

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
MINUTES  
March 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.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ABSENT:** City Collector Mark Tranel and Alderman Migliazzo

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

**PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED BOARD MINUTES:** Alderman Smith moved for the approval of the, February 7, 2013, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted due to the severe snow storm on February 21<sup>st</sup>, the Board of Aldermen Meeting was cancelled.

**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 Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Pruet gave a brief bio on the recently hired Police Officer, David Schack, and introduced him to the audience. Deni Donovan, ceremoniously, swore in Officer Schack. He began his employment, with the City, on March 3, 2013.

**CARNELL JONES, 1122 WENTWORTH:** Mr. Jones, who first appeared before this Board on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012, repeated his frustrations with problems he, and others, are having with one of their neighbors. He voiced the same concerns and feels something needs to be done. Several neighbors accompanied him this evening. A recent situation on February 18, 2013, whereby a boy was verbally assaulted by the same neighbor, was discussed. Mayor Doerr asked if there had been any issues since their previous meeting last October; Mr. Jones stated there were none. The Mayor said he met with the owner of the property to discuss the issues with his tenant. Mr. Jones made the comment he will look for "remedies outside Bellefontaine Neighbors" to take care of the problem. A discussion ensued with the mother of the boy who was verbally assaulted. She stated her son's basketball rolled into the neighbor's yard which may have caused the neighbor to react verbally towards her son thereby causing the complaint. Mr. Jones, then passed out copies of his resignation letter from the Youth Commission dated March 4, 2013. The Mayor and Chief Pruet will discuss the issue further with Mr. Jones after the meeting.

**LOMITA GRANT, 1114 WENTWORTH:** Agreed with the issues Mr. Jones stated.

Alderman Smith said he was disappointed in Mr. Jones's decision to resign from the Youth Commission; he hopes he reconsiders.

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 February 28, 2013, Minutes. Alderman Hollis reported they discussed the parking situation on Delaird. After reviewing and determining there is a hazard, the Commission is recommending the City put up "No Parking" signs on one side of the street. There was a concern by the Board this decision may set a precedent regarding other streets.

Alderman Paro suggested writing a letter to the residents this would affect, signed by the Aldermen of Wards 1 and 4 and the Chairman of Public Safety, allowing them an opportunity to respond.

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** The Board reviewed the February 18, 2013, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported the D.A.R.E. Dance was lightly attended although everyone had a good time and the DJ was great. He thanked the Youth Commission members and Sgt. Vassallo for their hard work. This is getting to be the busy time of year for events - the Bike Rodeo and Fishing Derby are coming up.

**IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION:** No Meeting held in February; will resume in March. Alderman Smith reminded everyone about Beautification Day on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**PARKS BOARD COMMISSION:** The Board reviewed the February 19, 2013, Minutes. Alderman Merz reported the brochures are being delivered; no news on the bus grant yet; and the Mayor's Golf Tournament will be April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR:** Mark Dickerson has received (3) bids for carpet and installation for the Rec Center; everything but the weight room. The bids are as follows:

1) Winschel Carpet Service	\$11,589.25
2) Mid-West Floor Company	\$11,176.00
3) Henges Interiors	\$ 9,737

Based on Supervisor Dickerson's recommendation, Alderman Roth made a motion for approval to contract with Henges Interiors, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted, this cost is in the current budget. Mayor Doerr stated Mark, upon his request, is researching prices for a snow blower; he thought the City already had one. Alderman Paro told Mark there have been discussions with Bellefontaine Community Pride to have an "old time picnic" to celebrate the City's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year; she would like Mark's help and input. Alderman Smith noted this is the organization comprised of all the churches and non-profits in the area. It seems, due to the absence of Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth graciously volunteered to BBQ at the Mayor's Golf Tournament.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Kevin O'Keefe took this opportunity to thank all those for their concern during his recovery from surgery.



**CHIEF PRUETT:** No report at this time.

**CITY COLLECTOR:** Mark Tranel was excused.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BILL NO. 2323 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ALARM 24 FOR VIDEO SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT IN THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS CITY HALL AND REC CENTER.**

Alderman Roth read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2323 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2323 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 Jordan. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Hollis, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; and Alderman Jordan, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2323, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2242 when and if signed by the Mayor.

It was noted, a grant application to MIRMA may recoup up to 75% of the City's cost of the surveillance cameras.

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

- The Mayor wanted to thank the Street Department for doing a "tremendous job" in cleaning up the City during the snow storm; and
- The City has used ½ of the salt which was purchased last year. More salt will be purchased soon to have in reserves. The City saved money on the salt by putting it out for bid last year.

**REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:**

**ALDERMAN HOLLIS:** Welcomed Officer Schack; "the Chief always hires Officers with good credentials". Welcomed Kevin back. She was sorry that Mr. Jones resigned and would like him to reconsider. She thanked the Street Department for their hard work.

**ALDERMAN PARO:** She welcomed Officer Schack. The St. Patrick's Dinner, put on by the Rec Center, went very well. She looks forward to all the dinners. She reminded everyone May 4<sup>th</sup> is the Electronic Recycling event. Asked Lou Roth to meet with her about the delivery of the May Newsletters.

**ALDERMAN SCHULTZ:** Congratulations to Officer Schack. Kudos to the Street Department. And, welcomed back Kevin.

**ALDERMAN MERZ:** Welcome to Officer Schack; welcomed back Kevin; thanks to the Street Department; and asked Chief Pruett about a neighbor's van in the street during the snow storm. Unless there are NO PARKING signs, they can park on the street.

**ALDERMAN JORDAN:** Welcome to Officer Schack and Kevin. He hopes the "assault" issue will be resolved and that Mr. Jones reconsiders his resignation. Per someone in his Ward, he thanked the Street Department for doing a great job during the snow storm.

**ALDERMAN ROTH:** No report given.

**ALDERMAN SMITH:** He hopes the issues get taken care of regarding Mr. Jones's complaints. He reminded everyone about Neighborhood Watch; the Ownership Program is being reviewed. Welcome to Officer Schack and to Kevin. He invited all to the Housing Resource Fair being held on March 27<sup>th</sup>. He reported on a program called INeighbor.

**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 Paro. Motion carried unanimously.


City Clerk, Deni Donovan, asked for Board approval to attend the yearly City Clerk's Conference being held in Columbia, MO, from March 11-14. Alderman Paro made a motion to approve the Conference, seconded by Alderman Hollis. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

**ATTEST:**

  
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Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on March 21, 2013.