

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MINUTES
November 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 Robert J. Doerr, Chief Pruetz, City Clerk Deni Donovan, City Collector Mark Tranel, Alderman Paro, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Merz, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Hollis, and Alderman Smith.

ABSENT: City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe

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 October 18, 2012, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Jordan. 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 Hollis. Motion carried unanimously.

YVETTE HOPSON, 10518 ANSON and MONIQUE WEST, 10515 ANSON (Owners of property, but not living there): Both ladies came up together to complain about a neighbor, they say, may be involved with all of the break-ins that have been occurring. They would like to see more police protection. They had an earlier meeting with Chief Pruetz, but would also like to meet with the Mayor. Sgt. Vassallo has been trying to help with the situation also. They made plans to meet the next morning.

Treasurer Abeln introduced Auditor Angela Dorn with Hochschild, Bloom & Company, LLP; she reported on the 2011-2012 Audit findings, along with a review of the Comments and Recommendations. There were some questions from the Aldermen. She thanked the Mayor and staff for all of their help. The Mayor appreciated her time explaining the results to the Board. They will schedule a meeting, next week, with the City Treasurer, the Mayor and Chief Pruetz. The Mayor announced he had a "good staff".

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

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the October 25, 2012, Minutes. Alderman Hollis reported they finished reviewing Chapter 17 of the City's Code and will make their recommendations; the Mayor will review. They would like to see the crosswalks restriped; the Mayor will talk to Supervisor Welz. They would, also, like to

see more police presence in the area due to so many speeders in the community. Everyone needs to remember to vote. Their meeting will be cancelled in December due to the holidays.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the October 15, 2012, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported on the success of Family Fright Night. The attendance was up from last year and it was very well organized.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the October 9, 2012, Minutes. Alderman Smith asked if more information could go in the Newsletter about discontinuing the branch pick-ups; some residents have been putting out branches at the curb. The Commission will be judging Christmas decorations the 2nd week of December.

PARKS BOARD COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the October 16, 2012, Minutes. Alderman Merz reported the Mayor's Golf Tournament seems to fall on days with bad weather for the last few years, although a good time was had by all. The City still has not heard whether we have received the bus grant. The sign has been replaced in front of City Hall and the new LED sign should be going in by Thanksgiving. The Wine/Beer Social was a small gathering, but very enjoyable. State Senator Tim Green's plaque has been put up at the gazebo.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR: Mark Dickerson was excused.

CITY ATTORNEY: Kevin O'Keefe was excused.

CHIEF PRUETT: Chief Pruett asked for Board approval to attend the MIRMA Fall Seminar entitled "Current Issues in Law Enforcement Liability and Civil Rights" on December 5th at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. Attendance will count towards points on the City's Annual Loss Prevention Evaluation. On December 6th and 7th, at the same location, is the Missouri Police Chiefs' Annual Conference. Alderman Roth made a motion to approve the Chief's request, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chief asked for Board approval to replace (37) Glock firearms with drug forfeiture money in the amount of \$6,718. Alderman Roth made a motion to approve the Chief's request, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Lastly, the Chief asked for Board approval to hire (2) full-time Traffic Safety Unit Officers and (4) part-time Correction Officers, who will work about (21) hours Monday-Saturday. Chief Pruett explained the need for both positions. Alderman Roth made a motion to approve the Chief's request, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

- City Hall will be closed on Monday, November 12th for Veteran's Day.; and
- He attended a required meeting on the annexation process. This is done every (6) years.

Mayor Doerr announced the appointments of Ed Meier and Larry Slominski to the Board of Adjustment. Alderman Smith made a motion to approve Mayor Doerr's appointments, seconded by Alderman Schultz. The Mayor asked Aldermen Schultz and Merz to find someone in Ward 2 to be an alternate.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Was very happy with the Police presence Halloween night. The Chief stated all officers were on duty that day.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Discussion about possible Board of Adjustment candidates for Board of Adjustment alternate from Ward 2.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: No report given.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Thanked the Department Heads and all those who were helpful with the audit process... "nice job".

ALDERMAN SMITH: Thanked all those who helped with the audit; it was greatly appreciated. Reminded everyone with daylight savings time this Saturday, it will be getting darker earlier; be careful. The Veteran's Home will host a program on Veteran's Day, Sunday, November 11th at 10:30 a.m.; all are welcomed.

ALDERMAN HOLLIS: Go out and vote next Tuesday!

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: There are some residents who are still putting branches out at the curb for pick-up; what should the City do? We may need to send a letter letting them know the City does not have this program any longer.

ALDERMAN PARO: The Newsletter will be going out. Let her know right away if anyone has information they want in the January, 2013, edition. There was a minor hit by a car at Bellefontaine and St. Cyr on Halloween night, but he was not badly hurt.

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. She wished all those hit by Hurricane Sandy the best.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: She received a notice about a change in trash service; that would not apply to a Bellefontaine resident.

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.

After a discussion as to a salary adjustment for the City employees, Alderman Roth made a motion to approve the salary adjustment, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a discussion about the December 20th Board of Aldermen Meeting. Alderman Smith made a motion to cancel the meeting, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried; Alderman Jordan opposed. City Collector Tranel will make sure the liquor licenses are prepared by the December 6th meeting for Board approval.

Alderman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

ATTEST:

Deni Donovan
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on *11/15/2012*.