

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

ABSENT: Alderman Schultz and Alderman Jordan

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Paro moved for approval of the November 20, 2014, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Doerr introduced Sergeant Peggy Vassallo, the D.A.R.E. Instructor for the Elementary schools in Bellefontaine Neighbors. She announced the winners of the D.A.R.E. Program essay contest from Grace Chapel Lutheran School: 1st place winner was Shayla Fackler; 2nd place winner was Sayva Phillips; and the 3rd place winner was Olivia Gilmore. Shayla read her essay, along with the Proclamation presented to all three winners. Mayor Doerr and the Board of Aldermen proclaimed December 5th, 2013, Drug Awareness Day in Bellefontaine Neighbors. The Mayor enjoyed the Graduation held earlier at Grace Chapel and appreciated all the hard work the 5th graders and Sgt. Vassallo did to prepare for the D.A.R.E. Program.

BARBARA WEST, 9741 CALUMET: Inquired if the Police Department had an excessive force policy; she was told yes. She requested a copy and asked how to go about making any changes to the policy. The best place to start is the Public Safety Commission of which she is a member. She was told this policy was prepared by a team of Police Chiefs and personnel. The City of Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department is State certified.

YOLANDA POE, 1221 DANVILLE: Asked to get a copy of the above mentioned policy also.

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

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: No meeting was held in the month of November.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board did not receive the November 17, 2014, Minutes. Alderman Schultz was absent.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the November 10, 2014, Minutes. Alderman Smith reported there are some potholes on Lance Drive; Mayor Doerr will inform the Street Department. Christmas decorations will be judged on December 16th.

PARKS BOARD COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the November 18, 2014, Minutes.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR: Alderman Roth asked Mark about a recent Parks Grant application. Mark said this was a Plan Grant allowing everyone to "bring out ideas" about buildings in the community. An idea discussed with the Park Board is possibly updating Bissell Park; it is (60) years old. The deadline is January. There was a discussion to include improvements to the walking path that runs through Sherwood Hills, although Mark said this is State property. It was decided for Mark to proceed with the Plan Grant.

Mark is meeting with a rep from Frederic Roofing on Monday to discuss plans on the roof repairs. The Bus Grant will be turned in tomorrow to East-West Gateway; Deni is still following up on needed Title VI requirements.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

CHIEF PRUETT: Chief Pruett reported there were no major incidences over the Thanksgiving Holiday.

CITY COLLECTOR: Collector Tranel discussed the following:

- Request for Board approval for the 2015 liquor licenses for businesses which have submitted the required documents: Aldi #6, Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, KD Patrol/BP Alliance Petroleum/Conoco; QuikTrip #605, and United Mart;
- The liquor license applications not received are Knights of Columbus and Kathy's Bissell Lounge;
- Request for Board approval to waive the liquor license fee for the Knights of Columbus and Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church; and
- Request for Board approval for the 2015 liquor licenses for businesses which will submit the required paperwork, in good order, before December 31st.

Alderman Dillworth made a motion to approve the requests, as noted, by the City Collector, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2391 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SCHULTZ

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1452 AND REVISING THE PERMITTED USES IN THE PLANNED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR BISSELL HILLS SHOPPING CENTER.

At this time, it was noted the applicants were not present regarding Bill No. 2391

Per the city attorney's recommendation, Alderman Merz made a motion to withdraw Bill No. 2391, with no further considerations, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a discussion to rewrite the Bill, if need be, to change the zoning regulations regarding the Planned Commercial Zoning District (PD-C). Mayor Doerr will talk to City Engineer, Phil Lum, and Alderman Migliazzo will discuss at the P&Z Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following:

- Mayor Doerr gave an update on Judge Haywood; and
- There were no incidences in the city after the Grand Jury Decision. He cautioned everyone to be aware of their surroundings and to "be kind" to one another. He is very proud to live in the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN PARO: Reported that due to the civil unrest around in the communities nearby, Office Depot would not make a delivery to her residence. She was told it was in a "protest area". Asked everyone to be aware of their surroundings. She spoke with Senator Gina Walsh about possible body cameras for the city's Police Department. Also, the Senator is very open to hear from the community; she is open to ideas.

ALDERMAN MERZ: When asked, he was told there is no time line as to how long a business can keep their businesses boarded up. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Congratulations to Sgt. Vassallo and all her hard work with the D.A.R.E. Program. Enjoy the holidays and be safe.

ALDERMAN SMITH: Congratulations to the D.A.R.E. winners and to Sgt. Vassallo. Cautioned everyone not to leave personal items in an empty car. Reported on the good time he had at the Veteran's Home; the Post provided gifts for all the Vets.

ALDERMAN DILLWORTH: Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving Holiday. Have a happy and safe Holiday Season. Congrats to Shayla, Sayva and Olivia on their D.A.R.E. awards. He appreciates Sgt. Vassallo for all her hard work in the community.

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: Congrats to the D.A.R.E. kids and their parents. He wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MARK TRANEL: "Lots of kids going to school and teachers teaching".

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

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: Appreciated the fact that a young man took off his hat during the Pledge of Allegiance said earlier tonight.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deni Donovan
Deni Donovan, City Clerk.

Approved by the Board of Alderman on December 18, 2014