

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
June 19, 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 Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Dillworth.

ABSENT: Collector Tranel, Attorney Kevin O'Keefe and Alderman Migliazzo

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Jordan moved for approval of the June 5, 2014, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Alderman Jordan moved to open the meeting to the public as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Jon Vogt, Chairman, Carolyn Marty along with some of the Directors with the Greater North County Chamber of Commerce presented Mayor Doerr and the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors with a plaque In Appreciation of its Ongoing Support of the Chamber. This is a program whereby they want to "Celebrate Our Members" and recognize the cities which support the Chamber.

ANDREW FIELDS, 1130 DUENKE: Concerned with many issues in the neighborhood, such as over-occupied homes; unkept homes; people doing drugs in broad daylight; and other various Code and legal violations. A lengthy discussion ensued. Chief Pruett reminded everyone to call the police when the crime is being committed. Mayor Doerr asked Mr. Fields to call him tomorrow to set up a meeting.

WANDA LANE, 9915 MARTINGALE: Concerned about the same issue as the previous resident, but asked if renters have to adhere to the same rules as owners of a home; yes, they do. She wondered if it was possible to give new residents more information. She was told they are given a Welcome Packet with a lot of information. She, also, wanted to know what could be done about loud music coming from cars, especially at the intersection of Chambers and Bellefontaine. It was noted this is a major intersection and it is used by many others as opposed to just residents.

WARREN LIND, 1226 LAIRE: He is concerned about crime in the community. He asked, as an individual, what he could do. A discussion ensued. Chief Pruett emphasized the importance of Neighborhood Watch Meetings and the Nextdoor link.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Jordan moved to bring the meeting back to the Board, seconded by Alderman Dillworth. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the May, 2014, report. Chief Pruett reported crime is down and arrests are up, compared to the same time last year. He thanked the participation of the community. He repeated for everyone to call the police when they see a crime happen; not days later. Unfortunately, due to the result of criminal activity, there was a murder in the city. The Major Case Squad has been very instrumental in helping to solve this crime. Again, Neighborhood Watch and Nextdoor are very important tools to use to know what is going on in Bellefontaine Neighbors.

Chief Pruett reported the city has once again been asked by the FBI to have an Officer attend Quantico regarding undercover work. The Officer will need to complete certain requirements to see if he qualifies. If he does, he will attend the Academy for (2) weeks and upon completion will be certified as an "undercover agent". There will be no cost to the city. The Chief feels this is a great honor, not only for the Police Department, but for the community.

Based on Chief Pruett's recommendation, Alderman Jordan made a motion for Board approval for the Officer to begin the process of possibly attending Quantico, seconded by Alderman Dillworth. Motion carried unanimously.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Tranel reported at the June 5, 2014 Meeting. He was excused tonight.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the July, 2013-May, 2014, report. Mr. Abeln reported the city is in good shape. Regarding the 2014-2015 Budget, the city should be in the "black" for the first time in many years.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 29 in the amount of \$150,776.24 for the months of May/June, 2014, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

INVOICES UNDER \$500: The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 119 in the amount of \$14,459.64 for the month of May, 2014.

PLANNING & ZONING: The Board reviewed the June 9, 2014, report. Chairman Bob Stolte reported due to someone inquiring about a possible business at 1200 Darr, it was determined this property, along with 10421 Ashbrook were zoned incorrectly. He asked for Board approval to schedule a Public Hearing on July 3, 2014, to have the property zoned properly. Alderman Jordan made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on July 3, 2014, to correct the zoning issues, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Inspections are up;
- Tall grass continues to be a problem;
- Gutter letters have gone out;
- He attended a CPR class in which there was a focus on a new defibrillator machine – Mayor Doerr wanted to find out if the city had the most updated machine; and
- The MO-American Water Company has been doing a lot of work in the city, especially on Ashbrook.

CITY ENGINEER: The Board reviewed the April, 2014, report. Phil Lum reported on the following:

- Permits have been issued to McBride & Sons;
- There is a community garden permit behind the BP station;
- He received a call from Stock and Associates (a very prominent civil engineering firm) who called about zoning issues at the old Bill's Market site. Mr. Lum stated this goes to show the shopping center is a very viable site.

Alderman Merz questioned the issue of a dog pen put up on the side of a house. Mr. Lum will look into the issue.

CITY ATTORNEY: Mr. O'Keefe was excused.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2365 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2252 AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS PURSUANT THERETO.

