

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
October 3, 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 Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Paro, Alderman Merz, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Hollis, and Alderman Smith.

ABSENT: Alderman Migliazzo

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Smith moved for approval of the September 5, 2013, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Smith moved for approval of the September 19, 2013, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Hollis. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Smith moved for approval of the September 26, 2013, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Paro. 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 Hollis. Motion carried unanimously.

Kelly Beets, Sr. Loss Control Consultant for MIRMA (MO Intergovernmental Risk Management Association): Thanked the City for being a proactive member. He stated a reimbursement check is in the mail for the following: \$7500 for security cameras and \$982 for the Physical Performance Standard Program. He also thanked the City for their hard work in getting a 100% score on their annual evaluation.

Mayor Doerr thanked Kelly and MIRMA for the opportunity to receive free building appraisals; the City greatly appreciates it.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: Participated in Beautification Day and enjoyed it very much. She suggested some sort of container be put out in the back of City Hall due to smokers tossing their cigarette butts.

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 September 26, 2013 Minutes. Alderman Hollis reported the Commission is recommending a stop sign at the corner of Duenke and Waldorf. Mayor Doerr would like to discuss it further with Chief Pruett; he will get back with Aldermen Hollis and Smith. There was a discussion about the occupancy problems regarding rental property occupants. The Mayor questioned the Commission's statement that "almost all requests are denied" by the Board of Aldermen. The Mayor will attend the next Public Safety Meeting.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the September 16, 2013 Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported the Halloween Family Fun Night will be October 25th. They are talking about having another D.A.R.E. Dance next year. Matt Schaeffer, a new member, has brought some good ideas to the table.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the September 10, 2013, Minutes. Alderman Smith reported Beautification Day turned out great; he thanked everyone who attended. The representatives from Aldi were very excited to receive their Business Beautification Award at the town Hall Meeting. Mathews-Dickey finally cut the grass at the park. Mayor Doerr said he is meeting with them next week. Lou Roth will meet with Boy Scout Troop #271, with Bellefontaine Methodist Church, to discuss taking over the delivery of the Newsletters.

PARKS BOARD COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the September 17, 2013, Minutes.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR: Mark Dickerson reported when there are grant projects available, it is important to gain public support to be able to move forward. Bike racks were put up at Klein Park due to a MoDOT Grant. There was no cost to the City. The Wine and Beer Social will be held on October 12th.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

CHIEF PRUETT:

Chief Pruett thanked everyone for their participation with National Night Out held on October 1st.

He explained the Physical Performance Standard Program (the Police Fitness Program) was designed to meet the conditions an officer would experience during a normal work day. Two BN Officers will participate in the obstacle course which will define and establish the set-up for others. Chief Pruett believes this will make for a fitter Police Department. The cost was \$1800 minus the reimbursement check from MIRMA (\$982.00). This will be a 2-year process for each Officer.

Chief Pruett informed the Board he will be attending the required MIRMA Law Enforcement Seminar in Columbia, MO, on November 4th.

CITY COLLECTOR: Mark Tranel was excused.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2345 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN HOLLIS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING USER AGENCY AGREEMENTS WITH THE MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL REGARDING ACCESS TO THE MISSOURI STATEWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEMS.

Alderman Hollis read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2345 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Hollis then read Bill No. 2345 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 Hollis, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Roth, 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. 2345, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2264 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2346 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN HOLLIS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL DRUG TASK FORCE WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY, APPROVING ASSIGNMENT OF A QUALIFIED POLICE OFFICER TO SUCH TASK FORCE, AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Alderman Hollis read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2346 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Hollis then read Bill No. 2346 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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Hollis, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; and Alderman Roth, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2346, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2265 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2347 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN PARO

AN ORDINANCE APPORTIONING THE FINAL COSTS OF THE GREEN ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT STREET REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS AND ASSESSING THE FINAL COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS AS SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AGAINST THE PARCELS DESCRIBED IN THE ASSESSMENT ROLL.

Alderman Paro read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2347 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Schultz then read Bill No. 2347 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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Hollis, yes; and Alderman Smith, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2347, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2266 when and if signed by the Mayor.

CITY ATTORNEY, KEVIN O'KEEFE: Kevin said the Green Acres NID was such a big deal; the residents worked very hard, along with Stephanie Karr and Mayor Doerr, to get this accomplished. He stated this was a great example of how things ought to be done.

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

- The City will begin accepting credit cards on November 4th through a company named Reliant;
- Met with members of St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley (SLCCFV) to discuss a partnership with area businesses and the community college student courses;
- Met with Dr. Spurgeon (RGSD), Bill Ray (Special Assistant to Charlie Dooley), and various North County Mayors, Police Chiefs and Fire Chiefs to discuss the community issues;
- The Mayor did a walk-through at the Habilitation Center;
- Veterans Home BINGO – Mayor Doerr, Chief Pruett and Chief Bommarito were asked to be the callers today;
- Veteran's Home – the 20th Anniversary celebration will be this Saturday, along with a program and fireworks;
- Ashby Furniture store is opening at the old Rinderer's site;
- The Beautification Clean-up Day was last Saturday – very successful;
- The Wine & Beer Social is scheduled for October 12th;
- The Mayor will be attending the Metro Mayor's Meeting scheduled on October 28th in Columbia, MO;
- The Auditors will be at the November 7th Board of Aldermen meeting to report on their findings;
- City Treasurer, Larry Abeln, had a stroke this past week. He is out of rehab and is resting comfortably at home;

- Grace New Covenant is celebrating their 7th Anniversary this Saturday;
- The City sold (3) old trucks for scrap in the amount of \$1600; and
- The City purchased a Ford Fusion for the assistant Building Inspector to use (Joe Raben).

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: GO CARDINALS!

ALDERMAN MERZ: Thanked MIRMA for reimbursing the City for the security cameras and the fitness program;

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Apologized for not being able to go out on National Night Out. Thanked the City for sending him to the MML annual conference. He would like the Board to start thinking about Bills that are being passed, in Jefferson City, that affect Bellefontaine Neighbors; everyone needs to get more involved. There is a need to start recruiting public officials and residents to be aware of what is going on. Emails to public officials should come from the Aldermen's city email address. Lastly, there was an incident on his street in which he had to call the police.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to go into Executive Session after the Board Meeting to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

ALDERMAN ROTH: There seems to be greater resident involvement, such as the Town Hall Meeting, National Night Out, and the Nextdoor site. He added he appreciates all of the hard work the City does. He wished Larry well.

ALDERMAN SMITH: The MML annual conference was very enjoyable. He learned about cities buying their own light bulbs for the street lights; it may be more reasonable. He will contact Stephanie with Ameren. The subject of purchasing I-Pads for the Board was brought up again; he will contact Mayors DeShay and Knowles and found out how their cities deal with this. He enjoyed National Night Out.

ALDERMAN HOLLIS: Agreed with everyone's comments tonight. She thanked MIRMA for the reimbursement checks and wished Larry a speedy recovery.

ALDERMAN PARO: She brought in the St. Louis County activities book for everyone to take. She wanted to thank the Lou Roth and the Scouts who have helped deliver the Newsletters all these years. They are still looking for volunteers to help with the Anniversary Picnic.

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.


CITY ATTORNEY, KEVIN O'KEEFE: Thanked everyone for their thoughts due to his mom's passing.

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 Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on October 17, 2013