

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES  
February 6, 2014**

**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.

A moment of silence was held for the passing of Mark Dickerson's dad, Vernon Dickerson.

**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 Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Hollis.

**ABSENT:**

**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 January 16, 2014, 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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

**MIKE VAUGHN, 10236 BELLEFONTAINE ROAD:** Regarding the MSD Septic Tank Program, he feels very strongly about getting more community involvement. The Mayor said he would call Mr. Dave DeVore, Division Inspector, with MSD and possibly send out a 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to those eligible.

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.

**COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION:** The Board reviewed the January 23, 2014, Minutes. Alderman Hollis reported the Commission is looking for the opportunity to review any Ordinances that deal with safety, which may be out of date. Alderman Paro suggested the review of the Dangerous Dog Ordinance. The Mayor will forward to the Chairman, Ed Meier.

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** The Board reviewed the January 20, 2014, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported the last meeting was well attended. Alderman Paro was helpful to suggest they apply for a GRG Grant to help with some of their activities. Kudos to Sgt. Vassallo for all her help with the upcoming DARE Dance on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION:** No meeting held. The next meeting is March 11, 2014. Alderman Smith reported Beautification Day will be Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**PARKS BOARD COMMISSION:** The Board reviewed the January 21, 2014, Minutes.

**PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR:** There was a discussion about the trees in front of Bethlehem Cemetery. Because there are no limbs interfering with the overhead wires (they just look bare), Ameren will not remove them. Ameren is in the city trimming back trees. Mark asked for Board approval to attend the Parks and Recreation Conference February 25-28. Alderman made a motion to approve the request by Mark Dickerson, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Mr. O'Keefe reported on the Sales Use and Motor Vehicles Sales Tax issue. The City will need to submit a ballot measure between November 2014-November, 2016, in order to continue taxing vehicles purchased by City residents from sources other than licensed Missouri dealers. The problem is the ballot language may be very confusing to voters. He would like to see state legislation clarify the verbiage.

**CHIEF PRUETT:** Chief Pruett reported on the use of Crime Prevention Checks. The Officers issued 169 warnings of which 84 were for vehicles running. He gave an update on the Traffic Division. He is looking into a program, which St. Ann's is using, regarding the booking process.

**CITY COLLECTOR:** Collector Tranel reported he is doing a lot of follow up regarding licensing and past due invoices.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BILL NO. 2353 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN PARO**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS WITH REAL ESTATE ANALYSTS LIMITED FOR PROPERTY SERVICES.**

Alderman Paro read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2353 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2353 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 Schultz, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Hollis, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; and Alderman Migliazzo, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2353, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2272 when and if signed by the Mayor.

**BILL NO. 2354 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON**

## **BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS WITH INSIGHT TITLE COMPANY FOR PROPERTY SERVICES.**

Alderman Migliazzo read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2354 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2354 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 Merz. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Migliazzo yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Hollis, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; and Alderman Schultz, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2354, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2273 when and if signed by the Mayor.

### **REPORT OF THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Doerr reported on the following:

- The Mayor asked for Board approval to hire a 2<sup>nd</sup> Provisional Judge to help out while Judge Haywood is out sick. Alderman Roth made a motion to approve the hiring of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Provisional Judge, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously;
- The city has received a reasonable response regarding MSD's Septic Tank Program. This will be a 2-year project;
- Chief Pruett, Bob Russell, and he will be meeting with Mr. Mathews and Reverend Nance to discuss the clean-up at the park, do a walk-through, and to make a recommendation as to who will replace Mr. Mathews when he retires;
- He and Chief Pruett attended the North County Marketing Strategy Meeting at Florissant Valley last Friday. It was very well attended and informative;
- The City is in good shape with salt needed for the streets;
- The demolition has begun at the old East Junior High site;
- Rob Meyer met with the bridge inspectors from Horner and Shifrin to review the problems at the Shepley Bridge site;
- He attended a workshop presented by Sgt. Vassallo, at Holy Name Catholic Church, on credit card fraud;
- Kudos to the Street and Police Departments on all of their hard work during the recent snow storm;
- City Hall has been short-handed for the last few weeks due to FMLA Leaves and employees calling in sick – thanks to Deni for holding it together;
- The Mayor asked for Board approval for him and Alderman Smith to attend the annual MML Conference on February 11-12 in Jefferson City. Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the Mayor's request, seconded by Alderman Hollis. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO:** Wanted to know why the power keeps going off. Mayor Doerr said the city has been in touch with Ameren and is waiting to hear back.

**ALDERMAN PARO:** There was a power outage at her house Saturday morning which lasted about (2) hours. The Eagle Watch event at Fort Belle Fontaine was very successful. They received a grant from GRG in the amount of \$2500. Monies from a GRG Grant may benefit the city. The Newsletter is almost ready. She hopes the

Riverview Gardens School District (RGSD) works with the city to get something at the demolished site. Mark Tranel stated the District is focused on accreditation, but if anyone knows a developer, he would be glad to pass the information along.

**ALDERMAN SCHULTZ:** Made a funny comment at Alderman Jordan's expense!

**ALDERMAN MERZ:** Thanked the Street Department crew for their work during the snow storm. His condolences go out the Mark Dickerson and his family.

**ALDERMAN JORDAN:** Sympathies to Mark Dickerson and his family.

**ALDERMAN ROTH:** No report given.

**ALDERMAN SMITH:** The Street Department did a great job during the snow storm. Everyone needs to be careful out in this weather. Be aware of scrupulous snow shovelers. It's good to hear about the lower crime stats.

**ALDERMAN HOLLIS:** Her sympathy and prayers go out to the Dickerson family. She wanted to give a big thanks to the Street Department on all their hard work.

At this time, Mayor Doerr gave kudos to the Street and Police Departments again. He stated the city is lucky to have this wonderful group of people working for it, especially during the trying times such as a snow storm.

**DENI DONOVAN, CITY CLERK:** Deni asked for Board approval to attend the City Clerks Conference March 10-13. Alderman Roth made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Alderman Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

**MARK TRANEL:** He announced if anyone needs his help advocating, in the city's best interest, on the RGSD issue to please let him know.

**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 Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.


**KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL:** Regarding the ugly trees in front of Bethlehem Cemetery, she suggested putting an article in the next Newsletter; there may be a creative person out there who may "doll" up the trees somehow.

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 Hollis. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

**ATTEST:**

  
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Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on 2/20/2014