

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Robert J. Doerr, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, Chief Pruetz, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Dillworth.

**ABSENT:** Collector Tranel and Alderman Paro

**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 July 3, 2014, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Alderman Jordan moved to open the meeting to the public, with a 3-minute limit, as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

A Proclamation was presented to Mr. Lou Ramsdell on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. He was surrounded by friends and family; he was very appreciative for all the attention. July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014, was proclaimed Lou Ramsdell Day.

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 Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the June, 2014, report. Chief Pruetz reported there is a continued decrease in crime, in the community, compared to the same (6) months as last year. The Traffic Division is still present on Highway 270 and 367; traffic accidents are down.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the June 30, 2014-Preliminary report. Mr. Abeln reported his report states "Preliminary" because the figures will change; St. Louis County is (2) months behind. The auditors have to wait so they can get the final figures. The projection at the beginning of the year for the 2013-2014 budget was a minus \$156,000. Mr. Abeln believes the city will end up "in the black". After completing the S&P Questionnaire, the city maintained its A+ rating. Mr. Abeln noted the city is in "darn good shape".

**INVOICES OVER \$500:** Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 29 in the amount of \$81,012.25 for the months of June/July, 2014, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

**INVOICES UNDER \$500:** The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 78 in the amount of \$12,129.99 for the month of June, 2014.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** The Board reviewed the July 14, 2014, report. Chairman Bob Stolte reported there is a resident circulating a petition to be able to keep chickens. He asked the City Attorney for guidance as to how to proceed. Mr. O'Keefe noted several sections of the Code Book, including 29-29(5) and 4-19 that pertain to the issues of chickens; Section 29-112(c) pertains to zoning changes and amendments. Mr. O'Keefe explained the resident need only have his signature on the petition, along with a fee of \$200, to present to P&Z. It was explained, P&Z has no jurisdiction in other areas expect to address the shelter of the chickens issue. They may recommend the issue move to the Board of Aldermen or do nothing at all.

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

- "New Renters" seem to be on the rise – Alderman Smith finds this very discouraging;
- A display home is being built at Harbor Landings;
- Tall grass notices continue to be mailed out;
- Mr. Stocker will be in attendance at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Court Day beginning August 20<sup>th</sup>;
- Property maintenance issues continue to be a problem; and
- House inspections are up.

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

- Noted the chicken issue is a serious problem in all communities. Municipalities have a right to regulate;
- Reviewing a sign permit requested by 1188 Pershall – there are some mounting issues;
- There is a ramp issue at 2417 Harbor Landing; and
- When asked by the Mayor if he followed up with the Engineering Firm calling about the old Bill's Market site, Mr. Lum said they were very tight-lipped about who their client is.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** No report given

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **RESOLUTION 2014-2 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO**

**A RESOLUTION URGING STATE SENATORS AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES TO VOTE AGAINST OVERRIDING GOVERNOR NIXON'S VETOES OF SENATE BILLS 584, 693, 662, 612 AND HOUSE BILLS 1296 AND 1865.**

Mayor Doerr stated this was an issue brought up by the Metro Mayors; they are concerned with what the repercussions would be if vetoed by the Governor. It definitely would affect the city's income.

Alderman Migliazzo made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Alderman Dillworth. Motion carried unanimously.

**BILL NO. 2373 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING 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 THE REJIS COMMISSION FOR COMPUTER AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES.**

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2373 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2373 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 Jordan, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Dillworth, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Schultz; yes; and Alderman Merz.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2373, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2292 when and if signed by the Mayor.

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

- **APPOINTMENTS:** Mayor Doerr announced the appointment of Bill Krenn, as Assistant Treasurer. Alderman Roth made a motion to approve Mayor Doerr's appointment, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.
- Regarding Bill's Market, he, also, has not heard any news. He has had several discussions with Mr. Ellison about the disrepair of the Bissell Hills Shopping Center;
- He asked Mr. Lum to review the plans sent by Horner & Shifrin regarding the Shepley and St. Cyr Bridges;
- Very happy the city was able to maintain the S&P rating of an A+; and
- There are changes taking place in the Police Department that will be very beneficial to the city.

**REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:**

**ALDERMAN SCHULTZ:** The Youth Pool Party, last Saturday, was a nice event. This Saturday is the Back to School Fair. You must register ahead of time and be a resident. He thanked Si for all her hard work. He also thanked Mayor Doerr for all his help and the contribution from the city.

**ALDERMAN MERZ:** Happy Birthday to Mr. Ramsdell.

**ALDERMAN JORDAN:** He wished Mr. Ramsdell a Happy Birthday.

**ALDERMAN ROTH:** Congratulations to Mr. Ramsdell and welcome to Bill Krenn; he looks forward to working with him.

**ALDERMAN SMITH:** Happy Birthday to Mr. Ramsdell – chalk it up to “good living”. Reminded everyone there will be another group hosting a Back to School event at the Advance Auto parking lot this Saturday, also.

**ALDERMAN DILLWORTH:** Happy Birthday to Mr. Ramsdell and congratulations that he had his own special day named after him.

**ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO:** Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Mr. Ramsdell. On behalf of Alderman Paro and himself, they are proud to have Mr. Ramsdell a part of Ward 1. When Alderman Migliazzo inquired, he was told for the kids to be allowed to attend the Back to School Fair, they would have to be on the Occupancy Permit.

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

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Alderman Jordan moved to open the meeting to the public, with a 3-minute limit, as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on August 7, 2014