

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MINUTES
April 4, 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, Detective Applegate (sitting in for Chief Pruett), City Clerk Deni Donovan, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Paro, Alderman Merz, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Hollis.

ABSENT: City Collector Mark Tranel and Chief Pruett

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, March 21, 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.

MIKE BAKER, 1252 JENNINGS STATION ROAD: Complained about local residents having IL license plates; he would like more police enforcement although the City Attorney said the standards differ in IL vs. MO. He said several neighbors are blocking the sidewalk with their cars; he needs to call the police when he sees this happening. Lastly, he is upset with cars being worked on at Advance Auto Parts; it is not a repair facility. He would like them to pick up their trash also. The Mayor will make a call.

BILL KREN, 117 GREEN ACRES: Bill gave a presentation regarding the Green Acres NID (Neighborhood Improvement District) proposal. They got the required 2/3 signatures on a petition and would like the City to help them in their endeavor; they requested a 15-year loan for approximately \$150,000 for street improvements. The funds will be collected from the residents through their St. Louis County property taxes. A discussion ensued and some concerns were expressed. It was determined the Board will receive all available information, review, and discuss the matter at the next Workshop Session.

RICH PFLUEGER, 95 GREEN ACRES: Rich had a discussion with the City Attorney about some of his concerns.

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: The Board reviewed the March 28, 2013, Minutes. Alderman Hollis reported there is still a safety issue on Delaird; they may want to make it a one-way street. A letter has not gone out yet to the residents on that street. Alderman Paro will draft a letter and have Alderman Hollis review before she sends it out. There is a derelict car on Hayward, but it is in Riverview; asked if the Mayor can get involved and touch base with the Board of Trustees. Mayor Doerr said he is waiting for a summary of the review done by the Commission on Section 17 of the City's Code.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the March 18, 2013, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported the next scheduled events are the Bike Rodeo and the Fishing Derby; both have been very well planned out. They have been getting some good responses regarding the "Back to School" event being held in the summer.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the March 12, 2013, Minutes. Alderman Smith thanked the Commission again for all the work they do. They had a table at the Housing Resource Fair which was very well attended. City Hall will be mailing out letters signed by the Mayor and I&B regarding Beautification Day and general upkeep around businesses and churches. The City needs to purchase more banners; the old ones are really ragged.

PARKS BOARD COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the March 19, 2013, Minutes.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR: Mark Dickerson reported the Rec Center has not received any information on the bus grant yet. Alderman Jordan will once again BBQ on Beautification Day. The new carpet has all been installed at the Rec Center. The guys have been busy getting the parks ready for the summer. Mayor Doerr stated he would like the City to be able to accept credit/debit cards.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

CHIEF PRUETT: Excused.

CITY COLLECTOR: Excused.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2326 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO DEALERS IN PRECIOUS METALS AND SECONDHAND GOODS.

City Attorney, Kevin O'Keefe, gave a brief summary of the importance of this Bill. This is a very aggressive set of regulations which will help the police deal with stolen merchandise. Detective Applegate stated he is in agreement with the wording; St. Louis County and other Municipalities are very interested in following suit.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading only of Bill No. 2326, the motion was seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

BILL NO. 2327 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2219 AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS PURSUANT THERETO.

Alderman Roth explained the necessity of this Bill.

Alderman Roth read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2327 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2327 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 Migliazzo, 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. 2327, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2245 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2328 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING EXTERIOR STORAGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY ON LOTS WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS.

The City Attorney explained the importance of this Bill. This is an aggressive regulation to address the consequences when there is a repossession of property; the owner is liable as well as the tenant. There was a discussion as to when, if at all, the City is notified by the Sheriff's Department.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2328 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2328 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 Roth, yes; Alderman Hollis, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; and Alderman Migliazzo, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2328, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2246 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Robert J. Doerr reported The Memorial Day Program is coming along nicely – the Mayor has had several meetings with the Committee. There will be an Afghanistan flag flown at the ceremony.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN PARO: Bill Kren and Rich Pflueger gave a good presentation; she hopes the City will be able to help Green Acres. Asked if the City can refinance Municipal Bonds; they cannot. Bellefontaine Community Pride is meeting April 11th to discuss some sort of celebration to commemorate the City's 63rd Anniversary; everyone is welcomed. Due to the passage of Proposition P, GRG will be replacing (3) bridges in Bella Fontaine Park. Noted how nice the Board looked tonight (pictures were taken beforehand).

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Kudos to the Street Department for all their hard work cleaning up the City after the storm. Thanked Sgt. Vassallo and the Riverview Fire Department for the tour conducted at the last Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

ALDERMAN MERZ: No report given.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: No report given.

ALDERMAN ROTH: He hopes everyone realizes the progress Bellefontaine Neighbors has made in providing the residents with so many programs and events throughout the year. The use of technology has progressed also; he would like to continue with this progress as the City moves forward.

ALDERMAN SMITH: Thanked all those for helping with the Housing Resource Fair. Home Repairs was a topic that should have been addressed; he will remember that next year. He would like to see more residents take part in Beautification Day.

ALDERMAN HOLLIS: Thanked the Street Department for all their hard work after the recent storm.

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: Reported Robert P. Doerr was on the news to talk about his service in the Korean War. Bellefontaine Neighbors should be very honored to have the Veteran's home in our community.

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.

BILL KREN, 117 GREEN ACRES: Thanked the Mayor and Board for their support of Green Acres.

MELVIN WILLIAMS, 9912 MARTINGALE: He is retired and has all sorts of landscaping equipment; he would like to volunteer to help the City anyway he can. Suggestions were Mathews/Dickey, Image and Beautifications Commission, and the Riverview Gardens Senior High community garden.

MIKE BAKER, 1252 JENNINGS STATION ROAD: Suggested working on the property on St. Cyr with only a slab on it; he was told it is not City property.

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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on April, 4 2013.