

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2019**

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY Mayor Tommie Pierson, Sr. 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 Pierson.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Tommie Pierson, Sr., City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderwoman Barbara West, Alderwoman Dinah Tatman, Alderwoman Theresa Reed, Alderman Don Merz, Alderman John Jordan, Alderman Jim Christian, and Alderwoman Miranda Avant-Elliott.

ABSENT: Alderwoman Alease Dailes

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Alderwoman Avant-Elliott moved for the approval of the Agenda, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderwoman Avant-Elliott moved for approval of the May 16, 2019, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderwoman Avant-Elliott moved for approval of the May 30, 2019, Special Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Tatman. Motion passed.

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.

PEG WARNUSZ, 100XX CRETE DRIVE: She commented on the delightful atmosphere there was at the sandbagging site.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: She commented on criminal activity she heard about at a location in Bellefontaine; the Chief gave her an update on what really happened.

MARGIE COOK, 89XX BELLEFONTAINE ROAD: There is a big, old political sign she would like removed by the City - Joe Raben will pick up. She would like to see sidewalks put on Bellefontaine Road. Chief Ihler explained St. Louis County does not have the funds to do it. Lastly she would like everyone to pick up trash in the neighborhood.

GILDA PERRY, 96XX DUENKE DRIVE: She had questions about the basketball fees at the Rec Center.

SAM HOWARD, 8XX LEBON: He would like an update on the flooding issue. Mayor Pierson said it will be reported on tonight.

GREG WARNUSZ, 100XX CRETE DRIVE: He reported on the rise of the floodwaters.

VIVIEN PEOPLES, 9XX RAFORD COURT: She thanked Mayor Pierson and everyone for all the work they do. She would like to see cameras and speed bumps in the City.

Mayor Pierson stated the neighborhood needs to solve their own problems; know your neighbors. "Neighbors helping neighbors"!

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

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the April 25, 2019, and May 23, 2019 Minutes.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the May 20, 2019, Minutes. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott said the Bike Rodeo was held on May 18th; they will need refurbished bikes for next time. Mayor Pierson will donate about (20) bikes; Alderwoman West has (2) bikes. She gave an update on upcoming events: Youth Fishing Experience at the MO Conservation Area (6/8); Family Golf Nights (6/14 and 8/9); and the Youth Pool Party (7/13).

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: The Board reviewed the April 16, 2019, Minutes. Alderman Christian said the next meeting is scheduled for June 11th.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the May 21, 2019, Minutes. Mark Dickerson reported on the following:

- Explained the reasons for the raise in fee costs;
- Gave an update on the Bissell Hills Park – he is setting up a meeting for a walk-thru next week; and
- Discussion with Alderwoman Reed on the upcoming budget – he will complete a 5-year projection.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the April 8, 2019, minutes. Chairman Mike Wiese reported on the following:

- The Commission discussed in-home daycare issues; and
- They would like to "brainstorm" with the Board of Aldermen regarding the Comprehensive reviews.

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

- Ongoing inspections and reinspections;
- Conoco inspection;
- Tri-Mark Metal update;
- There are a lot of tall grass issues; and
- The property owner at 9300 Lewis & Clark has contacted an Engineer and will be meeting with the insurance adjuster to repair the building; a car ran into the side of the building a few weeks ago.

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

- He is reviewing the Comprehensive Plan with P&Z; and
- Working with Joe to make sure Tri-Mark Metal complies with zoning.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderwoman Reed moved to pay invoices 1 through 18, dated, May 31-June 6, 2019, in the amount of \$49,124.44, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- On 6/1/19, there was a shooting on Seaton – the suspect has been arrested;
- He thanked all those who helped with the flood emergency. At this time, he gave an update and reported live on Facebook;
- He answered questions from the audience regarding the height of the wall; blast communications in the future; and there may not be enough damage for FEMA to get involved.

Mayor Pierson thanked the residents, PD, Chaplains, Parks & Rec personnel, City Hall personnel, and the Street Department for all of their help during this time. He thanked the following businesses and organizations:

- The Riverview Fire Department/Ambulance Service
- St. Louis County Sam Page and staff
- St Louis County Department of Transportation
- St. Louis County Park Rangers
- St. Louis County PA's office
- Ameren, Spire, MSD
- City of Florissant Public Works
- Metro Air Support
- AmeriCorps
- United Way
- American Red Cross
- Salvation Army
- Waste Management
- Mann Meats Company
- Highway 67 BBQ
- Sam's Club
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Labor Unions
- Missouri Martial Arts in Florissant

The day after the sandbagging, Chief Ihler went by the site and found no trash; it had all been cleaned up. Mayor Pierson said "Kudos to the Bellefontaine Neighbors neighbors"!

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2544 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN TATMAN (1st Reading was May 2, 2019; Tabled on May 16, 2019).

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-23 OF THE CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR.

Alderwoman Tatman read Bill 2544 for the second time and thereafter made a motion that the Bill be approved by the Board of Aldermen for enactment as an Ordinance, seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Motion carried. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as**

follows: Alderwoman Tatman; no; Alderman Jordan, no; Alderman Merz, no; Alderwoman Reed, no; Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, no; Alderman Christian, no; and Alderwoman West, no.

With a 0-7 vote, the motion to adopt Bill No. 2544 fails.

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2545 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE EASTERN MISSOURI COALITION OF POLICE, FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE 15 RELATING TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR CERTAIN COMMISSIONED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THE CITY.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2532 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carried. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2545 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 Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Jordan; yes; Alderman Christian, yes; Alderwoman West, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderwoman Avant-Elliott, yes; Alderwoman Tatman; yes; and Alderwoman Reed, yes.

