

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 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.

At this time, the Mayor asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Stan Brice; a former Aldermen for (16) years.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Robert J. Doerr, Chief Pruet, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, City Collector Mark Tranel, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Paro, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, and Alderman Smith.

ABSENT: Alderman Hollis

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 April 3, 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 as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: Thanked Friedens Cemetery for their help in cleaning her neighbor's fence of the debris. Alderman Paro asked if there were any problems with standing water in the cemetery; no one had heard about this.

WILLIE ROBERSON, 1422 HAVILAND: A Sherwood Hills sign had been damaged by an earlier storm; he has been trying to get it fixed. He thanked the Mayor for recommending a company; they came out and were getting putting together an estimate.

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 Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the March, 2014, report. Chief Pruet reported on a new 24 hour Anonymous Drug Task Force Hotline whereby all tips are kept strictly confidential. The number is 314-863-DOPE (3673). Crime is down compared to the 1st quarter of 2013.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the March, 2014, report. Mr. Tranel reported there are some "stragglers" who still haven't updated their licensing information. There are a few Occupational licenses to follow-up on also.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the July, 2013-March, 2014, report. Mr. Abeln reported the city is doing very well. He gave an update on the city's income and expenses. He will be working on the 2014-2015 city budget.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 34 in the amount of \$106,712.34 for the months of March/April, 2014, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

INVOICES UNDER \$500: The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 92 in the amount of \$12,365.62 for the month of March, 2014.

PLANNING & ZONING: The Board reviewed the April 14, 2014, report. Chairman Bob Stolte was excused. The Mayor noted there was not anything to report.

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

- Busy issuing permits and doing inspections;
- There is a home on Runningbrook using solar panels;
- The demolition at the Riverview Gardens East Junior High School is almost complete;
- There are still about (6) homes that still have tarps due to last year's storms – the Mayor said some of the problems are with the insurance companies;
- A home was condemned on Waldorf;
- McBride and Sons will finish building the final (17) homes at Harbor Landing in which TR Hughes walked away from; and
- Alderman Paro thanked Ted for helping a resident with a driveway issue.

CITY ENGINEER: The Board reviewed the February, 2014, report. Phil Lum reported he is busy reviewing site plans and sign issues at the Harbor Landing site.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

- Mayor Doerr congratulated Aldermen Paro, Roth, Schultz and Dillworth for winning their election. They will be sworn in on May 1st;
- Since Alderman Dillworth resigned from Planning & Zoning, he will appoint someone at the May 1st meeting;
- On May 15th, he will appoint Audrey Hollis to the Human Relations Commission; and
- Mayor Doerr gave an update on the closing of Bills Meat Market. There have been multiple calls about taking over the site.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN MERZ: Sent his condolences to the Brice family. Congratulations to the newly elected Aldermen. Happy Easter.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: No report given.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Requested the Department Heads start working on the 2014-2015 city budget to be submitted by May 1st. Asked if the Street Department would follow up on a water main break at the corner of Laire and Tappan; does not seem to be taken care of.

ALDERMAN SMITH: Commented that Stan Brice was a member of Post 335; they held a nice ceremony at his Funeral Mass. Reminded everyone Beautification Day will be April 26th and the Annual Housing Fair is on April 30th. Happy Easter to all.

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: Congrats to the newly elected Aldermen. He sent his condolences to the Brice family.

ALDERMAN PARO: She believes the Brice family was one of the last remaining original homeowners on her street; still working on the May Newsletter; and reminded everyone the Electronic Recycle Day is May 3rd.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Sent his condolences to the Brice family. Thanked all those who post on Nextdoor; it is a great tool for the city to use.

CITY COLLECTOR, MARK TRANEL: He was one of the guest speakers at the last Metro Mayor's Meeting; their feedback is very useful.

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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously.


DEBBIE CARLSON, 1208 BAKEWELL DRIVE: She would like to see Bissell Hills Park cleaned up and possibly put up basketball hoops. The Mayor said the city is in the process of getting the parks ready for the summer. He will not put up hoops at this time due to a shooting at another park which had basketball hoops.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on May 1, 2014