

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2012**

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY Mayor Doerr at 7:40 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, Chief Pruett, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Paro, Alderman Glenzy, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith and Alderman Hollis.

ABSENT: City Collector Mark Tranel

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Alderman Jordan moved for the approval of the Agenda as amended to include a report by Mark Dickerson at the beginning of the Meeting Open to the Public segment, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Jordan moved for approval of the February 2, 2012, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Alderman Jordan moved to open the meeting to the public, following Mark's presentation, for as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Parks and Rec Supervisor asked for Board approval on accepting bids regarding the locker rooms and partitions in the restrooms. He stated there is \$25,000 in his budget to do the updates; work will begin next month in-between sessions.

He reported on the following bids received for resurfacing the locker room floors:

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| 1) Desco Systems | \$11,863 |
| 2) Flooring Systems | \$13,614 |
| 3) Leach Painting | \$13,900 |

Mark reported on the bids for the toilet partitions for both the men and women's restrooms and also for partitions in the women's shower room:

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| 1) M.J. Products | \$6,241 | \$9,593 |
| 2) Commercial Bathwares | \$5,340 | \$6,585 |
| 3) Negwar Toilet Partitions | No Bid | No Bid |

Per Supervisor Mark Dickerson's recommendations, Alderman Hollis made a motion to have the City accept the lowest bids (Desco and Commercial Bathwares) to do the work at the Rec Center, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

Also, he would like approval to attend the annual Missouri Parks Convention from February 28-March 2, 2012. Alderman Roth made a motion approving Mark's request, seconded by Alderman Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

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 Hollis. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the January, 2012 report. The Chief said he would appreciate a "yes" vote on the St. Louis Court Facilities Bond Issue (Prop S) on April 3, 2012. It is important for law enforcement to have an up-to-date center. Alderman Smith asked if the (10) car thefts had anything to do with cars left running idly; the Chief did not know.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the January, 2012 report. Collector Tranel was excused.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the July, 2011 through January, 2012, report. Treasurer Abeln stated revenue is up 4% partly due to the Railroad Tax; this has something to do with the utility lines over the tracks. The City received \$38,000 this year versus \$17,000 last year. He could not get an approximation for next year. There was a discussion on the increase in revenue.

The City Treasurer noted the following adjustments to the 2011-2012 City Budget:

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| 1) Reimburse Rec Center: | \$12,000 |
| 2) Street Lights | -\$18,000 |
| 3) Storm Damage | \$35,600 |
| 4) Storm Damage Expense | -\$56,300 |
| 5) Railroad Tax | \$25,000 |

Based on the City Treasurer's recommendations, Alderman Glenzy made a motion to approve the adjusted Budget, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Pruett reported on the bids received for a computer to replace the Court laptop:

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| 1) Dell | \$1826.00 |
| 2) Paragon | \$1779.99 |
| 3) WWT | \$1571.00 |

Based on the recommendation by Chief Pruett, Alderman Glenzy made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Court laptop computer from World Wide Technology for \$1571, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried; Alderman Merz abstained because his sister works for WWT.

Per Alderman Roth's questions, the funds could not be taken from the drug forfeiture money because it was for Court; not the Police Department.

Mayor Doerr reported on the bids received for the City's auditing needs. Hochschild, Bloom & Company and Bates CPAs were the only firms which responded:

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| 1) Hochschild, Bloom | \$10,500 (6/2012) | \$10,820 (6/2013) | \$11,140 (6/2014) |
| Single Audit | \$4,850 | | |
| 2) Bates | \$10,750 (6/2012) | \$11,000 (6/2013) | \$11,350 (6/2014) |
| Single Audit | \$3,750 | | |

Based on Mayor Doerr's recommendation, Alderman Glenzy made a motion to approve that the City contract with Hochschild, Bloom for years 2012 through 2014, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney O'Keefe said that change is sometimes a good thing; there may be a benefit for another company to have "fresh eyes". He suggested asking the opinion of Hochschild, Bloom.

Alderman Paro asked about the audit conducted by Hochschild, Bloom for the Village of Riverview and why there was such a discrepancy between them and St. Louis County. Without knowing the results from both audits, the City Attorney would not render an opinion.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Glenzy moved to pay invoices 1 through 24 in the amount of \$71,534.77 for the months of January/February, 2012, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

INVOICES UNDER \$500: The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 86 in the amount of \$11,050.02, for the month of January, 2012.

PLANNING & ZONING: The Board reviewed the February 13, 2012, report. Chairman Bob Stolte reported the presentation by James Lovings, the owner of Speed Racer Go-Carts, was very good. He instructed Mr. Lovings the Board needed a letter from the owner, Mr. Hahs, before they could proceed with a Conditional Use Permit. Engineer Lum also requested a site plan and asked about the noise factor and parking places. Mr. Lovings offered to give a live demonstration. Mr. Lovings will be on the February agenda.

