

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES  
July 18, 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, Lt. Ihler (sitting in for Chief Pruett) City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, City Collector Mark Tranel, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Paro, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Hollis, and Alderman Smith.

**ABSENT:** Aldermen Roth and Schultz

**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 June 20, 2013, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Hollis. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** In order to consider the proposed improvements and assessments for the proposed Green Acres Neighborhood Improvement District.

Alderman Smith made a motion to open up the Public Hearing to consider improvements and assessments for the proposed Green Acres Neighborhood Improvement District, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

**TONY LABARBERA, 24 GREEN ACRES:** Feels the NID is a "win-win" for Green Acres. Thanks to the City and Bill Krenn.

**BILL KRENN, 117 GREEN ACRES:** Welcomed all of the Green Acres residents who showed up - "this was a joint effort". He informed everyone that (4) proposals were submitted for the street improvements. The original proposal was \$144,000; the accepted bid came in less than \$100,000 from Gevers Paving. Each resident will pay approximately \$125-\$135/year or \$1200-\$1300, if paid up front.

**GEORGE BARGER, 123 GREEN ACRES:** Questioned what happens after (15) years. The Mayor said the goal is for the City to "accept" the streets.

**BILL JOHNSTON, 5 GREEN ACRES:** Wanted to thank all those who helped with this venture. He was told the contract will be between the Trustees and the contractor; not the City. He is happy with the reputation of the contractor who was chosen. He was reassured monies are set aside for someone to monitor the job.

Alderman Migliazzo moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously. 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 Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

**BARBARA BEST, 9741 CALUMET:** Upset about the common ground located behind her home; it is a huge mess. A discussion continued about the owner; why he has not cut the grass and cleaned up the debris; the accessibility the owner has to take care of the property; and the responsibility he should have to clean up his property. The Mayor stated the owner has been to Court and the City is addressing the issues. There were several suggestions discussed.

**BILL JOHNSTON, 5 GREEN ACRES:** With the street improvements, Bill was concerned with the possibility of speeders in Green Acres. Bill Krenn said he was concerned about this issue also. It was suggested Alderman Hollis invite them to the next Public Safety meeting.

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.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Chief Pruett was excused. The Board reviewed the June, 2013, report. Mayor Doerr told Lt. Ihler how proud the City was to have a graduate from the FBI Academy.

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the May, 2013, report. Mark Tranel noted the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year End Total is \$4.9 million.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** No report given; Larry Abeln was excused. Mayor Doerr stated the City is working with the Auditors for the upcoming annual audit.

**INVOICES OVER \$500:** Alderman \_\_\_\_\_ moved to pay the invoices 1 through 29 in the amount of \$83,797.97 for the months of June/July, 2013, seconded by Alderman \_\_\_\_\_. Motion carried unanimously. Aldermen Merz questioned item #17 – "Various Charges". The Mayor thought these were payments charged, by the Police Department, on the City charge card; he will find out and email the Board with the information.

**INVOICES UNDER \$500:** The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 85 in the amount of \$10,514.11 for the month of June, 2013.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** The Board reviewed the July 8, 2013, Minutes. Chairman Bob Stolte reported the business that was to move into the building at 10236 Cabot (formerly Huneke Realty) has backed out due to personal reasons. Mr. Stolte asked what action can be taken against the day care, located at 1108 Avant, which is operating in violation of the City's code. The Mayor stated she has a Court date. The City Attorney said there is no liability on the City.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** The Board reviewed the June, 2013 Report. Ted Stocker reported on the following:

- Due to the choice of being able to attend an accredited school, many families, in the Riverview Gardens School District, has come in to get a copy of their Occupancy paperwork;
- Construction at QT and Home Ice is ongoing;
- There was a house fire on Runningbrook;

- The Tribe of Judah has been given a 30-day temporary occupancy permit;
- Ted attended a Septic Tank Seminar and received some helpful information to all those who would like it;
- Still trying to keep up with all of the grass cutting; and
- He is still seeing tarps on roofs from the 2011 tornado.

