

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 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 Collector Mark Tranel, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Paro, Alderman Merz, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, and Alderman Smith.

ABSENT: Alderman Hollis

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

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

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Alderman Smith moved to open the meeting to the public, for as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, a special Proclamation was read by Mayor Doerr to proclaim March 17th, 2013, as Dorothy Biritz Day in the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors. Mrs. Biritz was extremely grateful and thanked everyone for their kindness.

CHUCK VOGELSANG, 10143 COBURG LANDS: Mr. Vogelsang told the Mayor and Board about an incident in the common ground area on February 17th whereby a Charter truck was stuck in the mud and needed a tow truck (Bolling) to get it out. He wants to know who is responsible to repair the damage. The City Attorney commented whoever did the damage should do the repairs. After much discussion, it was decided the Mayor would talk to the Street Department and decide what is to be done.

Mr. Vogelsang reported on another issue that he said he brought up at a Town Hall Meeting about (3) years ago in which he never got an answer from the City. After repair work done by the MO-American Water Company, the sidewalk, in front of his house, was never repaired correctly. Again, he would like to know who is responsible. The Mayor noted he would get a hold of the Street Department as soon as possible and discuss the City's options. Mr. Vogelsang asked the City Attorney's advice many times only to be told by the City Attorney that he is the attorney for the City, not the residents.

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 Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the January/February, 2013, reports. Chief Pruett reported on the following:

- Lt. Boston announced his retirement;
- He encouraged everyone to sign up on the Nextdoor Program site - it is very important for the residents to be informed about crime activity in their area;
- The hiring of the Correction Officers has moved to the next stage → background investigations;
- He gave an update on the statistics regarding the newly formed Traffic Enforcement on Hwy 270 and 367. When the weather is such that it makes it difficult to work on the Highway, the Officers are used to check on in-City warrants and other duties. Alderman Jordan would like to see the accident statistics pre-Traffic Enforcement vs. post-Traffic Enforcement. Alderman Paro wanted to know if the Officers kept track of how many tractor trailers were issued tickets – the Chief said not to his knowledge. Alderman Schultz asked if the Officers would be rotated in and out to be on Traffic Enforcement – the Chief said the current Officers volunteered, so at this time, there will be no changes;
- The Federal Grant allowing for the Traffic Enforcement will end in September, 2013, but another grant will begin in October, 2013; and
- Alderman Smith noted crime is down in comparison to last year at the same time.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the January/February, 2013, reports. Collector Mark Tranel joked that due to the cigarette tax, monies are continually coming into City Hall; the last check was for 9¢!

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the July, 2012-June, 2013, report. Treasurer Abeln reported everything is right in line with the current budget's projections.

At this time, Alderman Roth made a motion to have the City Attorney prepare a Bill to adjust the budget to reflect 1) A onetime salary adjustment to all full-time employees and regular part-time employees for a total of \$39,000; and 2) An insurance adjustment for MIRMA in the amount of \$10,800, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney will have a Bill prepared for the next meeting.

After a discussion, Alderman Jordan made a motion to have a Feasibility Study done by Bond Architects in the amount of \$2860.00, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Roth moved to pay the invoices 1 through 45 in the amount of \$95,440.89 for the months of January/February, 2013, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

INVOICES UNDER \$500: The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 90 in the amount of \$9,839.61 for the month of January, 2013.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Roth moved to pay the invoices 1 through 25 in the amount of \$54,220.31 for the months of February/March, 2013, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

INVOICES UNDER \$500: The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 93 in the amount of \$12,862.23 for the month of January, 2013.

PLANNING & ZONING: The Board reviewed the February 11, 2013 report. Chairman Bob Stolte reported since no one was scheduled to come before the Commission they had a discussion on defining the differences between porches vs. decks as they pertain to the City Code. They would, also, like to help better clarify the City's regulations to assist the Building Department. They decided they would depend on handing out informational pamphlets when the situation arises.