With a 7-0 vote, the majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2545, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2455 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

- He thanked everyone, again, for all their help with the flooding issue.

a. APPOINTMENTS:

Image & Beautification Board: Mayor Pierson announced the reappointment of Jennie Stewart, Lyn Gordon, Rodney Weeden, Shelly Davis, Margie Cook, Leo Gordon, Andrew Fields, and Caroline McDonald to the Image & Beautification Board.

Alderman Christian made a motion for the Board to approve the Mayor's reappointment of the members of the Image & Beautification Board, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried.

It was noted there are currently (2) vacancies and the Board selects their own Chairman.

Youth Commission: Mayor Pierson announced the reappointment of Rich Pflueger, John DuHadway, Scott Schultz, Wayne Anderson, Jean King, Melanie Sims, Alicia Smith, Tim Compas, and Ken Wilkins to the Youth Commission.

Alderman Jordan made a motion for the Board to approve the Mayor's reappointment of the members of the Youth Commission, seconded by Alderwoman West.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott stated that Alderwoman Dailes suggested Alicia Smith as Chairman for the Youth Commission. Mayor Pierson recommended Alicia Smith serve as Chairman for the

Youth Commission. Alderwoman Avant-Elliott made a motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Reed.

Alderwoman West was told the current Chairman is Rich Pflueger.

Motion carried. Aldermen Jordan and Alderwoman West opposed.

It was noted there are currently (0) vacancies.

Parks & Recreation Board:

Due to the resignation of Parks & Recreation Director Mark Dickerson on June 30th, Mayor Pierson appointed Craig Scheidker to fill the position of Parks & Recreation Director.

Alderwoman Tatman made a motion for the Board to approve the Mayor's appointment and to have Craig Scheidker be the Chair for the Parks & Recreation Board, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried.

Mayor Pierson announced the reappointment of Mark Dickerson, Tina Swindle, Kathy Endorf, Judy Mantych, and Dave Cross to the Parks & Recreation Board.

It was noted there are currently (3) vacancies.

Alderman Merz made a motion for the Board to approve the Mayor's reappointment of the members of the Parks & Recreation Board, seconded by Alderman Christian. Motion carried.

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Planning & Zoning Commission - Mayor Pierson announced the reappointment of Pat Barrett and John DuHadway to the Planning & Zoning Board.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott made a motion for the Board to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Pat Barrett and John DuHadway of the Planning & Zoning Commission, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried.

It was noted there was (1) vacancy.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott noted there are some individuals who are on more than one Board. Others may want to serve.

Mayor Pierson announced the appointment of Wanda Lane to the Planning & Zoning Board. Alderwoman West questioned the Mayor's appointment.

Alderwoman Tatman made a motion for the Board to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Wanda Lane to the Planning & Zoning Commission, seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Motion carried. Alderman Jordan and Alderwoman West opposed.

It was noted there were no more vacancies on Planning & Zoning.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERWOMAN WEST: She commented on the following: the hard work she did on speed bumps and grant writing, but the Board voted it down; how she perceived how the Board was going to move forward; focus on what's important to the City; her feelings being taped and recorded at the Board Meetings. The City Attorney said, per Section 610.020(3) of the Missouri Revised Statute, it is legal to record a public meeting.

ALDERWOMAN TATMAN: She announced minutes from the Family Fest meeting were on the table for review. All are welcomed at the next meeting on June 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Rec Center. She, also, had guidelines for the Public Safety Commission for review on the table. A Back-To-School event will be held at the RGSD sometime in August. All are invited to review and update a Strategic Plan for the community to help during disasters. Thanks to all those who keep her in their prayers on her trip home.

ALDERWOMAN REED: She noted it was nice to be back home although her home had a sewer back-up due to the storm. The Family Fest is scheduled for July 13th. She is looking forward to completing the City budget. Happy Father's Day.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Welcome Wanda to P&Z and congratulations to Craig.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: He thanked everyone for attending and those who helped with the flooding situation.

ALDERMAN CHRISTIAN: Thanks to all the volunteers who helped sandbag. Thanks to all members who were reappointed to various Boards and Commissions. Congratulations to Wanda and Craig.

ALDERWOMAN AVANT-ELLIOTT: The Riverview Gardens School District is celebrating (4) consecutive years of APR (Annual Performance Report). She gave an update on the status of the school district. Congrats to all those who were appointed and reappointed. Thanks to all who help sandbag. And, thanks to Alderman Jordan for all his help with the FOP process.

At this time, Mayor Pierson made a recommendation to hire Fran Stevens to fill the open City Clerk position. Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman West. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Avant-Elliott made a motion to schedule Special Board of Aldermen meetings on June 17th and June 19th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the City budget which is to include the City Treasurer and Department Heads with the exception of Administration, seconded by Alderwoman Reed. Motion carried.

Mayor Pierson talked about the importance of the upcoming election of the Riverview Gardens Special Administrative Board members; this is a volunteer position. He would like for the City to work together and keep it going. He would like to see Bellefontaine Neighbors become a model City.

CITY COLLECTOR: No one appointed at this time.

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.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD: She thanked the Board for their confidence.

City Attorney, Kevin O'Keefe, reminded everyone that today is the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, the code name for the Allied invasion of northwest Europe during World War II. We owe a debt to those who died that day.

Mayor Pierson brought the meeting back to the Board.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen on 6-20-19.