

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
March 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.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Robert J. Doerr, Chief Pruetz, City Collector Mark Tranel, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, and Alderman Smith.

ABSENT: Alderman Mark Roth, Alderman Audrey Hollis (walked in after Attendance was taken) and City Attorney, Kevin O'Keefe

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Smith moved for approval of the February 20, 2014, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Schultz. 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 Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Pruetz announced the promotion of DeWitt Edwards to Corporal. He gave a brief history of Cpl. Edwards background and of his accomplishments. Mayor Doerr is extremely proud of Edwards and his promotion. Cpl. Edwards thanked everyone for their support.

At 7:40, Alderman Hollis entered the meeting.

JOE BOMMARITO, RIVERVIEW FIRE CHIEF: Handed out pamphlets regarding Proposition A which is to be put on the April 8, 2014, ballot.

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 February 27, 2014, Minutes. Alderman Hollis said she was not able to attend the meeting. There was a very lengthy discussion regarding an item in the minutes - banning retailers from supplying plastic carry-out shopping bags. A discussion ensued as to what was meant by this. There were several ideas tossed around, but alas, the answer will have to wait until Alderman Hollis attends the next meeting.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the February 17, 2014, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported the DARE Dance was a success. Alderman Smith talked to Scott about the Post helping with the Fishing Derby.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION: No meeting held. The next meeting is March 11, 2014. Alderman Smith reminded everyone about Beautification Day being held on April 26th.

PARKS BOARD COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the February 18, 2014, Minutes. Alderman Merz was not in attendance.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR: Mark Dickerson reported the Mayor's Golf Tournament will be April 5th and the Electronic Recycle will be May 3rd. Alderman Paro wanted to acknowledge the wonderful job Amy does on the dinners; the St. Patrick's Dinner was wonderful.

Mark received the following bids for countertops and sink tops for the Recreation Center:

1) Lami Wood Products	\$9,937.58
2) D.K.I. MFA	\$13,837.12
3) Counter Tops and More	\$9,157.44
4) Ameri Tops & Gateway Custom Millworks	\$6,868.03

Per the recommendation of Mark Dickerson, Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the bid from Ameri Tops & Gateway Custom Millworks, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark received the following bids for weight room equipment:

1) Design Fitness	\$20,690.00
2) Fitness Experience	\$26,480.00
3) Ortho Tech	\$18,912.21

Per the recommendation of Mark Dickerson, Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the bid from Ortho Tech, seconded by Alderman Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY: Kevin O'Keefe was excused.

CHIEF PRUETT: No report given by Chief Pruett.

CITY COLLECTOR: Applications for Retail Merchant's Licenses are being taken care of. There are still some Occupational License issues, but for the most part, all is going well. It was brought to Mark's attention that the RGSD Director of Security needs to call Chief Pruett about some issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following:

- Met with Mr. Mathews and several others, including State Senator Gina Walsh; Jeff Aboussie, the Executive secretary/treasurer of the Building and Construction Trades Council of St. Louis; and representatives from Ameren to discuss the clean-up at the Mathews-Dickey Park;
- The Family Dollar deal (at the old Denny's site) has folded due to Moline Acres not agreeing with the terms;
- The Mayor's Golf Tournament will be April 5th;

- Happy Birthday to John Jordan;
- The Metro Mayors Meeting, to be held in Columbia, MO, this past Monday, was cancelled due to the weather;
- Due to another storm that hit over the week-end, the city was very low on salt. Another 130 tons was delivered this past week. The city is in good shape; and
- The Trash Bash, sponsored by MSD, will be March 15th.

The Mayor had a budget meeting with Alderman Roth and Chief Pruett to discuss the Police budget. There was a discussion about new vehicles needed in the Street Department and the Police Department. One suggestion was to move \$100,000, which was in the budget for a City Administrator, to the Street and Police accounts for new vehicles. After much discussion about the need for the vehicles and an overview from Chief Pruett, Alderman Smith made a motion to use the funds to purchase the following: (1) 2010 Crown Vic for the Traffic Division; (1) 2014 Ford Fusion for the Chief of Police; and (2) 4 x 4 Pick-Up trucks for the Street Department, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Jordan made the comment he would like to see the \$100,000 put back in the budget next year for a City Administrator.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Wanted to make sure the meeting held at the Rec Center by the Riverview Fire Department on March 20th is “informational only” in nature; he was told yes. Congratulations to Cpl. Edwards. Happy birthday to John Jordan.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Happy birthday to John and congratulations to Cpl. Edwards.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Happy birthday to Don Merz (March 10th). Congratulations to Cpl. Edwards. He is getting ready to update the 2014 wall calendar. He would like all event dates.

ALDERMAN SMITH: The Legislative Meeting, sponsored by North County Inc, earlier this evening, was very informative. There was a discussion on the 1¢ transportation tax and they were told MoDOT will be cutting the grass six times this summer opposed to being cut only four times last year. As usual, always be aware of your surroundings. Cpl. Edwards was present at the Neighborhood Watch meeting the night before; he was very well received. Happy birthday to John Jordan, Don Merz and Ted Stocker.

ALDERMAN HOLLIS: Happy birthday to John and Don. Congratulations to Cpt. Edwards.

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: Congratulations to Cpl. Edwards. He hopes the problems with Moline Acres gets straightened out for the next business that may be interested.

ALDERMAN PARO: Cpl. Edwards has become such a fine officer. She is looking for volunteers for the Electronic Recycle event. The minutes from the February 27th Bellefontaine Community Pride meeting were in the Aldermen’s packet. There was a discussion about the 250th Birthday Bash being held at the Bissell Home this Fall. The “cake” has been placed on the south side. At the Legislative Meeting, she met with Dr. Spurgeon and Melanie Powell-Robinson from RGSD; they said there was good news on the horizon. No one was sure what that meant.

Mayor Doerr said he will set up meetings to discuss the Memorial Day Program and the Birthday Bash.

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.

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 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 8:55 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on 3/20/2014