

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 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, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Dillworth.

ABSENT:

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Jordan moved for approval of the August 21, 2014, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Dillworth. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: For the purpose of an Ordinance establishing the annual rate of Ad Valorem Tax levied for the year 2014 for the general municipal purposes on all real property in the city of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to open up the Public Hearing to hear comments on the purpose of establishing the annual tax rate, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously. The Mayor asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on this subject only.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: Questioned what the purpose of the Public Hearing. She was told this gave the community a chance to ask questions on the rates.

Alderman Jordan moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Alderman Smith. 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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

JAMES CARROLL, 10326 ASHBROOK: He was concerned how to proceed in his desire to keep chickens at his home. He handed out information, to the Board, on the subject. Mayor Doerr told Mr. Carroll he would need to go to the Building Department and complete the Petition to Change Zoning form, along with a \$200 fee. Once processed he would be put on the Planning & Zoning Agenda which meets every 2nd Monday of the month.

BARBARA WEST, 9741 CALUMENT: Asked if you have to be a resident to be on the Board of Aldermen; she was told yes.

A Proclamation was presented to Mr. Clarence Cherry for his 90th birthday, his contribution on the Image & Beautification Board, and his service to the community. He was surrounded by friends and members of the Board; he was very appreciative for all the attention. He wanted to give a special honor to his crew. Mayor Doerr thanked Clarence for his service.

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 August 28, 2014, Minutes. Alderman Dillworth asked the minutes be amended to read that he was "checking" into the status of the sidewalks and if the police are keeping an eye out for loud music and language. There was a discussion about letting the Commission know their requests have been addressed.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the August 18, 2014, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported there is a discussion about hosting another D.A.R.E Dance. The DJ hired (2) years ago did a great job; she was paid \$175. The Halloween Party will be the next event.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the August 12, 2014, Minutes. Alderman Smith reported Beautification Day will be held on September 27th at 9 a.m.; all are invited to help. Aldermen Jordan and Paro volunteered to help. There was a complaint the trash, at the bus stops, was not properly being picked up; Mayor Doerr will take care of it. There was another complaint about trash at the Gibson School site.

PARKS BOARD COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the August 19, 2014, Minutes. Alderman Merz was excused from the meeting.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR: Mark Dickerson reported the Rec Center is getting ready for Fall classes. He is working with City Engineer, Phil Lum, regarding the specs needed for the roof vent issues. The Beer and Wine event will be held October 11th; tickets are \$5. The outdoor pool is closed and will be drained soon. Alderman Paro thanked the crew for putting in extra lighting on the handicapped sidewalk.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

CHIEF PRUETT: Chief Pruett reminded everyone National Night Out will be Tuesday, October 7th. Please call Sgt. Vassallo if you would like to host a gathering.

Chief Pruett asked for Board approval for Sgt. Applegate to attend the National Homicide Seminar being held in Kansas City, MO, on October 19-23, 2014; there will be no cost to the city. Alderman Roth made a motion to approve the Chief's request, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY COLLECTOR: Due to the Audit currently being conducted, Mr. Tranel is still working on his report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Alderman Migliazzo gave a brief explanation of Bill No. 2377.

BILL NO. 2377 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CITY AND VILLAGE TAX OFFICE FOR COLLECTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FEES.

Alderman Migliazzo read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2377 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dillworth. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Migliazzo then read Bill No. 2377 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 Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Dillworth, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; and Alderman Merz, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2377, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2296 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2378 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL RATE OF AD VALOREM TAX LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2014 FOR DEBT SERVICE AND GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN 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. 2378 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2378 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 Roth, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; and Alderman Dillworth, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2378, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2297 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following:

- Met with the Mayors and Chiefs of Police of Dellwood, Moline Acres and St. Louis County to discuss the Ferguson incident and related issues. They are in the process of putting together of Plan;
- Due to an unforeseen issue, the GRG path has been reduced to a 10' path to a 5' sidewalk. The completion date should be the Fall of 2015;
- The city's audit is being conducted this week;
- Salt prices have skyrocketed. The city has enough salt now, but will need to order more for later in the winter; and
- All are invited to the annual Town Hall meeting on September 18th at 7 p.m. The city finished up in the "black" for the first time in years; the Mayor is very proud of how well the city is doing.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN JORDAN: No report given.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Congratulations to Clarence Cherry. Thanks to all committee members who put their time and hard work into city projects.

ALDERMAN SMITH: National Night Out is a very important night. It is a good opportunity to meet your neighbors, elected Officials, Firemen and Police Officers. Reminded everyone to check out the weekly Tuesday interviews of Veteran's sponsored by the Veteran's Home. There is so much history right here in our city. He is "very proud of Clarence".

ALDERMAN DILLWORTH: Congratulations to Mr. Cherry on his recognition from France and being named Knight of the Legion of Honor for his valorous action during World War II; and happy 90th. His work ethic was "tireless". Thanks to the Public Safety Commission for the good work they do. He is looking for another member from Ward 2; if not, then Ward 1.

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: Happy 90th birthday to Clarence and the recognition from France. Thanks for all he has done and continues to do for the city.

ALDERMAN PARO: Laughed that Clarence's wall space is getting smaller from all his awards! The new "loud music" signs have been put up. The ice cream trucks seem to be making less noise. The Veteran's Day program was discussed. Thanked the Street Dept. and Rec Center again for the extra lighting put on the handicapped path. There are still lots to do for the Meet Me in Bellefontaine STL250 celebration on September 13th from 11-4. She would really appreciate the help. The Human Relations Commission will sponsor a Voter Registration Booth.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Clarence. Thanked him for his service to our country.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Wished Clarence a Happy Birthday.

MARK TRANEL: Dr. Tranel reported on the outcome of the annual report on the Riverview Gardens School District. Even though the district received a more points than they have in the past, it still was a little short of provisional or full accreditation. Dr. Tranel gave kudos to the staff, kids, and parents for all their hard work. There were favorable comments on the district's improvements. There was a discussion on provisional vs. full accreditation. The district has a balanced budget for the 2014-2015 school year.

Alderman Paro thanked Dr. Tranel for all his hard work.

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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

WANDA LANE, 9915 MARTINGALE: Asked what was going on at the old Bill's Market site. Mayor Doerr explained he has not been privy to any updates. He is not happy with the condition of the Shopping Center. A discussion continued about the following issues: "No Loud Music" signs not being allowed on the County roads; the Attorney General's investigation into the Ferguson incidences; and the number of minority Police Officers in Bellefontaine Neighbors.

BARBARA WEST, 9741 CALUMENT: Relayed a story as to why she makes it a practice to stop along the road to observe when an Afro American is pulled over by the police. Volunteered to work at the STL250 celebration. She would like to host a National Night Out gathering.

SHELLEY DAVIS, 1152 JENNINGS STATION ROAD: Was concerned about an incident that happened with one of her neighbors who rent a home near her. She would like to see the Welcome to BN sign "spruced up" at the Riverview and Jennings location.

Alderman Jordan was very happy to see such a nice crowd come out for the meeting tonight. He challenged everyone to come back and bring a friend.

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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deni Donovan
Deni Donovan, City Clerk.

Approved by the Board of Alderman on *October 2, 2014*