

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
MINUTES  
August 2, 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.

At this time, Mayor Doerr asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for the sudden passing of Matt Friederich, a (17) year employee of the Street Department. The Mayor spoke of how valuable Matt was, along with Mark Kuchta, to the street repair project; saving the City over \$8,000. "Matt will be missed".

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Robert J. Doerr, Chief Pruet, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Paro, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Merz, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Hollis, and Alderman Smith.

**ABSENT:** City Collector Tranel

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

**PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED BOARD MINUTES:** Alderman Smith moved for the approval of the July 19, 2012, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

**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 Merz. 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 Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The Board reviewed the July 26, 2012, Minutes. Alderman Hollis reported they are close to finishing up the review of Chapter 17 of the City's Code Book; they will submit their findings. They wanted to know if there was an Ordinance to require businesses to have trash receptacles in front of their establishment; it was not known at this time. The talk of ID Cards, for all the Boards and Commissions members, was discussed. It was decided, with the help of Mark Dickerson, to have the City Clerk give all the Board information to

him and have the Rec Center prepare ID cards for all those who have their pictures already on file; the rest would have to come in and get their picture taken. Chief Pruet reported that due to the heat, the police are still checking on those residents who are on the emergency list and making sure they are alright.

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** The Board reviewed the July 16, 2012, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported the Family Golf Night will be Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>; they will not be sponsoring a Movie Night this year. They will host a "Back to School" Fair sometime in July, 2013. He would welcome donations from other groups, but the Youth Commission will be spearheading the event.

**IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD:** The Board reviewed the July 10, 2012, Minutes. Alderman Smith reported he would like to see more information in the Newsletter on the discontinuation of the limb pick-up; he is still getting calls from residents. Alderman Paro (editor) will try and get something in this issue. He asked if there were regulations concerning resident's backyards; yes there is. He reminded everyone Beautification Day will be September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD:** The Board reviewed the July 17, 2012, Minutes.

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

- Waiting to hear if we will get the grant for a new transportation bus;
- Still getting bids for the electronic signs – hard to get a hold of some of the vendors; and
- Working on numerous maintenance projects around the rec center.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** No report given.

**CHIEF PRUETT:** No report given.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **BILL NO. 2303 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SMITH**

The City Attorney explained the Personnel Manual will need to have a few more revisions, so the amended Manual will be ready by the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

Alderman Smith read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading only of Bill No. 2303. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Bill No. 2304 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN HOLLIS**

The City Attorney explained this is all the result of the voter approval of a tax increase for total communication with all first responders. The Police will get the first round of radios, although different departments, such as Public Works and possibly Parks will follow soon afterwards. This Bill gives the Mayor the authority to sign the different agreements as they come in; a new Bill will not have to be prepared throughout the stages when the radios are disbursed. Chief Pruett added this is a wonderful thing; all of BN radios have been listed and documented.

#### **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A USER AGREEMENT WITH THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FOR SUBSCRIBER RADIOS FOR AN INTEROPERABLE RADIO SYSTEM FOR THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS POLICE DEPARTMENT.**



Alderman Hollis read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2304 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Hollis then read Bill No. 2304 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 Hollis, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; and Alderman Merz, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2304, the bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2222 when and if signed by the Mayor.

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

- The City received a denial letter from SEMA regarding the volunteer work done during the clean up from the 2011 tornado – this was expected;
- Image & Beautification is doing a “wonderful job” especially during the drought the City has been experiencing. The Mayor thanked those members in attendance. Mayor Doerr reported the City nominated I&B for the “Way to go Green” program sponsored by St. Louis County.
- Mayor Doerr announced the appointment of Dave Cross to the Park Board Commission. Based on the Mayor’s recommendation, Alderman Merz made a motion to approve Mayor Doerr’s appointment, seconded by Alderman Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously.
- Town Hall Meeting – due to the recycling contest, there should be a Waste Management rep in attendance to answer any questions.

**REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:**

**ALDERMAN HOLLIS:** No report given.

**ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO:** Thanked Dave for accepting the position on the Park Board. He sent his condolences to the Friederich family, “rest in peace”.

**ALDERMAN PARO:** She sent her condolences to the Friederich family. Mr. Mathews and Jay Washington (Mathews-Dickey) came to the Bellefontaine Community Pride meeting to show their support for the group. When asked about what is going on with the tower that was supposed to go up at the Knights of Columbus; Alderman Roth said due to some issues the project is on hold. The Newsletter is ready and will be delivered the week-end of August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ALDERMAN SCHULTZ:** Announced there will be an electronic recycling at Trinity High School.

**ALDERMAN MERZ:** Offered his condolences to the Friederich family.

**ALDERMAN JORDAN:** Offered his condolences to the Friederich family. Congratulations to Dave Cross on his appointment. Reported Bellefontaine Neighbors Court will be participating in the Amnesty Program.

**ALDERMAN ROTH:** Asked everyone keep the Friederich family in their prayers. A lot of good has been written about Bellefontaine Neighbors lately, but everyone still needs to “get the word out” about what a great place our community is. “We are moving in the right direction”.

**ALDERMAN SMITH:** The Housing Fair was a great success. He wanted to thank Mayor Doerr, Mary Oswald, Veronica Morrow-Reel, and all others who helped. There were some concerns as to the motive of some of those who had a booth. There was a discussion about Rich Krueger, with the Community Action Agency, having his workshop at a different time other than Neighborhood Watch.

**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 Hollis. 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 Paro brought up the subject of having Rich Krueger with the Community Action Agency put together an event, such as the Weatherization Program separately from Neighborhood Watch. She will talk to Cpl. Vassallo about this. There was a discussion of providing "green" bags for the residents.

Alderman Smith 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 8/16/12.