CITY ENGINEER: The Board reviewed the January, 2012 report. City Engineer Phil Lum reported on the following:

- QuikTrip – plan review;
- White Castle – plan review;
- Following up with the go-cart issue;
- Shepley Bridge – he briefly discussed "who knew what and when they knew it - communication is the key" referring to the post-inspection done by MoDOT and the problems that still exist; and
- Still reviewing Engineering Firms for the TIP. He would like to schedule a meeting with the Mayor and Joe on this issue. He has narrowed it down to (3) firms.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: The Board reviewed the January, 2012, report. Ted Stocker reported on the following:

- Davita Dialysis is up and running;
- The Firehouse should be opening up soon;
- Family Dollar updates should be done soon;
- QuikTrip – there are some building issues;
- Church of Judah – some electrical issues;
- White Castle has submitted drawings for remodeling;
- Reported there have been (3) house fires in the last (16) days; and
- Attended an Earthquake Seminar; he provided information to the audience.

Alderman Smith brought up the issue of the bright orange stickers put on vacant homes notifying possible home buyers there needs to be an inspection done before moving in. He feels this looks bad and also alerts burglars to vacant homes. He had some sort of concern about 905 Lebon. Phil Lum noted St. Louis County has discontinued this practice. The Mayor will take all options under advisement. The City Attorney suggested getting more information from the Police Department such as if the burglaries were committed at vacant homes with the orange stickers. Also, this practice may be regulated by Ordinance.

Alderman Paro brought up the issue of homes still being renovated from the April 22, 2011, tornado. There were questions about the following (2) homes:

- 1) 1111 LaRoux – (Angie’s house) – will be demolished; there is a new owner;
- 2) 1116 LaRoux – The owner told the Mayor he wasn’t sure if he was going to demolish or rebuild.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2012-1 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN PARO

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, REGARDING THE METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT PENDING CONSENT DECREE AND RATE INCREASES

Alderman Paro made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-1, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2012-2 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS TO EXPRESS OPPOSITION TO THE “ALMOST EVERYTHING TAX.”

Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-2, seconded by Alderman Glenzy. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill No. 2290 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS CITY CODE TO UPDATE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CITY PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION OF EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading only of Bill No. 2289 and to go onto the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2290 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 Glenzy. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Hollis, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Glenzy, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; and Alderman Roth, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2290, the bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2209 when and if signed by the Mayor.

Bill No. 2291 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TAX-EXEMPT FINANCING COMPLIANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI.

Alderman Roth read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2291 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman

Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2291 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. 2291, the bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2210 when and if signed by the Mayor.

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

- BP – Bellefontaine received (2) business applications from (2) different people. Mayor Doerr was told the original owner has until March 1st to purchase the business; otherwise, owner #2 will be the new Manager. If there is a new owner, an updated CUP will be needed;
- The Budget will be in better shape as soon as things get settled with SEMA regarding the discrepancy with the St. Louis County debris clean-up and the City's requested reimbursement;
- Due to required testing by the MSD Stormwater Phase II Project, the City has purchased "spill equipment" for the Street Department;
- Hopefully, the Firehouse will be opened soon; and
- Shirts and hats have been ordered for the City employees.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: No report given.

ALDERMAN PARO: The Newsletters will be delivered by this week-end. She thanked Lou Roth and the Boy Scouts for their help with delivery. The Neighborhood Ownership Workshop will be held on February 24th at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at City Hall. All are invited.

ALDERMAN GLENZY: No report given.

ALDERMAN MERZ: No report given.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Asked if there was anything being done regarding the County Annexation map; the Mayor said no, but there was time to complete this information which is required every (5) years.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Thanked Chief Pruett and the Police Department on the Safety Notification he received on his half-opened garage door.

ALDERMAN SMITH: Stated the BBQ Truck that used to be at a Halls Ferry location is now located at Down Home Elegance; the Mayor said he would look into it. They cannot set up a BBQ stand unless it is a non-profit organization. He attended the annual MML Legislative Conference; it was very informative. The majority of the discussions involved the "everything tax"; no one liked the idea. He said the lobbyists will be out on election day asking for signatures – do not sign.

ALDERMAN HOLLIS: Alderman Hollis agreed with Alderman Smith – "it's a bad idea". She is working with numerous organizations to get some legislation on the November ballot: 1) Raising minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$8.25; and 2) putting a cap of 39% on Pay Day Loan fees. Volunteers are needed.

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.

CHIEF PRUETT: He added that he attended the Mathews-Dickey Awards Banquet last Saturday with Bob and Pat Russell. They have raised \$80,000 for the Bob Russell project so far. They plan on getting \$1 million dollars. There will be a meeting at City Hall on February 29th at 10 a.m. for all the area Mayors and organizations.

BOB STOLTE, 1147 SIEBE: He said there are more Pay Day Loan Companies in Missouri than the total of all the Starbucks and McDonalds. He said these companies are backed by big businesses.

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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on 3/1/2012