

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 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.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Robert J. Doerr, City Attorney Kevin O’Keefe, City Collector Dr. Mark Tranel, Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderwoman West, Alderwoman Askew-Taylor, Alderwoman Reed, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Christian, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderwoman Avant-Elliott.

ABSENT: Alderman Merz

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 February 21, 2019, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. 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.

Public Hearing: To hear comments to prohibit In-Home Day Care operations in the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors.

CLARENCE WILSON, 12XX ST CYR: He said he knows about running a daycare. He has concerns with renters running daycares. He would like the city to proceed in an intelligent way.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: She has concerns about the traffic and cars having on loud music. She was told the Public Hearing was to discuss banning in-home daycares. Alderwoman Dailes added the daycare cannot be seen as a business. She explained the process of why Planning & Zoning came to the decision to ban daycares.

SANDRA WATKINS, 97XX GLOUCESTER DRIVE: It was explained to her what the Public Hearing was about.

GENESIS YOUNG, 99XX BELLEFONTAINE ROAD: She has benefitted from daycares. There should be strict regulations, but not in favor of banning them altogether.

_____, 94XX _____? She was told current daycares would be grandfathered in. She suggested a needs assessment as to what the needs of daycares are in the city. She has a fear of sweeping changes.

REV. DINAH TATMAN, 3XX GREEN ACRES: She concurred with the previous speaker. She explained the importance of data. Mayor Doerr said zoning issues are important; they need to

do what is best for the city. She would like to see a moratorium on any new in-home daycares until the data is reviewed. Mayor Doerr said it is up to the Board to continue the moratorium since it has expired.

PEG WARNUSZ, 100XX CRETE DRIVE: She said the school district has a limited amount of space for early childhood education; there is a waiting list. There needs to be communication between the city and the Riverview Gardens School District.

CORNELL JONES, 11XX WENTWORTH DRIVE: He is not in favor of banning all daycares.

GREG WARNUSZ, 100XX CRETE DRIVE: If a neighbor is having a problem with the daycare, they should approach the daycare owners.

Mayor Doerr brought the meeting back to the Board

ALDERWOMAN AVANT-ELLIOTT: She stated she is a proponent of daycares. Monitoring and accountability are the keys. Implementation of the Ordinances is needed to see what is desired for the community.

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: Information has been given to her from Clarence Wilson regarding in-home daycares.

ALDERWOMAN WEST: Inquired as to where Alderwoman Dailes stands on the moratorium. Alderwoman Dailes said it was an opportunity to review the issues. The moratorium has expired and is not expected to continue.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone had comments on any other subject with a 3-minute time limit.

A representative from Waste Connections was supposed to give a presentation, but they failed to show.

BOBBY SMITH, 9XX COACH N SIX:

ANTHONY SMITH, 12XX KIMBALL COURT:

They introduced themselves as running for the Riverview Fire Board. They are running on the same platform and would like to see some changes.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: She attends the Riverview Fire Board meetings regularly and commented on several issues brought up by the previous speakers. She had questions about Charter Amendment Proposition 1, on the upcoming ballot, and on Bill No. 2538 presented at the meeting tonight.

ANTHONY SMITH, 12XX KIMBALL COURT: Rebutted statements made by Ms. Lane regarding the Riverview Fire Department.

ANTHONY GREEN, 94XX DUENKE DRIVE: Comments regarding needed trashcans by the bus stops. He referred to a stop in the City of Jennings. There is a program the residents can participate in to keep the bus stops clean.

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

Mayor Doerr stated Republic Trash Service will give a presentation at the March 21st Board Meeting. Bids will be accepted from March 22nd through March 29th at 10:00 a.m.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: Alderwoman West read the February 28, 2019, minutes to the audience. There were concerns with police visibility in the community. Chief Ihler said the Shots Fired Program, which is in St. Louis County, is very expensive. She forgot to bring up the stop sign issue from Alderman Jordan; she'll discuss at the next meeting.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the February 18 21, 2019, Minutes. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott reported Hoops Madness will be March 9th at noon; she will post on Nextdoor. She asked the Commission to revise their minutes.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: No meeting was held in February, 2019. Alderman Christian announced the upcoming Adopt-A-Street Program has been posted on the city's website. The first meeting of the year will be held on March 12th. Alderman Jordan explained Image and Beautification brought information to the Board a while back about the Adopt-A-Stop Program sponsored by Metro Transit in which a resident can participate to keep the area clean.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the February 19, 2019, Minutes.

