

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 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 Mayor Doerr.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Bill Kiefer who passed away on April 12th. He was a long time resident of Bellefontaine Neighbors and an Alderman in Ward 4. Mayor Doerr also noted he was a Veteran.

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

ABSENT: Alderwoman Askew-Taylor

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Jordan moved for approval of the April 4, 2019, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Merz. With the following update: Page 2, Alderwoman Avant Elliott ~~had some concerns~~ **ADD: made an inquiry** about Java Café located on Duenke. Motion carried.

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.

FADI NASSER, OWNER OF THE PROPERTY AT 9309 BELLEFONTAINE ROAD: Mr. Nasser presented some plans on what he wants to do with the building. He would like to expand and have a grocery/liquor store. He has given P&Z his Letter of Intent. He has another store in Riverview. Mayor Doerr and the Board Members had the following concerns:

- (Alderwoman West) She is not in favor of the selling of liquor. Mr. Nasser said it would mostly be a grocery store.
- (Alderwoman Avant-Elliott) She asked about the timeline. Mr. Nasser said it will depend on how much renovating he needs to do on the building.
- (Mayor Doerr) He asked Mr. Nasser about his store on North Grand.
- (Alderwoman Dailes) She asked about more parking, but was told the parking lot next door is owned by Sun Valley. He will have about 7-10 employees.

Public Comments:

MARCIE GOODEN, 94XX DUENKE DRIVE: She thanked Mr. Nasser for the information, but she would like to make sure he does research on the property.

GINA SHARPLEY, 9XX GREEN ACRES ROAD: She would like Mr. Nasser to do a feasibility study.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderwoman Reed moved to pay invoices, 1 through 13, dated April 15, 2019, in the amount of \$40,614.82, with the clarification that NAPA is doing business as Genuine Parts, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the July, 2018, through March, 2019, report. Treasurer Bill Krenn commented on his report. He will follow up on the Spectrum statement; the sales tax revenue on page 1; #5054.7 on page 1; #5416 on page 7; and PD being over budget – Chief Ihler disagreed.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the March, 2019, Collector's report. Dr. Tranel made comments on his report. He announced this was the 505th Board Meeting he's attended; he is retiring as of April 30th. He thanked all of the past and present Board Members and Mayors. He asked the Board to rethink the City Collector having a seat on the dais; it was not always like that. His "words of wisdom" for the Board to move forward was to have a set of goals which can be developed in a particular session. He will be available to his replacement. He was given a standing ovation by the audience.

CHIEF OF POLICE: The Board reviewed the March, 2019, Police report. Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- He thanked the Board for having a lunch for all of the employees for Local Government Week;
- He attended a required MIRMA Conference April 8-9. The main focus was on HR policy recommendations and drug testing.
- He noted property crime is on the rise.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT OF MAYOR DOERR:

- The Easter Egg Hunt and Arbor Day Celebration will be held this Saturday at the Rec Center beginning at 11:00 a.m.;
- The I&B Board will have a community clean up day on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m.; and
- Belle Fontaine Park will be hosting an event on May 9th beginning at 5:00 p.m. A ribbon-cutting is scheduled for 5:30. Food trucks and music will be provided.

Mayor Doerr took this time to thank Mary Ann, his wife, for standing by him while he served the City for (39) years. Over the years he has been a member of the Youth Commission, Police Advisory Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, Bailiff, Alderman in the 4th Ward, and for the last (8) years, Mayor of Bellefontaine Neighbors.

He thanked the Department Heads, City employees, the Board of Aldermen, past and present, and the citizens. He cautioned the Board to work as a group; not as individuals. Thanks to everyone for their support and God Bless the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors. He received a standing ovation.

BILL NO. 2542 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN CHRISTIAN

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING RESULTS OF THE GENERAL CITY ELECTION HELD BY THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019.

Alderman Christian read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2542 and move onto the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Christian read Bill No. 2542 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 Christian; yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderwoman West, yes; Alderwoman Reed, yes; Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, yes; and Alderman Jordan, yes.

With a 7-0 vote, the majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2542, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2453 when and if signed by the Mayor.

At this time, City Clerk Deni Donovan swore in newly elected Mayor Tommie Pierson, Sr. and Alderwoman Dinah Tatman – Ward 1. They took their seats on the dais. Bob Doerr went into the audience.

BILL NO. 2543 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW ARTICLE AND SECTION REGARDING STANDARDS FOR SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2543 and move onto the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Alderman Jordan read Bill No. 2543 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; Alderman Christian, yes; Alderwoman West, yes; Alderwoman Reed, yes; Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderwoman Tatman, yes; and Alderman Merz, yes.

With a 8-0 vote, the majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2543, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2454 when and if signed by the Mayor.

APPOINTMENTS: None at this time.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERWOMAN AVANT-ELLIOTT: She thanked everyone for attending. Thanks to Mayor Doerr for his service. Congrats to Dinah. It is an honor and privilege to be a part of this historic day. She expressed the need for the Board to consider Dr. Tranel's recommendation to establish goals as a Board.

