

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
August 7, 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 Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, City Collector Mark Tranel, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, and Alderman Smith.

ABSENT: Alderman Dillworth

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 17, 2014, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

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

At this time, Chief Pruetz gave a brief history about the newly hired Officer Katherine Weiss. City Clerk, Deni Donovan swore her in.

JEANNETTE BOST, 800 COACH N SIX: Jeannette was concerned about how the city should honor Clarence Cherry on his 90th birthday. Mayor Doerr wished Clarence a Happy Birthday and said he would like to recognize him in some way.

ANDREW FIELDS, 1130 DUENKE: Questioned whether the city sweeper was on his street; the Mayor said it had been.

LARRY FULLER, 9939 CALUMET: He wanted to discuss a couple of issues the Public Safety Committee has been concerned about, such as absent landlords. A discussion continued as to what the city can do to hold landlords accountable for their rental properties. It was explained by Alderman Paro, the city, along with some governmental officials, are trying to make changes, but it is not easy for a 4th class city, such as Bellefontaine Neighbors, versus a Charter City to make these kinds of rules and regulations. Another issue is banning plastic bags. Mr. Fuller gave several examples of cities that have done so. It was pointed out that most of the areas were around bodies of water, such as California.

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.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the July 24, 2014, Minutes. Alderman Dillworth was excused tonight. Mayor Doerr asked Chief Pruett to make sure the Police reports are given to the Commission on meeting night. "No Loud Music" signs have been put up in the city's parks and around the community. The Mayor conveyed his displeasure with St. Louis County's response to the city's request to put up these signs on the County roads; they will not allow it.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the July 21, 2014, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported The Back to School Fair was a big success. Family Golf Night will be on August 8th.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the July 8, 2014, Minutes. Alderman Smith reported they would like to honor a business at the Town Hall in September, along with the other Home Beautification Award winners.

PARKS BOARD COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the July 15, 2014, Minutes. Alderman Merz attended the meeting; there were no questions of him. Alderman Jordan requested the Board receive the Rec Trac report via email only; too much paperwork.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR: Mark Dickerson reported it is slowing down a bit due to the start of school soon approaching. They are in the process of putting together the Fall brochure.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

CHIEF PRUETT: Chief Pruett reported he and Mayor Doerr attended the MIRMA Conference; the Police Department was presented a plaque for 100% online participation. Crime rates continue to be lower and arrests higher compared to the same time last year. He asked for Board approval to spend drug forfeiture money on the following:

1) Zebra printer for mobile ticketing	\$875.00
2) 15 guns (AK-47); \$50 each	\$750.00
3) Gun Locker	<u>\$500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,125.00

Alderman Roth made a motion to approve Chief Pruett's request, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY COLLECTOR: Reported the Riverview Gardens School District will provide breakfast and lunch for all school children.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2374 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MERZ

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 18-8 AND 18-25 OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT.

Alderman Merz read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2374 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Merz then read Bill No. 2374 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 Merz, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; and Alderman Roth, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2374, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2293 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2375 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SMITH

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2254 AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICES OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AND MUNICIPAL JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI.

Alderman Smith read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2375 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Smith then read Bill No. 2375 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 Smith, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; and Alderman Migliazzo, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2375, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2294 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Doerr announced the appointment of Melanie Sims to the Youth Commission. Based on the Mayor's recommendation, Alderman Schultz made a motion to approve Mayor Doerr's appointment, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr reported on the following:

- Congratulations to the newly hired Katherine Weiss;
- Report on the city budget;
- MIRMA awards were presented to the city for Police Department's 100% participation online training and for a 100% on the city's evaluation;
- Reported the city's health insurance rates did not go up;
- The 2014-2015 city budget looks very good;
- Judge Haywood is at home recuperating;
- Explained Bill #2375 was need due to the city having a 3rd Court day;
- The newsletter will be delivered the following week-end; and
- There may be a new tenant in the old Bill's site very soon, along with a new tenant at the old Rinderer's site.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN MERZ: Congratulations to Officer Weiss and welcome to Melanie Sims.

ALDERMAN JORDON: Welcome to Officer Weiss.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Officer Weiss is a great addition to the Police Department.

ALDERMAN SMITH: He attended an Eagle Scout event and found it very inspiring. There will be a Back to School Fair at Advance Auto this Saturday and on August 23rd at Shop N Save. Reminder to all the Police Department will loan you the ultra violet markers used to mark your personal property in case they are stolen; you would be able to identify your items. Welcome to Officer Weiss.

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: Thanks to Melanie for her willingness to be on the Youth Commission and welcome to Officer Weiss.

ALDERMAN PARO: Welcome to Officer Weiss; nice to see another woman on the police force. The Newsletter is ready to go out. Thanked Mayor Doerr and Chief Pruett for their help with issues on Calumet. Kudos to the Youth Commission; they are doing a great job. She will give them more information on obtaining grant monies through Great River Greenway.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Congratulations to the newly hired Officer Weiss and welcome to Melanie. Also, today is his birthday!

MARK TRANEL: Reported the accreditation points for the RGSD should be announced at the end of the month. Officials will be attending the Bellefontaine Neighbor's Town Hall Meeting in September; Superintendent Spurgeon will address the audience. They are planning to have a lot of activities going on at the start of the school year.

Mayor Doerr wished Alderman Schultz a Happy Birthday!

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.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: Suggested Shirley put an article in the next newsletter to encourage cloth bags vs. plastic bags. Thanks to the city for being ahead of the salt shortage; the bins are full. She relayed a funny Post Office story.

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 Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk.

Approved by the Board of Alderman on August 21, 2014