Safety Commission will meet on January 24th; everyone is welcomed. Thanks to the fence committee for all their help.

ALDERWOMAN REED: Happy New Year. It is a good start to 2019.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Happy New Year and prayers to Alderwoman's West's family for a good recovery.

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

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone in the audience would like to make any comments with a 3-minute time limit.

ANTHONY GREEN, 94XX DUENKE DRIVE: He would like to see the statistics on accidents at 367 and Jennings Station Road. Mayor Doerr informed him that area is in the City of Jennings. The Mayor added there are numerous accidents at 367 and Highway 270 which is in Bellefontaine Neighbors. MoDOT needs to review.


MARCIE GOODEN, 94XX DUENKE DRIVE: Commented on the day care issue. She would like to see a representative from the Riverview School District give an update to the city at least once a year. Lastly, regarding the statement from Building Inspector Raben about Bellefontaine having 60% ownership homes, she wanted to know how many are vacant. Mr. Raben said that due to confidentiality, vacant homes are not tracked. The City Attorney said the city would not have accurate information anyhow.

Mayor Doerr brought the meeting back to the Board.

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

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

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on January 17, 2019