**CITY ENGINEER:** The Board reviewed the June, 2013, Report. City Engineer, Phil Lum, reported on the following:

- He prepared the required tally sheet for the Shepley Bridge Project to choose an Engineering Firm; and
- The Belgrove/Coburg Lands Street Improvements Project should begin in September.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Kevin O’Keefe thanked the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for their approval of the contract between his firm and the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors. He looks forward to continue working with the City for a long time. Due to the Pilot Study recommendations, Alderman Paro asked again about having an Ordinance similar to what Belleville, IL has regarding the registration of residential properties. Kevin responded since we are a 4<sup>th</sup> Class City (Statutory City), we would not be able to mirror their Ordinance; Belleville is a Charter City.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BILL NO. 2336 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN**

**AN ORDINANCE UPDATING A PORTION OF THE PAY PLAN AND COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 2181.**

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2336 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2336 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 Jordan, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; and Alderman Hollis, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2336, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2255 when and if signed by the Mayor.

**BILL NO. 2337 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN PARO**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE GREEN ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND ORDERS RELATED THERETO.**

Alderman Paro read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2337 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Paro then read Bill No. 2337 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 Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Paro yes; Alderman Hollis, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; and Alderman Jordan, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2337, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2256 when and if signed by the Mayor.

#### **BILL NO. 2338 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO**

#### **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE GREEN ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ORDERING THAT THE IMPROVEMENTS BE MADE.**

Alderman Migliazzo read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2338 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Migliazzo then read Bill No. 2338 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 Paro. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Migliazzo yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Hollis, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; and Alderman Smith, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2338, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2257 when and if signed by the Mayor.

#### **REPORT OF THE MAYOR:** The Mayor reported on the following:

- He is happy the Green Acres NID can move forward;
- The May 31<sup>st</sup> storm caused a lot of damage in the City. Kudos to the great job the Street Department and Police Department did that evening and these last (6) weeks it took for the clean-up. "The Street Department outperformed above and beyond..." It cost the City approximately \$12,000. Thanks to Chief Bommarito for allowing the City to use the burn pit;
- Again stated the construction at QT is ongoing; and
- There will be a meeting at the Rec Center, on July 29<sup>th</sup>, for the I-270 Corridor Study.

Mayor Doerr announced the appointment of Rachel Bobo to the Youth Commission. Per the recommendation of Mayor Doerr, Alderman Hollis made a motion to approve the appointment of Rachel Bobo to the Youth Commission, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:**

**ALDERMAN HOLLIS:** Thanked Lt. Ihler for staying committed to Bellefontaine Neighbors after his graduation from the FBI Academy. She welcomed Rachel Bobo to the Youth Commission.

**ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO:** Thank you to all who worked on the Green Acres NID and welcome to all in attendance tonight.

**ALDERMAN PARO:** Congratulations to Lt. Ihler. Regarding the problems with the common ground by Calumet...the issues will get resolved. Glad she switched to AT&T U-Verse, although there were a lot of problems in the process.

**ALDERMAN MERZ:** No report given.

**ALDERMAN JORDAN:** No report given.

**ALDERMAN SMITH:** He invited the Aldermen to the Back to School Fair this Saturday. Renters in the City need to know they are under the same guidelines to maintain their homes the same as owners. Considers Lt. Ihler to be an asset to the City. Kudos to the Street Department on all their hard work in cleaning up the debris these last few weeks. The owner of the common ground, by Calumet, needs to be fined before he realizes this is a serious issue.

**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.

**BARBARA BEST, 9741 CALUMET:** There are also issues with speeding and running stop signs on Calumet. Would like to know what can be done?

**HERBERT WASHINGTON, 1016 DONNELL:** Would like the Building Inspector to go by \_\_\_\_\_ Oran and check out the high grass.

**KAREN IMPERIALE, 45 GREEN ACRES:** It was explained to her the City will go thru the neighborhood, after a storm, to pick up branches and debris although there is no longer a "pick-up branches" program. They must be put at the curb after the storm.

**RICH PFLUEGER, 95 GREEN ACRES:** Thanked Si, Mayor Doerr, and all who helped make the Back to School Fair a success; it was very exciting.


**KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL:** She was told the City no longer trims healthy branches on trees that are on the easement; only trees that have dead branches on them.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Smtih 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 Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**ATTEST:**

  
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Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on 8/1/2013