Alderman Roth read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2365 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2365 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 Jordan. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Dillworth, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Merz; yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; and Alderman Paro, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2365, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2284 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2366 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI.

Alderman Roth read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2366 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dillworth. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2366 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 Dillworth. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Jordan; yes; Alderman Dillworth, yes; and Alderman Smith, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2366, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2285 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2367 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH

AN ORDINANCE SUPERSEDING AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 2180 OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES OF SAID CITY IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS OF SAID CITY.

Alderman Roth read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2367 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2367 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 Roth, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Smith; yes; Alderman Dillworth, yes; and Alderman Schultz, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2367, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2286 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2368 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH

AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE PAY PLAN AND COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 2181 AND OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Alderman Roth read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2368 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2368 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 Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Merz; yes; Alderman Dillworth, yes; and Alderman Schultz, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2368, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2287 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2369 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS CITY CODE TO UPDATE PROVISIONS RELATING TO VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS FOR CITY PERSONNEL.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2369 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2369 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 Paro. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Dillworth, yes;

Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Smith; yes; Alderman Paro, yes; and Alderman Roth, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2369, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2288 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2370 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN DILLWORTH

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS WITH CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK FOR WIRE TRANSFER SERVICES; APPROVING A RESOLUTION AND OTHER DOCUMENTS WITH REGARD THERETO; AND DESIGNATING CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS TO ACT WITH RESPECT TO SUCH WIRE TRANSFERS.

Alderman Dillworth read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2370 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Dillworth then read Bill No. 2370 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 Dillworth, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Roth; yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; and Alderman Schultz, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2370, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2289 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2371 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN PARO

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE REGIONAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SERVICES COMMISSION.

Alderman Paro read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2371 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Paro then read Bill No. 2371 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 Paro, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Dillworth, yes; Alderman Roth; yes; Alderman Smith, yes; and Alderman Merz, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2371, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2290 when and if signed by the Mayor.

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

- The only thing the Mayor knows about the prospects at the Bill's Market site is it is down to (2) contenders. They are looking for the strongest, financially sound store. Again, he has had discussions with Mr. Ellison about cleaning up the shopping center;
- Happy birthday to the city – it is celebrating its 64th anniversary today;
- A belated Happy Birthday to Mark Roth; and
- Reported the city is accepting bids for (2) Ford pick-up trucks. The deadline is June 26th at 4 p.m.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN DILLWORTH: Thanked Mr. Fields for coming to the meeting and expressing his concerns. Encouraged all to attend Neighborhood Watch meetings and get linked to NextDoor.

ALDERMAN PARO: Thanked everyone for their attendance tonight. She reiterated no one should ever be afraid to call the police. She thanked the Major Case Squad for their help. Said another crime site to check out is crimespot.com. Reported there will be a city birthday at the Bissell House on September 13th to celebrate the 250th birthday of St. Louis; all are invited. She is so proud to have another Officer possibly being accepted to the FBI Academy – “the professionalism in our Police Department is very high”. Said even though it seemed the Board was going quickly to pass all of the Ordinances, it is only after many discussions and reviews that the Bill even gets on the Agenda.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Thanked Alderman Mark Roth for all of his hard work in preparing the city budget.

ALDERMAN MERZ: No report given.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Thanked all those for showing up tonight, especially those who normally don't attend. Communication is important to keep Bellefontaine Neighbors a nice and safe community.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Thanked Mayor Doerr and all the Department Heads again for their help with the new budget.

Alderman Roth asked for Board approval for Mayor Doerr and Chief Pruett to attend the required MIRMA Conference July 23-25, 2014, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

ALDERMAN SMITH: Reminder for everyone to check on their neighbors due to the heat index. Be careful when you are working out of your garage; close the door when you are not going to be there for a while. Neighborhood Watch is a very important venue.

CITY COLLECTOR, MARK TRANEL: Mr. Tranel was excused.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Alderman Jordan moved to open the meeting to the public as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Dillworth. Motion carried unanimously.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: Would like to see more of a police presence on Donnell.

WANDA LANE, 9915 MARTINGALE: Was told non-profit BBQs do not need a permit. Riverview Gardens School District terminated permission for a group that was barbecuing on their property. City Engineer said for even a non-profit to be on school property, they would have to be involved with the school in same way and they would have to adhere to St. Louis County's Health requirements.

WARREN LIND, 1226 LAIRE: Discussion on code violations and property maintenance.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Jordan moved to bring the meeting back to the Board, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deni Donovan
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on July 3, 2014