

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MINUTES
May 3, 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 Pruet, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Paro, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Merz, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Hollis, and Alderman Smith.

ABSENT: City Collector Mark Tranel

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED BOARD MINUTES: Alderman Jordan moved for the approval of the April 19, 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 Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr introduced Sergeant Peggy Vassallo, the D.A.R.E. Instructor for the Elementary schools in Bellefontaine Neighbors; she announced the winners of the D.A.R.E. Program essay contest from Danforth Intermediate Academy: 1st place winners were Kristine Maxwell and Nautica Watson; 2nd place winners were Vincent Badalamenti (not present) and Issa Issa (not present); and the 3rd place winners were Brandon Williams and Jaida Spencer. Mayor Doerr and the Board of Aldermen proclaimed May 3, 2012, Drug Awareness Day in Bellefontaine Neighbors. Instead of having the 1st place winners read their essays as in the past, the D.A.R.E. kids read a letter prepared by all of them to the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors thanking them for their support.

REVEREND COLEMAN, FAITH IN HOPE MINISTRIES, 9308 LEWIS & CLARK: As an associate of Pastor Hilton's, who could not attend the meeting, Reverend Coleman wanted to let the Mayor know how grateful his organization is for the support and cooperation of the City. He went on to say the police are "2nd to none"; they have not had any problems at their location. They are determined to be a positive force in the community.

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.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Board reviewed the April 26, 2012, Minutes. Alderman Hollis reported the Committee wants everyone to be aware of the vacant homes in their area; keep an eye out for any activity when there should not be anyone there. If there are newspapers piling up, it would be best to throw them away as not to draw attention to no one living there.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the April 16, 2012, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported on the upcoming events: Bike Rodeo (5/19); and Fishing Derby at the Conservation Area (6/9).

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: Board reviewed the April 10, 2012, Minutes. Alderman Smith reported they had great weather for Beautification Day last Saturday; it was a big success.

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD: The Board reviewed the April 17, 2012, Minutes. Alderman Merz reported the grant paperwork has been sent in for another Rec Center Transportation Bus. The restroom upgrades are finished; everything looks nice. There was a discussion to open the pool on Saturday, May 26th instead of the 28th. There is going to be adult pool parties on the 3rd Friday of the month during the summer.

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

- The roof has been repaired;
- The Summer Brochure is coming out soon;
- Pool upgrades are being done;
- Very busy with grass cutting;
- Alderman Paro worked the Cinco de Mayo dinner, held at the Rec Center this evening, and thanked the Rec Center for the wonderful job they did;
- Alderman Migliazzo asked Mark to check out the new lights installed at the entrance of City Hall – they are really bright;
- The Landscaping in front should be done in the next couple of weeks; and
- Alderman Paro asked if the Boy Scouts have been contacted about helping out with Wilderness Park.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

CHIEF PRUETT: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Alderman Jordan made a motion to open up nominations to select the acting President of the Board of Aldermen, seconded by Alderman Hollis. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Jordan nominated Anthony Smith, seconded by Alderman Merz. There were no more nominations. Alderman Jordan made a motion to close the nomination selection, seconded by Alderman Hollis. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Jordan made a motion to nominate Anthony Smith as the acting President, seconded by Alderman Hollis. Motion carried unanimously.

BILL NO. 2297 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SMITH

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-42 OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ADOPTING NEW PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS AND PERSONNEL HANDBOOK FOR THE CITY.

Alderman Smith read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading only of Bill No. 2297 and to go onto the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Smith then read Bill No. 2297 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 Smith, yes; Alderman Hollis, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; and Alderman Migliazzo, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2297, the bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2216 when and if signed by the Mayor.

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

- There will be an ice company business coming soon on Pershall Road;
- Waste Management picked Bellefontaine Neighbors to participate in a recycling program; the program consists of (1) city per state. An award of \$100,000 will go to the city that recycles the most from July 1st through December 31st;
- There will be a hazardous waste recycling event at Florissant Valley this Saturday; and
- The limb pick-up program will end on July 1st.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN HOLLIS: Thanked Sgt. Vassallo for her work with the D.A.R.E. kids and congratulated the kids on their essays. Thanked Reverend Coleman for his kind words.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Thanked the D.A.R.E. kids and congratulated Alderman Smith on his nomination.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Congratulations to the D.A.R.E. kids and a job well done by Sgt. Vassallo. He commented on how beautiful the City looks.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Congratulated Alderman Smith, the D.A.R.E. kids and Sgt. Vassallo. He wished all the moms a Happy Mother's Day.

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: Congratulated Alderman Smith and commented how great it was to have the D.A.R.E. kids present tonight. With all the kids at the meeting tonight, he was happy to hear how exuberant the Pledge of Allegiance sounded.

ALDERMAN PARO: The Newsletter is going to Press shortly. Congratulations to Alderman Smith. There will be an electronic recycling event at City Hall on June 16th. At this time, Yolanda Poe stated Ameren has a free recycling program for light bulbs; she will give the City Clerk more information. Bellefontaine Community Pride had a meeting based on what to do in a catastrophe; there were several speakers and a lot of good information was exchanged. The Spanish Lake Garden Tour and Plant Sale will be held on Sunday, May 20th.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Congratulations to Anthony Smith, the D.A.R.E. kids and Sgt. Vassallo. He congratulated all the newly elected officials. The Newly Elected Officials Workshop he attended, hosted by Kevin O'Keefe, was very helpful.

ALDERMAN SMITH: Thanked the Board for selecting him as President of the Board. Neighborhood Watch is a very important program in the City; everyone needs to be aware of what is going on in their neighborhood. It was great to see the kids playing down at Bob Russell Park again. Congratulated the D.A.R.E. kids and thanked Sgt. Vassallo for all her help. Thanked Reverend Coleman for coming tonight and wished all moms a Happy Mother's Day.

CITY COLLECTOR: Mark Tranel was excused.

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

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Smith 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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

ATTEST:


Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on 5/17/2012