

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MINUTES
January 3, 2013**

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 Pruett, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, City Clerk Deni Donovan, City Collector Mark Tranel, Alderman Paro, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Merz, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Roth, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Hollis, and Alderman Smith.

ABSENT:

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED BOARD MINUTES: Alderman Smith moved for the approval of the December 6, 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.

MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR/SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD (SAB) FOR RGSD: Mr. Tranel invited everyone to attend the January 9th Forum to meet the final (2) candidates for the Riverview Gardens School District Superintendent. Alderman Paro asked what was being done in wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, Connecticut. Mr. Tranel referred to Chief Pruett. The Chief said he attended a meeting to discuss the use of more SRO Officers. He has been having the BN Police Department making random visits to the grade schools and will continue to do so. Alderman Paro wanted it noted for the record "I don't want to see armed guards. I would rather see trained, certified officers in the schools".

Alderman Migliazzo wanted to know the process in selecting the new Superintendent. Mr. Tranel stated the SAB makes the final decision. Per Alderman Jordan's question, Mr. Tranel stated the hiring of the new Superintendent is speeding up the accreditation process at the High School, not hindering it.

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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: No meeting held in December. Alderman Hollis noted the regularly scheduled meetings will continue in January.

YOUTH COMMISSION: No meeting held in December. Plans for a DARE Dance in February are moving forward; he thanked Sgt. Vassallo for all of her help. Mayor Doerr is still looking for (2) more replacements, although not from any particular Ward. The regularly scheduled meetings will continue in January.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION: The Board judged the Christmas decorations on December 11th. There will be no meetings in January or February due to the holidays. Alderman Smith stated the Christmas winners will be recognized at the January 17th Board of Aldermen meeting. The regularly scheduled meetings will continue in February.

PARKS BOARD COMMISSION: No meeting held. Alderman Merz noted the regularly scheduled meetings will continue in January.

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

- Still no word regarding the bus grant;
- The Mayor thanked Mark for all his help on the Christmas party – it was well attended;
- Class participation will start picking up; and
- Mark asked for Board approval to attend the Missouri Parks and Recreation Conference on February 26-March 1st..

Alderman Merz made a motion to approve Mark's request, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report was given.

CHIEF PRUETT: Chief Pruett read from a plaque awarded to the Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department from the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation dated December 6, 2012, acknowledging their certification. He thanked Sgt. Ihler (present) for all of his hard work in accomplishing this assignment. The Chief then presented Sgt. Ihler with a Letter of Commendation from the Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department. Furthermore, Chief Pruett stated there was a spot offered to him at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia; he offered the position to Sgt. Ihler; Ihler accepted.

The Chief reported Officer John Burke and Lt. Tom Sheehan will be retiring January 4, 2013.; "they will be missed".

Chief Pruett asked for Board approval to modify the Police Department structure to create a Sergeant position on the Organizational Chart while leaving the position of Lieutenant open. Alderman Smith approved Chief Pruett's request, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Pruett then asked for Board approval to promote Shawn Applegate from Corporal to Sergeant. Alderman Smith approved the Chief's request, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY COLLECTOR: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Alderman Roth reported to the Board the following bids received to redo the flooring in the locker rooms in the Police Department:

Artistic Concrete	\$5,367.00
Desco Systems	\$2,965.00

A 3rd party was invited to submit a bid, but they did not.

Per the Mayor's recommendation, Alderman Roth made a motion to accept the bid from Desco Systems in the amount of \$2,965.00, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried; Alderman Merz abstained.

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

- Congratulations to the Police Department on their recertification;
- Congratulations to Officer Burke on his retirement;
- Congrats to Lt. Sheehan on his years of service - although Lt. Sheehan is retiring from his full-time position, he will be working in the Police Department on a part-time basis;
- Congratulations to Peggy Poeschel on her years of service;
- He offered his condolences of the passing of Kevin O'Keefe's sister, Ellen;
- The QuikTrip upgrades are progressing; and
- Mayor Doerr, along with the Department Heads is meeting with Jeff Arp to review the MIRMA evaluation.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN JORDAN: He offered his condolences to Kevin on the loss of his sister. He congratulated Lt. Sheehan, Officer Burke and Court Clerk Peggy Poeschel on their retirements.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Wished all of the retirees a happy retirement. He commended Chief Pruett on his "vision" by appointing Sgt. Ihler to take his place at the FBI Academy. Alderman Roth would like to continue discussing "the needs of the City's future and to keep an open mind and talk about topics in order for the City to move forward". He will talk to the Mayor about a date to meet for a Budget Meeting.

ALDERMAN SMITH: He offered his condolences to Kevin. He applauded the Chief on his confidence in Sgt. Ihler. Congratulations to all of the retirees. He would like everyone to use their "common sense and caution" regarding safety issues in the community.

ALDERMAN HOLLIS: She offered her condolences to Kevin on the loss of his sister. Congratulations to Peggy Poeschel on her retirement. Congratulations to Chief Pruett and the Police Department on their recertification. And congrats to Sgt. Ihler, Officer Burke, and Lt. Sheehan. Happy New Year to all!

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: He offered his condolences to Kevin. Congratulated Chief Pruett and the Police Department on their recertification; "what an honor"! He wished a happy retirement to all of the retirees. Congratulations to Sgt. Ihler on his Letter of Commendation and to Sgt. Applegate on his promotion.

ALDERMAN PARO: She offered her condolences to Kevin. She wished all the retirees a happy retirement. Congratulations to Sgt. Ihler on his Letter of Commendation and the Police Department's recertification. The Newsletter should be ready to be delivered at the end of February; if anyone has some good ideas for the paper, let her know. She wants to get with the City Clerk about information on all of the good the City did around the holidays.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: He sent his heartfelt condolences to Kevin on the loss of his sister. Congratulations to all of the retirees. He agreed with Alderman Roth's comments on the City moving forward. He thought it was commendable for Chief Pruetz to have given up his spot to the FBI Academy. He wished Ted Stocker and Joe Raben happy birthday.

ALDERMAN MERZ: He offered his condolences to Kevin. Congratulations to all of the retirees.

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 Hollis. Motion carried unanimously.


Chief Pruetz wanted to send his condolences to Kevin on the loss of his sister. He, also, announced the Police Department has the new Special Olympics T-Shirts for purchase.

Alderman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Hollis. 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 JANUARY 3, 2013