

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES  
March 20, 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 Pruett, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, City Collector Mark Tranel, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Hollis.

**ABSENT:** Alderman Migliazzo

**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 March 6, 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 as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Hollis. Motion carried unanimously.

**KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL:** Would like the city to contact Frieden's Cemetery to clean up her neighbor's fence at 1023 Donnell.

**BARBARA WEST, 9741 CALUMET:** Her neighbor's dog got loose a few days ago and the BN Police Officer who handled the call was very helpful and professional in getting the dog back to the owner. The neighbor wanted to make sure that Barbara thanked him. She was not sure who the Officer was but the Chief will find out.

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 February, 2014, report. Chief Pruett reported, thanks to Mother Nature, the city is experiencing another quiet "crime" month compared to a year ago. He stressed the community has been very helpful in several instances. The Police Department is reviewing applications for (2) open spots. They advertised through a company named Indeed. There have been a lot of hits, but most have no police experience. They recently had (12) applicants take a written test; (4) failed the test. They will keep going through applications, because "We want quality people".

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the February, 2014, report. Mr. Tranel reported the majority of the February income was from retail merchants updating their licenses. When asked by the Mayor, Mr. Tranel said QT paid after February 28<sup>th</sup>. Receipts totaled \$391,500.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the July, 2013-February, 2014, report. Mr. Abeln reported the city is doing well; may come in under budget.

At this time, Mayor Doerr reported on current city projects: Coburg Lands/Belgrove Project may come in under \$30,000; and the Shepley Bridge Project may come in under budget also.

**INVOICES OVER \$500:** Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 42 in the amount of \$102,043.72 for the months of February/March, 2014, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

**INVOICES UNDER \$500:** The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 78 in the amount of \$7,400.40 for the month of February, 2014.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** The Board reviewed the February 10, 2014, report. Chairman Bob Stolte reported the Commission reviewed the process of how and when a Conditional Use Permit should go before the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Ellison, the Bissell Hills property owner, is making improvements at the old Rinderer's site; Ashby Furniture may still move in. A letter has been sent from the city to Mr. Ellison regarding a missing stop sign on the parking lot, along with other lot issues.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** The Board reviewed the February, 2014, report. Ted Stocker reported on the following:

- The QT renovations are almost complete;
- He is seeing an uptick of owner remodeling; and
- The demolition at the old East Junior High is moving along.

Mayor Doerr stated the Manager, with QT, has requested a meeting with the him on Monday. He will update Ted afterwards.

**CITY ENGINEER:** The Board reviewed the February, 2014, report. Phil Lum reported on several issues he reviewed over the last month:

- There was a fencing issue on Ashbrook – decorations are not allowed on fences;
- Approval of an additional sign at a church on Bellefontaine Road;
- Ashby plans were approved on February 11<sup>th</sup> with (2) stipulations – BN is not holding up the process;
- The plans for a banquet center, on St. Cyr, have been approved with (2) stipulations;
- Approval has been given to an office warehouse on Belgrove;
- Mr. Lum noted there will be a Board of Adjustment Hearing regarding 10179 Newbold Drive; and
- With the help of City Attorney, Kevin O'Keefe, he rendered an opinion about a shared gravel road.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** No report given.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BILL NO. 2356 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SMITH**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-42 OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS AND PERSONNEL HANDBOOK FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS PERTAINING TO HOLIDAY BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN COMMAND PERSONNEL IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Alderman Smith read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2356 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Paro then read Bill No. 2356 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 Smith, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Hollis; and Alderman Roth, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2356, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2275 when and if signed by the Mayor.

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

- Gave an update of the Shepley Bridge Project, the St. Cyr Project and the Coburg/Belgrove Project. He explained the importance of Green River Greenway (GRG) paying 100% for the trail in conjunction with the St. Cyr Project;
- Governor Nixon signed into law SB649, SB650, SB651, and SB653, all of which severely impacts cities by limiting their ability to oversee wireless communication expansion and upgrades in our communities;
- He attended the monthly Metro Mayor's Meeting in which Dr. Senti was the guest speaker. He discussed the problems school districts are having, especially in the Normandy area. Mark Tranel is the guest speaker next month;
- The annual Housing Fair will be April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Rec Center; and
- Habitat for Humanity will have a meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Rec Center to discuss the possibility of helping renters become homeowners.

**REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:**

**ALDERMAN SCHULTZ:** No report given.

**ALDERMAN MERZ:** Thanked the city for sponsoring The Mayor's Ball; a fundraiser for Valley Industries.

**ALDERMAN JORDAN:** Thanked the city for sponsoring The Mayor's Ball. He personally knows the money raised is put to good use at Valley Industries. Regarding the passage of the House Bills regarding cell towers, Alderman Jordan was not very happy.

**ALDERMAN ROTH:** He wanted to emphasize how well the city's budget is doing. He thanked all Department Heads, Supervisors and staff for their help in this effort.

**ALDERMAN SMITH:** There was a discussion on using the verbiage Christmas Awards vs. Holiday Decorations in the Newsletter. The City Attorney said there were no restrictions to either phrase. Alderman Smith made a motion to change the wording in the Newsletter to read Christmas Awards, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Smith said the weather will be getting nicer so all should be aware of what is going on in their neighborhoods and report anything unusual to the police. When asked, he was told Judge Haywood has been transferred to a Rehab facility. Mayor Doerr is hoping he will be back to work in a couple of months. Thanks to the city for sponsoring The Mayor's Ball event.

At this time, Mayor Doerr interjected he would appreciate the Aldermen writing articles for the Newsletter like they used to do years ago.

**ALDERMAN HOLLIS:** She is upset about the passage of House Bill 1543.

**ALDERMAN PARO:** All Newsletter articles are welcomed from the Aldermen, but let her know as soon as possible what you will be writing about. She asked if QT will be having a grand opening. Mayor Doerr said it will happen, but there is no date set right now. She took pictures of the area behind Barbara West's house; it looks really good. Thanks to the weekly fish fries at Holy Name Catholic Church. The food is good and the atmosphere is fun. It has brought together old friends. There will be a reunion of old school chums next Friday to honor Lois and Frank Albers.

**CITY COLLECTOR, MARK TRANEL:** The MO State Board of Education is taking up a plan for assisting and intervening in the state's school districts. This should have no effect on the RGSD since they have plans in place until 2016.

**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 Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOB STOLTE, 1147 SIEBE:** Concerned about all of the traffic after (2) church services at the Tribe of Judah on Sundays. He was told they could contract with a BN police officer if they need traffic control.

**JERRY MAGEE, 1527 HAVILAND:** Thanks to the Mayor, Chief Pruett, Board of Aldermen, and Deni for doing such a wonderful job. He agreed with Mr. Stolte; there is a lot of traffic after the church services.

**ARNITA RUCKER, 1226 YUKON:** Would like to see more police presence in her neighborhood. She has had her home vandalized twice in the (17) years she's lived here. She has been seeing a strange character walking around; the Chief told her to call Dispatch the next time she sees him so the police can check him out.

Alderman Jordan reiterated the importance of being aware of your surroundings and to call the police right away if there is unusual activity.

**BARBARA WEST, 9741 CALUMET:** She thinks it would be helpful if everyone turned on their porch lights at night or had a dusk-to-dawn light. It may be a good idea to put an article in the next Newsletter.

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 Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on 4/3/204