Mark Dickerson reported on the following:

- Alderman Christian questioned Mark about the new bus driver; when will he get his CDL? Mark said soon although he does have his chauffer's license.
- Alderwoman Reed thanked Mark for the updated changes in his report;
- Updating Rec Fees is an administrative matter – no Ordinance is needed;
- There was a discussion on the fees for basketball;
- The Rec Center Brochure will be mailed in May;
- The Mayor's Golf Tournament will be April 13th; and
- The Rec Center will host the Easter Egg Hunt and Arbor Day celebration on April 20th.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION: The meeting scheduled for February 11th was canceled. The next meeting will be March 11th. Chairman Bob Stolte reported he will not be at the next Planning & Zoning meeting, but the members will continue discussion on in-home daycares. The original ban was suggested due to safety concerns and zoning issues. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott would like to see more monitoring of daycares. Alderwoman West liked the earlier suggestion on a needs assessment being done. The City Attorney gave several suggestions on where to get data on daycares.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: The Board reviewed the February, 2019, report. Joe Raben reported on the following issues:

- Inspections update;
- Block inspections have concentrated on algae on homes and ruts in yards – letters have been sent out;
- McBride Homes are working at Harbor Landing;
- Discussion on the Building Department Fees spreadsheet prepared by Alderman Christian – permit fees are set by Ordinance.
- Mr. O'Keefe said the city is in the process of adopting building codes; this may be a good time to review the fee structure.
- Alderwoman Reed was told citations are not issued by the Building Department. A letter mailed to the resident is how they address code violations.

CITY ENGINEER: The Board reviewed the February, 2019, report. Clayton Klein reported on the following:

- Mr. Klein gave an explanation as to why the Engineer's monthly report differs from the Building Department's report.
- He is working with Fish•Chicken; and
- Will continue reviewing the 2015 Building Codes.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderwoman Reed moved to pay invoices 1 through 7, dated March 1-5, 2019, in the amount of \$13,278.57, seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carried.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- There is an uptick in vacant home burglaries. He asked the public to call in any suspicious traffic at a vacant home.
- Body cameras are being tested;
- The surveillance and DVR cameras are being updated;
- Alderwoman Avant-Elliott asked the Chief to present ideas for future community events;
- Alderwoman Reed had questions about rigs vs. trailers parked at homes. Rigs cannot be parked in a residential area. Work vans brought home by residents may be OK depending on length, width, tires, etc...
- It was clarified for Alderwoman Avant-Elliott that the Special Election on April 2, 2019, for the unexpired term for the Alderman in Ward 1, will be on the ballot again in April, 2020.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2019-1 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN IN SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS OF THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TO FORM A BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS/ELECTORS AS AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE VI; SECTION 30(a) AND 30(b) OF THE MISSOURI CONSTITUTION.

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

BILL NO. 2538 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN WEST (1ST Reading on 2/21/19)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH TINA ZIMMERMAN FOR CONSULTING SERVICES RELATED TO GRANTS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITY PROJECTS.

Alderwoman West read Bill #2538 for the first time on February 21, 2019. Alderwoman West made a motion to read Bill No. 2538 for a second time and thereafter made a motion that the Bill be approved by the Board of Aldermen for enactment as an Ordinance.

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

With a 4-3 vote, the Bill fails.

BILL NO. 2539 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-42 OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS AND PERSONNEL HANDBOOK FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS PERTAINING TO CITY-OWNED VEHICLES.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2539 and move onto the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carried. Alderman Jordan read Bill No. 2539 for a second time and thereafter made a motion that the Bill be approved by the Board of Aldermen for enactment as an Ordinance.

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

With a 5-2 vote, the majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2539, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2450 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

- He welcomed all to Hoops Madness this Saturday at the Rec Center at noon; and
- He encouraged all to vote on April 2nd.

