

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
August 15, 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 Paro, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Merz, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Hollis, and Alderman Smith.

ABSENT:

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Smith moved for approval of the August 1, 2013, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Merz. 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.

MARTHA DOUGLAS, 1506 CORINTH: Appreciates all the work the Mayor and Board does, but would like to see more street improvements, especially on her street. When she stated she wanted to be more involved with the RGSD, she was told to address the school board.

RACHEL BOBO, 9469 YORKTOWN: Commended the Police Department and the Major Case Squad for solving the recent murder in such a swift manner.

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 July, 2013, report. Chief Pruett said it was unfortunate that we live in such a violent world, but he was very grateful, not only with the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors and the cooperation from its residents, but the Major Case Squad was instrumental in solving the case. They are there to help in a time of need. They were only paid for their meals and gasoline. Also, he emphasized the need for everyone to register with Nextdoor.com.

Mayor Doerr added a big thank you to Chief Pruett, Sgt. Applegate and Officer Edwards for all their time and help with the investigation.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the July, 2013, report. Mark Tranel said this is his first report of the fiscal year. Regarding the RGSD, 500 kids have enrolled in the school district and 200 kids have rescinded their transfer to other schools.

Also, he reported on the sales tax structure that will impact the City; State Senator Gina Walsh is working on this issue.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Larry Abeln stated their would be no report given due to the audit being conducted and waiting on income.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Roth moved to pay the invoices 1 through 30 in the amount of \$108,911.97 for the months of July/August, 2013, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

INVOICES UNDER \$500: The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 105 in the amount of \$10,837.10 for the month of July, 2013.

PLANNING & ZONING: The Board reviewed the August 12, 2013, Minutes. Chairman Bob Stolte stated since there was not anything on the Agenda, there was nothing to report.

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

- Estimated construction value of fees for QT;
- Commented on Home Ice including fuel tanks;
- Denied fencing in the front yard at 1000 St. Cyr;
- Denied variance regarding the Bissell Hills rooftop;
- Prepared letter for the City regarding architectural conformity;
- Approved sign for True Redemption Church;
- Regarding QT, no CUP needed for added parking spots, but an amendment to the Building permit is required;
- Approved metal roofing for a house on Harper Lane;
- 314-Wireless – needs a CUP to sell tobacco; and
- Phil asked what the City's requirements were when a resident gets an Occupancy Permit/Update – a discussion continued.

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

- Inspections and re-inspections continue;
- Tall grass issues; and
- Occupancy Permits and Updates are way up due to the RGSD transfers.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

- Mayor Doerr updated everyone on the City projects coming up in the near future:
 - 1) The Belgrove/Coburg Lands should begin in September, 2013
 - 2) The St. Cyr Project will begin in 2014;
 - 3) The Shepley Bridge Improvements should begin in 2016
- The Street Department will start working on potholes and street maintenance;
- The Green Acres NID is moving right on schedule – repaving will begin in the next couple of weeks; and
- Mayor Doerr reported on the numerous stressful events he's encountered over the last couple of weeks.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN PARO: Thanks to the Major Case Squad for their help; she received numerous calls from concerned residents. The Anniversary Picnic will be on October 12th. St. Louis County will be giving free tours at the Bissell House that day; she is looking for volunteers to help with this. She is preparing a letter to Tom Otts, with St. Louis County, for doing such a wonderful job on the upkeep of the grass cutting in the City. The Newsletter has gone to the printer.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Thanks to the Major Case Squad for acting so quickly. Also, kudos to the Mayor and the BN Police Department.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Thanks to the Major Case Squad, the BN Police Department, the Mayor, and the City's Administration.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Nothing to report.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Thanks to the outstanding work by the Police Department. It is important for the City to work with the RGSD. He emphasized with any issue, there is always more to the story than what you may hear or read in the paper.

ALDERMAN SMITH: He was thankful the City was able to help those in need by giving them the furniture from the Millennium Hotel. Please be aware of more kids in the street due to the start of school. He is very proud of the City's Police Department and how quickly they respond to issues. "I have a lot of pride in the BN Police Department".

ALDERMAN HOLLIS: Thanks to the Major Case Squad and the entire BN Police Department. She emphasized all the good the Mayor has done since he has been in office. "We do appreciate you and your service".

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: Thanked the City of BN and the Police Department for all their hard work the last couple of weeks. He was very impressed with the cooperation of the residents. He appreciated being kept apprised, of the shooting issue, by the Mayor.

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 WEST, 9741 CALUMENT: Thanked the Police for their quick resolution of the recent shooting. She has an autistic child and always felt this was a good environment to raise her in, but now she is more fearful. Alderman Smith suggested she get involved with Neighborhood Watch or with the Neighborhood Ownership Program. She asked if it were possible to do background checks for owners and renters.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: She asked Ted to check on a tall grass issue on Donnell. She complained about her mail carrier driving too fast. She stated she hoped the Mayor would run again when his current term is up.

LISA LAMAR, 9932 NORTHAMPTON: Upset the City cut down a tree on the easement in front of her house, but didn't remove the tree roots which have destroyed her front porch. The City Attorney explained it is not the City's responsibility to do that; it is up to the homeowner. City Engineer, Phil Lum, echoed the same response. A discussion ensued in which the Mayor finally told her to contact the City Clerk tomorrow to discuss her options.


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City Clerk, Deni Donovan, stated it has been a pleasure working with such a devoted and dedicated Mayor these past couple of years and looks forward to working with him for many years to come.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on 9/5/2013