

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MINUTES
March 1, 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 Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Paro, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Glenzy, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Hollis, and Alderman Smith.

ABSENT: City Collector Mark Tranel and Alderman Roth

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED BOARD MINUTES: Alderman Jordan moved for the approval of the February 16, 2012, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, 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 Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, a Proclamation honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts was written and read by Judy Mantych.

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 Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Board reviewed the February 23, 2012, Minutes. Alderman Hollis reported they are reviewing Section 17 of the Code Book. At the meeting, Chief Pruett reported on pseudo ephedrine and its use with meth labs.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the February, 2012, Minutes. Alderman Jordan reminded everyone the Youth Trivia will be this Saturday and Youth in Government will be March 15th after the regular Board Meeting.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: No Meeting held. Alderman Smith reported the Board members are always looking for ways to make Bellefontaine Neighbors more beautiful. The front of City Hall looks really good; landscaping will be done over the next few months. Lou Roth has been doing a lot of work at the parks.

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD: The Board reviewed the February, 2012, Minutes.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR: Mark was excused to attend the Annual Missouri Parks Convention. Mayor Doerr said Mark is looking into buying an electronic sign for advertising. It may be put at the corner of Chambers and Bellefontaine and the current sign in front will be repaired. Alderman Paro reminded everyone the annual Irish Dinner will be March 6th.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

CHIEF PRUETT: Asked for Board approval to purchase a must needed copier for the Sergeant's office downstairs for \$6532; it will be paid for with drug forfeiture money. Alderman Glenzy made a motion to approve the purchase of a new copier, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously. He warned everyone about a phone scam going on whereby the caller will say you missed Jury Duty; never give them any information especially your social security number.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2292 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH HOCHSCHILD, BLOOM & COMPANY LLP FOR INDEPENDENT AUDITING SERVICES.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading only of Bill No. 2292 and to go onto the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2292 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 Jordan, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Hollis, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Glenzy, yes; and Alderman Smith, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2292, the bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2211 when and if signed by the Mayor.

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Robert J. Doerr reported on the following:

- He attended a Prayer Breakfast hosted by Mayor Slay on the 22nd. He met Bob Swank, with North County Inc and was looking forward to working with him on the Mathews-Dickey Project. Mr. Swank passed away from a heart attack over the week-end;
- He attended the 270 Corridor Study meeting on the 22nd. He is interested in the possible extension of Pershall Road to Bellefontaine Road and maybe as far as Riverview. The problem is no money;
- On the 23rd he attended a meeting about a possible project at 270 and Riverview; again, funding may be a problem;
- The Mayor was asked to speak at the Black History Month event at Grand Slam on February 25th;
- On Saturday, February 25th, he along with Chief Pruett, Ameren and various others helped with the clean-up at Bob Russell Park;
- On February 21st, the Mayor, Chief Pruett, and Deni attended the D.A.R.E. Graduation at Grace Lutheran School presented by Sgt. Vassallo;
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- The City of Bellefontaine Neighbors hosted a meeting on the 29th to kick off the Mathews-Dickey Boys' and Girls' Club at Bob Russell Park – games will be starting in the fall;
- The new lights have been installed in front of City Hall;
- There will be a tornado drill on March 13th;
- Mayor Doerr is getting information on the collection agency used by Florissant to get back pay on warrants;
- The Mayor reported the Board of Aldermen is looking into an accounting system for City Hall; and
- There seems to be some confusion as to who is in charge at BP located at 10844 Bellefontaine Road – there have been (2) license renewal applications submitted to the Building Department.

Appointments:

Mayor Doerr appointed Tony Migliazzo as the Aldermanic representative for the Planning & Zoning Board. Per the recommendation of the Mayor, Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the appointment of Tony Migliazzo as the Aldermanic representative for the P&Z Board, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr appointed Mark Roth as the new Budget Director. Per the recommendation of the Mayor, Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the appointment of Mark Roth as the Budget Director, seconded by Alderman Glenzy. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN MERZ: Happy Anniversary to the Girl Scouts. He asked the Building Inspector to go by Cadora and Maraldo and check out the pile of shrubbery in the backyard.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Congratulations to the Girl Scouts on their 100th Anniversary. Congratulations to Mark Roth being appointed as the new Budget Director without even being in attendance. He is happy the money collected from drug forfeitures is being put to good use. He has also received scam phone calls; everyone needs to be aware of these types of calls.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to have Weis Design Group prepare the grant paperwork required to update the Shepley and Belgrove bridges, seconded by Alderman Glenzy. Motion carried unanimously.

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: Thanked Judy for not only presenting the Girl Scout Proclamation tonight, but she also wrote it. Congratulations to the Girl Scouts.

ALDERMAN HOLLIS: Congratulations to the Girl Scouts. If any kids are interested in playing sports at Mathews-Dickey, she was told they are to call their main phone number. She reminded all about the (2) petitions going around to get some issues put on the ballot: raise in minimum wage, and putting a cap on Pay Day loans. Volunteers are needed.

ALDERMAN SMITH: Congratulations to the Girl Scouts and to Judy for presenting the Proclamation. He advised the other Aldermen to take a look at the condition of the streets in their Ward and to report any damage so the Street Department can repair before the weather gets bad. He attended the Mathews-Dickey Kick-Off and reported the meeting went very well. It was great seeing the "community coming together". He invited all to get involved in this project. He is researching street light grants. He asked what was going on with the orange stickers placed in vacant homes' doors. The Mayor said he would like some guidance from the Board.

Alderman Paro made a motion to discontinue the practice of putting the orange stickers on vacant homes, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Doerr said effective immediately, no more orange stickers; he will talk with the Building Department tomorrow on how to move forward.

ALDERMAN PARO: She announced the Human Society of America is offering to "fix" your animal for free during the month of April. While attending Jury Duty, Alderman Paro saw first hand how badly the Court looked. She whole heartedly backs the passage of the no tax increase St. Louis Court Facilities Bond Issue (Prop S) on April 3, 2012. After the elections, she would like new pictures taken of the Aldermen. She warned everyone about signing petitions; the "everything tax" issue will be out there too along with the minimum wage increase and Pay Day loan cap issues. Thank you to Judy for the Girl Scout Proclamation. Congratulations to Tony and Mark on their appointments.

ALDERMAN GLENZY: Congratulations to the Girl Scouts; he loves their cookies! Due to family and job commitments, his family has moved to O'Fallon and unfortunately, he was resigning as Alderman as of April 1, 2012. "I consider it a privilege to have worked for the residents of Bellefontaine Neighbors and with Mayor Robert J. Doerr". He went on to say he appreciated all the hard work the Mayor has done since being in office only a short time. He thanked the Board for all their support. The Mayor thanked Alderman Glenzy for his work on the Board especially helping negotiate the trash service contract and as Budget Director.

At this time, the Mayor said the board of aldermen has the right to cancel or reschedule a meeting, provided it shall, when possible, announce such cancellation or rescheduling in advance at a public meeting. Alderman Merz made a motion to cancel the 1st meeting in April. There was no second. The motion did not carry. The City Attorney reminded the Board the Ordinance needed to establish the annual rate of ad valorem tax levied for 2012 is needed by October 1st; not September 1st like it usual is due by.

CITY COLLECTOR: Mark Tranel was excused.

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.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: She asked if the City knew why there were orange ribbons on her fence that backs up to Frieden's Cemetery; no one knew why.

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.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on 3/15/12 (date)