PLANNING & ZONING: The Board reviewed the March 11, 2013 report. Chairman Bob Stolte reported on the following:

- Mr. Abdulla would like to open up a food market at 10236 Cabot (the old Huneke site); the property is already zoned C-2 which would allow for a grocery store. He will light up the area more and make sure the trash is picked up; he will not be selling liquor;
- Reverend Jones has been operating an outreach program at Gibson School without proper permits. He submitted a letter to P&Z and will start the process of obtaining a Conditional Use Permit. He was allowed to continue his ministry during this process;
- Mr. Lovings would like to move his go-cart operation to the area in front of Wirecraft. There were some concerns as to the noise level, security issues, and if he has spoken with someone at the DaVita Dialysis Center;
- There was an additional discussion on porches and decks – they would like to get better information to the residents; and
- Alderman Smith asked if anything was going on with the Denny's building in Moline Acres – Mayor Doerr will talk to Mayor DeShay.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: The Board reviewed the January/February, 2013, reports. Ted Stocker reported on the following:

- Housing issues still a concern;
- Leaf letters have gone out;
- There are a few construction jobs going on in the City;
- Home Ice – pouring driveway slabs;
- Florissant Furniture is leasing space for storage next to Wirecraft;
- City inspections are up; and
- Thanks to the Police Department for cracking down on in-City warrants.

CITY ENGINEER: The Board reviewed the January/February, 2013, reports. City Engineer, Phil Lum, could not attend. Alderman Smith would like to talk to the City Engineer about a fencing issue.

CITY ATTORNEY: Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2324 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MERZ

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REGARDING BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION.

Alderman Merz read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2324 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Merz then read Bill No. 2324 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 Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Smith, 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. 2324, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2243 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2325 - 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. 2325 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2325 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 Roth, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; and Alderman Migliazzo, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2325, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2244 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Doerr reported on the following:

- He and the Department Heads met with Caravus (the City's insurance brokers) to discuss Obama Care and how it will affect the City in the coming years. They expect the premiums to jump at the 2014-2015 renewal time;
- Salt was purchased to replenish the City's supply. The City bought 90 tons at a cost of \$5500. More tar will be needed in the spring – all purchases are in the budget;
- The Rec Center installed new carpet;
- The Mayor's Golf Tournament is April 13th;
- He has instructed the Aldermen to report all potholes that need to be filled; and
- The Image & Beautification Board has prepared a letter to be sent out from the City to all businesses inviting them to Beautification Day on April 27th and to make sure they keep up with maintenance.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: Congratulations to Dorothy Biritz and for being a resident of Bellefontaine Neighbors all these years. Her company built "well built homes".

ALDERMAN PARO: The Memorial Day Service is coming along very nicely. It will be held at the Veteran's Home on May 27th at 10 a.m. Commented on how exciting the last few days have been regarding the selection of the Pope; she congratulated all her Catholic friends on this event. The Community Pride group is trying to organize some sort of gathering to celebrate the 63rd Anniversary of the City.

ALDERMAN SHULTZ: He congratulated Dorothy on her accomplishments and wished Alderman Tony Migliazzo a Happy Birthday.

ALDERMAN MERZ: He wished Tony Happy Birthday.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Nothing to report.

ALDERMAN ROTH: He would like to schedule a budget meeting soon. Hopefully, the budget can be approved by May.

ALDERMAN SMITH: Asked Lou Roth if the Boy Scouts would be able to help out on Memorial Day; he said yes. Invited all to the Housing Resource Fair on March 27th (the Mayor stated there will be Baseball tickets given away) and Beautification Day on April 27th. He came upon a house break-in after the fact and stressed that everyone should be aware of their surroundings. Encouraged everyone to sign up on the Nextdoor site. And, he attended a meeting in Bridgeton regarding the Westlake landfill – there is a huge problem concerning waste buried in the area.

CITY COLLECTOR: Mark Tranel stated the new RGSD Superintendant will start in July, 2013. The Mayor and Board would like him to come to a meeting.

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.

BOB STOLTE, 1147 SIEBE: Bob would like the Rec Center to open up the pool on the Saturday before Memorial Day like they did last year.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: The Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on April 3rd at the new Riverview Fire Department.

CHUCK VOGELSANG, 10143 COBURG LANDS: Asked the information on Nextdoor be put on the website.

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 Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on April 4, 2013