

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 5, 2012**

**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 Doerr, Chief Pruett, City Collector Mark Tranel, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Paro, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Glenzy, Alderman Merz, Alderman Roth, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Hollis, and Alderman Smith.

**ABSENT:**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Alderman Jordan moved for the approval of the Agenda, as amended, to remove Resolution 2012-1 regarding the Police Department, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED BOARD MINUTES:** Alderman Jordan moved for the approval of the December 15, 2011, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, as amended to correct the spelling of Knaphied, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Alderman Jordan moved to open the meeting to the public, as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Pruett introduced (2) officers who were recently hired by the City; Officers Daniel Sanders and Justin Spradlin.

Mayor Doerr, along with the following Image & Beautification Board members presented the 2011 Christmas Decorating Awards to the winners: Jeannette Bost, Bob Bost, and Clarence Cherry. Those present came forward and received their award:

Ward 1: Dave & Julie Hanheide  
Ward 1: Bob & Amy Rose (not present)  
Ward 2: Ernest & Kelly Coffman (not present)  
Ward 2: Pete & Lynne Bailey (only Lynne)  
Ward 3: David & Inez Proctor  
Ward 3: Angela Raven  
Ward 4: Patricia Steward  
Ward 4: Calvin Walls

Alderman Smith noted all the work the Image and Beautification Board does throughout the City.

City Collector, Mark Tranel, and a member of the Special Administrative Board for the Riverview Gardens School District introduced Dr. Clive Coleman, Superintendent of the Riverview Gardens School District, who reported on the update of the school district. He stated the following:

- Lost accreditation in July, 2010;
- At that time, a new Superintendent was appointed along with the forming of the Special Administrative Board (SAB);
- Focus is on academics;
- Stressed the importance of input from the residents;
- There are approximately 6000 students and (13) schools in the district;
- The new principal is Mr. Robertson;
- He knows the district is capable of doing much better;
- Teachers are required to be evaluated every year for the first (5) years;
- Financially, they're doing much better – the Fund Balance has increased 25% each year; and
- Extracurricular activities are also important.

At this time, the Mayor asked the Board if they had any questions for Dr. Coleman:

- Mayor Doerr “applauds all your energy and efforts” and appreciates the updates;
- Alderman Paro said communication between the district and the community is important;
- Alderman Roth asked when Dr. Coleman thought RGSD would receive accreditation – Dr. Coleman stated he had a goal of getting certain points over the next year and hopefully he would be able to update the Board at the beginning of next year;
- Alderman Smith liked to see progress with parental involvement – it has doubled since last year;
- Alderman Hollis thanked Dr. Coleman for his report so she will be able to share the information with her constituents;
- Alderman Migliazzo questioned the status of the homeless students. Dr. Coleman explained the school has to provide the necessary services such as transportation, no matter where they are living now. Some kids are in hotels, temporary shelters or with foster parents; and
- Alderman Paro asked what would happen if the state doesn't see any improvement in the district. Dr. Coleman stated the SAB meets with the Education Commission yearly and they conduct formal reviews – there is good open communication.

At this time, Mayor Doerr asked if the audience had any questions:

**GINA WALSH, 1246 BAKEWELL:** Thanked Dr. Coleman for “watching the money” and is happy about the 81% of graduates compared to 67% in 2009. Attendance is improving and the drop-out rate has lowered. Dr. Coleman went on to say there is a plan in place to cut the budget by the end of the month.

**DAVID PROCTOR, 1475 HAVILAND:** Asked what would happen if the teachers didn't get a good review on their yearly evaluations; he was told that person would be fired.

**BEN BROADNAX, 1200 FOREST HOME:** Stated he is a graduate of the RGSD and is willing to mentor and partner with the district along with some other people he knows.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone else had something to say during the open forum.

**SCOTT SCHULTZ, 10400 COBURG LANDS:** Thanked all the Aldermen who have already submitted representatives for the Youth in Government program. The Youth Board will

continue to work with Mr. Hebron and Trinity Catholic High School in getting more reps. At the next meeting, the Youth Board will come up with a budget.

