

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING (Meeting at the Rec Center)  
MINUTES  
February 7, 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.

Mayor Doerr asked all to remain standing for a moment of silence on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kirkwood shooting.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Robert J. Doerr, Chief Pruett, City Clerk Deni Donovan, City Collector Mark Tranel, Adam Lorenz (sitting in for Kevin O'Keefe), Alderman Paro, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Roth, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Hollis, and Alderman Smith.

**ABSENT:** Aldermen Scott Schultz and Don Merz; 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 January 17, 2013, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Migliazzo. 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.

Mayor Doerr introduced Sgt. Peggy Vassallo who gave a presentation on the D.A.R.E. Program and read a Proclamation announcing February 7<sup>th</sup> "Drug Awareness Day" in Bellefontaine Neighbors. She announced the winners of the D.A.R.E. Program essay contest from Grace Chapel Lutheran School: 1<sup>st</sup> place was Faith Borgmann; 2<sup>nd</sup> place was James Hamber; and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner was Gabriella Bonilla.

Mayor Doerr thanked Sgt. Vassallo for all of her work with the D.A.R.E. Program.

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 Hollis. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION:** The Board reviewed the January 24, 2013 Minutes. Alderman Hollis said they were done reviewing Section 17 of the City's Code and would like to move onto another section. Alderman Paro asked if they would review the problem on Delaird; cars are parking on both sides of the street causing some congestion.

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** The Board reviewed the January 21, 2013 Minutes.

**IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION:** No Meeting held in January; will resume in February. Alderman Smith invited all to Beautification Day on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**PARKS BOARD COMMISSION:** The Board reviewed the January 15, 2013 Minutes. Alderman Merz was excused.

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

- Alderman Paro encouraged all to attend the wonderful dinners sponsored by the Rec Center: 3/5/13 is the St. Patrick's dinner and 5/2/13 is Cinco de Mayo.
- Carpet pricing is ongoing; and
- The delivery of the Newsletter should be the 1<sup>st</sup> week-end in March.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Kevin O'Keefe was excused due to a medical issue. Adam said Kevin was resting comfortably and doing well.

**CHIEF PRUETT:** Chief Pruett reported on the 2/8/13 shooting on Science Hill. He gave an update on the newly formed Traffic Division. Approximately 400 tickets were issued in the last (3) weeks on 367 and Highway 270. Several arrests were made also. He wanted to thank the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for their help and support on both of these issues. It has been a very trying week.

Mayor Doerr thanked the Chief, the Police Department and the Major Case Squad for all of their help and hard work during the shooting investigation.

**CITY COLLECTOR:** Mark Tranel said all of the merchant retail letters have been mailed out. Follow up ongoing regarding renewals.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

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

- QuikTrip upgrades are progressing quite well;
- The City received a reimbursement check from St. Louis County regarding the debris debacle associated with the 2011 tornado;
- The City is still dealing with FEMA/SEMA issues before getting reimbursed from them; and
- Roy Gillespie, with the Human Rights Commission, has been a valuable asset to Bellefontaine Neighbors. He has been working with the City on several issues since the 2011 tornado.

**REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:**

**ALDERMAN SMITH:** Attended the recent D.A.R.E graduation. The Neighborhood Watch meeting was very well attended. He encourages all to call the police when they see something happening in the neighborhood. He invited all to the Housing Expo on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**ALDERMAN HOLLIS:** Congrats to the D.A.R.E. essay winners. Thanks to the Chief and the entire Police Department for all their work with the shooting incident.

**ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO:** Congratulations to the D.A.R.E. essay winners and thanks to Sgt. Vassallo for all her work with the D.A.R.E. Program. Also, thanks to Chief Pruett and the Police Department for their work with the shooting incident. He was concerned

about the issue of the Post Office "flagging" vacant homes. He asked the City to call and ask about this process.

**ALDERMAN PARO:** Congratulations to the D.A.R.E. essay winners. Thanks to the Major Case Squad for all their help. St. Louis City has a new Postmaster; Shirley will call and introduce herself. The FEMA reports sent to her from Roy Gillespie are very informative. Thanks to all those who attended the Eagle Watch event. She invited all to the Electronic Recycling event being held on May 4<sup>th</sup>; she asked the City Clerk to contact Trinity High School to ask for volunteers.

**ALDERMAN JORDAN:** Congratulations to the D.A.R.E. essay winners. He talked about a bad experience when calling St. Louis County Dispatch; if anyone else has problems, get a hold of an Alderman or the Police Department and make a complaint.

**ALDERMAN ROTH:** Congrats to the D.A.R.E. essay winners and thanks to all the work Sgt. Vassallo does. Bids went out to upgrade the City's surveillance cameras; two bids were received:

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| 1) APT Systems | \$23,394.41 |
| 2) Alarm 24    | \$24,279.13 |

Although Alarm 24 was slightly higher, it was determined they had higher quality equipment and the City has worked with this company for years and knows it is a good, capable and knowledgeable company.

Alderman Roth made a motion to accept the bid with Alarm 24, 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 Migliazzo. 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 Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

**ATTEST:**



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on March 7, 2013.