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: She welcomed all. Thanks to Mayor Doerr. She felt this was an historic moment. Everyone needs to move forward and work together. The census will be starting soon. She explained the importance of reporting who lives in your home. The annual

Mary Meachum Freedom Crossing Celebration will be held Saturday, May 4 from noon until 5:00 p.m. Welcome to Mayor Pierson.

ALDERMAN CHRISTIAN: Thanks to Mayor Doerr and Collector Tranel for all their years of service. Welcome to Mayor Pierson and Alderwoman Tatman. He reminded all to help out on the cleanup day on April 27th.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Thanks to Mayor Doerr and Mark Tranel for their service and welcome to Mayor Pierson and Alderwoman Tatman. He thanked all for attending tonight. Thanks to all those past and present for their service on the City's Boards and Commissions. He gave an update on the Ashbrook Street Project; it should be done in a couple of weeks.

ALDERWOMAN WEST: Thanks to Mayor Doerr for all he has done in the community and to Dr. Tranel. Thanks to all the Department Heads, Board/Commission members and all those who have resigned. Welcome to Mayor Pierson; she looks forward to working with him. She, also, would like to work together with the Board.

ALDERWOMAN TATMAN: Thanks to the citizens for all of their support. Salute to Mayor Doerr for his service and time. Thanks to Dr. Tranel. Welcome to Mayor Pierson. She is excited to be a part of the Board of Aldermen and to have unity, safety, and kinship.

ALDERWOMAN REED: She thanked Dr. Tranel for working with her. Thanks to Mayor Doerr for his time and patience and for starting celebrations such as the Black History Celebration and Kwanzaa. She reminded everyone to call the police non-emergency phone number if something doesn't feel right. She reiterated how important the Census was. She encouraged if anyone is interested on serving on one of the Boards or Commissions to look on the City's website. Thanks to all who came out tonight.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Congrats to Mayor Pierson and Alderwoman Tatman. Good luck to Collector Tranel and Mayor Doerr.

MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel told Mayor Pierson the City and the Special Administrative Board (SAB) have always had a good relationship. He invited all to the next SAB Meeting on May 22nd at 6 p.m. at Westview. This will be the second out of two required Public Hearings sponsored by DESE. A discussion will be held as to when the Riverview School District will have full accreditation.

Chief Ihler gave congrats to Mayor Pierson and Alderwoman Tatman.

At this time, Mayor Pierson wanted to say a few words. Thanks to Mayor Doerr for all his help. He admires Collector Tranel for all his years of service to the City and his work with the Riverview Gardens School District. Thanks to everyone who came tonight. He thanked his wife, JoAnn, for allowing him to do what he does. He introduced his family who were in the audience. The community needs to learn to help themselves with the help from him and the Board. Everyone should feel protected under the law. Thanks to all of the residents.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Pierson 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.

CHAPLAIN DWAYNE ELLIOTT, 11XX JOLENE DRIVE: Thanks to Mayor Doerr for all his years of service. Congrats to Mayor Pierson whom he appreciates as a leader. He would like to see the Mayor get involved to make the community better. He is looking forward to working with Alderwoman Tatman.

CORNELL JONES, 11XX WENTWORTH: Comments on the following: Waste Management contract; Martin Luther King, Jr.; hoping the city moves forward; and congratulations to the newly elected.

MAYOR YOLANDA AUSTIN OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS: She is looking forward to working with Mayor Pierson for the betterment of North County.

STATE SENATOR GINA WALSH, 12XX BAKEWELL DRIVE: Thanks to Mayor Doerr for his service and dedication. Congratulations to Mayor Pierson and Alderwoman Tatman. To Collector Mark Tranel, "his roots run deep". She would like everyone to work together.

Mayor Pierson commented he is sitting here because of Senator Walsh.

BARBARA JACKSON, 12XX ST CYR: She encouraged everyone to pick up trash; everyone needs to help. Thanks to Mayor Doerr for his service. Safety in the home is priority when dealing with in-home daycares.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE LANE: She commented on the significance of this election. Welcome to Mayor Pierson.

QUENTIN PHILLIPS, 13XX BELGROVE DRIVE: He would like to challenge the Mayor to help the youth of the community so they can have a voice. He would like the Mayor to take the initiative and not just the position. Mayor Pierson accepted the challenge.

PASTOR ALLEN _____: A Veteran who congratulated Mayor Pierson.

LEROY WITHERSPOON WITH MATHEWS-DICKEY BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB: Congratulations to Mayor Pierson. Thanks greatly to Mayor Doerr for all of the help he gave Mathews-Dickey over the years.

ERICA BROOK, 462 MUELLER, FERGUSON: Congratulations to Mayor Pierson. She invited all to attend the Metro Reimaging Meeting in Ferguson on May 18th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Ferguson Community Center. The change in bus routes affects everyone in North County.


STATE REP TOMMIE PIERSON, JR., 9XX COAL BANK ROAD: It is a great day and he is happy to be here! Thanks to Mayor Doerr for his work and service. He wished Collector Tranel well. He encourage Alderwoman Tatman to have a "soft heart and a thick skin". He is so proud of his Dad. He would like everyone to work together. "Diversity in strength and unity in our power". He recognized Senator Walsh, Representative Pace and Mary Ann Doerr for her encouragement.

Mayor Pierson brought the meeting back to the Board.

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

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

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on May 2, 2019