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

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** No meeting held in December.

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** No meeting held in December.

**IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD:** No meeting held in December, although they chose the Christmas decoration winners. The Mayor would like this Board to come up with a budget.

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD:** No meeting held in December.

**PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR:** Mark reported on the following:

- They continue to work on the landscaping in front of City Hall;
- The trees in the plaza in front of the Rec Center are being replaced;
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> part-time bus driver will be ready to start next week; and
- The winter session will begin in a couple of weeks.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Nothing to report. Mayor Doerr congratulated Attorney O'Keefe for being named Lawyer of the Year 2012 for Municipal Government Law for the St. Louis Metro area, in the Best Lawyers in America publication. This honor is determined by his peers.

**CHIEF PRUETT:** The Chief reported there will be siren tests, throughout the County, on January 9<sup>th</sup> to make sure they are all working.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Bill No. 2288 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RELATED SERVICES.**

Alderman Roth read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2288 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2288 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 Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Hollis, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Glenzy, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; and Alderman Paro.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2288, the bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2207 when and if signed by the Mayor.

It was noted this is a 4% increase from last year.

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR:** Mayor Bob Doerr reported on the following:

- He attended a required seminar with East/West Gateway due to the grants received by the City for St. Cyr and Belgrove/Coburg Lands streets; and
- He will appoint members to the Human Relations Commission at the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:**

**ALDERMAN MERZ:** Congratulated all the Christmas winners and welcomed the Police Officers. He thanked Dr. Coleman on the school district update. Lastly, he thanked Mark Dickerson and the whole crew at the Rec Center for the great job they did at the Christmas party.

**ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO:** Congratulated the Christmas winners and stated the City looked great this holiday season. Congratulations to the City Attorney O'Keefe on his accolades.

**ALDERMAN PARO:** Set out flyers for the eagle watching dates` coming up. Thanked all of the help and donations given to the Missouri Hills Home Christmas party. The next Newsletter should be going out around February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ALDERMAN GLENZY:** He wished everyone a Happy New Years. Congratulations to all of the Christmas winners. Thanked Dr. Coleman for his informative presentation. Welcomed the Police Officers to the City and Congratulated Attorney O'Keefe on his wonderful distinction.

**ALDERMAN SMITH:** Thanked all the residents for showing up to the meeting tonight. The last Neighborhood Watch meeting had a big attendance. He wanted to congratulate the Christmas winners, along with the help from the Image & Beautification Board. He welcomed the new Officers to the City and congratulated the City Attorney. He was glad Dr. Coleman updated the community; they need to get involved.

**ALDERMAN HOLLIS:** She wished everyone a Happy New Year. She congratulated all of the Christmas winners and the City Attorney.

**ALDERMAN JORDAN:** He thought the Rec Center employees did a wonderful job hosting the Christmas Party; they did "an outstanding job"! Congratulated the City Attorney and all of the Christmas winners. He welcomed both of the Police Officers and to all those who showed up to the meeting tonight. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**ALDERMAN ROTH:** Wished everyone a Happy New Year. He would hope everyone focused in on Dr. Coleman's updates on the school district; he believes the updates could "energize the district".

**CITY COLLECTOR:** Mark Tranel reported the school district should be a community effort. His staff wished all a Happy New Year. Congratulations to Attorney O'Keefe.

Mayor Doerr thanked City Collector Tranel for all his help with the school district.

City Clerk, Deni Donovan, noted the success of the December 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas party hosted by the "Because I Care" foundation headed by Margo Deloch. Her organization hosted about 100 families at their Christmas Party; of which (27) families came from our community.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Alderman Jordan moved to open the meeting to the public as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

**JEANNETTE BOST, 800 COACH N SIX:** Thanked the Mayor for his 100% support of the Image & Beautification Board. She thanked Alderman Smith for all of his help and support.

**DAVID PROCTOR, 1475 HAVILAND:** Impressed by the public relations done by Mayor Doerr during the holidays. He was on the Government channel wishing everyone a happy holiday from the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors.


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

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

  
Robert J. Doerr, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Deni Donovan, City Clerk