APPOINTMENTS: None at this time.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Thanks to all those in attendance tonight; bring a friend next time. Happy Birthday to Alderman Merz on Sunday.

ALDERMAN CHRISTIAN: Beware of vendors coming to your door to make repairs. Call the police if they seem scrupulous. Don't forget to "spring forward" this weekend.

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: She made a motion to have the city sponsor a car in the Annie Malone Parade on May 19th for a fee of \$275.00, seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. After much discussion, a roll call vote was taken: **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderwoman Dailes; yes; Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, yes; Alderman Christian, no; Alderman Jordan, no; Alderwoman Reed, no; Alderwoman West, no; and Alderwoman Askew-Taylor, no.

With a 2-5 vote, the motion fails.

ALDERWOMAN AVANT-ELLIOTT: At the next meeting, she would like a recommendation from the Mayor and a Board vote as to who will have a take-home vehicle. She attended a Better Together forum. A lot of information was given out although she still has concerns about education and the structural issues.

ALDERWOMAN WEST: She made a motion to hold a budget meeting every (3) months, seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carried. The budget meetings will begin in April,

2019. She and Alderwoman Askew-Taylor met with Martha at the Rec Center to discuss programs for youths and early teens. They will meet again to look at the options.

ALDERWOMAN ASKEW-TAYLOR: Thanks to Officer Holmes for his help on an illegal dumping issue. Thanks to the Board members for their help and to the neighbors for their support.

ALDERWOMAN REED: She would like to see the Rec Center collaborate with the Youth Board regarding youth programs. The Better Together forum was informative. She encouraged everyone to research the issues on the website. Chief Ihler said to call 314-889-2341 if a resident sees something going on in a vacant home. She thanked everyone for coming out tonight. There are several jobs and Board/Commission opportunities. Thanks to Mayor Doerr for his service. Happy Birthday to Alderman Merz. She would like to partner with Alderwoman Dailes to collect funds for the Annie Malone Parade. She would like to revisit the grant writer Bill again in the 2019-2020 budget discussions. The Mayor would like to invite the new Mayor to breakfast when he meets with the other neighboring Mayors.

Chief Ihler clarified there are (2) non-emergency phone numbers: 314-889-2341 and 636-529-8210.

MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR: Regarding daycares, Dr. Tranel stated there are (494) kids, under the age of five, in the city. He suggested a good resource to contact is Lanore Payne, Principal at the Michelle Obama Early Childhood Academic Center. Regarding the School District, Teachers of the Year were honored yesterday at a breakfast. The District is reviewing Bond Issue Projects and preparing for their annual testing in May.

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.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: Asked the Chief about an incident at White Castle. Chief Ihler said there was a shooting in the County; the St. Louis County Police are handling it. Ms. Lane asked Dr. Tranel about the RGSD accreditation; he told her they are in the process of petitioning the State. She told Alderwoman Avant-Elliott education is the next step in the Better Together process. Comments on Proposition A which was passed for the Riverview Fire District.

BOBBY SMITH, 9XX COACH N SIX: He will be putting out his information soon regarding his run for the Riverview Fire District.

ANTHONY SMITH, 12XX KIMBALL COURT: Invited everyone to the Annual Memorial Day Celebration at the Veterans Home on May 27th at 10:00 a.m. He does not support the city paying for the Annie Malone Parade, but he would like to contribute himself.

Mayor Doerr stated the Veterans Home is no longer allowed to have 4th of July Fireworks Celebration due to a state law forbidding it.

Mayor Doerr brought the meeting back to the Board.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to go into closed session due to Section 610.021(9) for preparation of negotiations with employee groups, seconded by Alderman Christian. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, yes; Alderwoman

Dailes, no; Alderman Christian, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderwoman Reed, yes; Alderwoman West, yes; and Alderwoman Askew-Taylor, yes.

With a 6-1 vote, the motion passes.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott announced the Mayoral Forum will be held at the Lewis & Clark Library on March 23rd at 2:30 p.m. Thanks to all those who helped put the forums together.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deni Donovan
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on March 21, 2019