

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES  
February 19, 2015**

**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.

Mayor Doerr asked for a moment of silence due to the passing of Jerry Gassel. He was the city's electrician for many years; he'll be missed.

**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 Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Dillworth.

**ABSENT:** Alderman Schultz

**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 February 5, 2015, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Roth. 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 Dillworth. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Chief Pruett acknowledged the entire Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department for the sacrifice they endured while helping with the unrest in our community and surrounding areas. He presented each officer (most were in attendance) with a Letter of Commendation "For outstanding performance of duties in service to citizens following the officer involved shooting of Michael Brown in the city of Ferguson, Missouri on Saturday, August 9, 2014". The Mayor, Board, and those in attendance gave the Officers a standing ovation.

**TOMMIE PIERSON, STATE REP, 1269 SHEPLEY DRIVE:** He congratulated the Officers and asked Mayor Doerr to explain the issues involving police practices.

**PHIL DUVALL, 101 HOLLY GREEN:** Saluted the actions of the city's Police Department. He would like to discuss the follow-up regarding police practices.

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.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report July 2014 through January, 2015. City Treasurer, Larry Abeln, was not able to attend; Assistant Bill Krenn reported on the city's Funds.

**INVOICES OVER \$500:** Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 19 in the amount of \$45,222.04 for the months of January/February, 2015, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

**INVOICES UNDER \$500:** The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 98 in the amount of \$13,446.22 for the month of December, 2014.

The city went out for bid to hire an auditing firm. The following are the responses received:

1) Kerber, Eck & Braechel	Declined	
2) RubinBrown	Declined	
3) Schowalter & Jabouri, PC	Declined	
4) Hochschild, Bloom & Company, LLP:		
• July 1 through June 30, 2015:	General Audit	\$10,820
	Single Audit	\$4,950
• July 1 through June 30, 2016:	General Audit	\$11,140
	Single Audit	\$4,950
• July 1 through June 30, 2017:	General Audit	\$11,370
	Single Audit	\$4,950

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the January, 2015, report. Chief Pruett reported Sgt. Vassallo will be participating in the Annual Memorial Tour Ride in which she'll ride a bike from New Jersey to the Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC. He asked for approval to sponsor Vassallo with up to \$1,100 for this event.

Alderman Roth made a motion to approve the sponsorship, seconded by Alderman Dillworth. Motion carried unanimously. Although Officer Shreves will be going also, he already has a sponsor. Chief Pruett thanked Vassallo and added she does an outstanding job in community relations.

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the January, 2015, report. Collector Mark Tranel said the Retail Merchant Licenses will be reported in the February report.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** The Board reviewed the February 9, 2015, report. Chairman Bob Stolte was excused. Alderman Migliazzo said there was nothing to report.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** The Board reviewed the January, 2015, report. Ted Stocker reported on the following issues:

- Vacant homes and absent landlords;
- Inspections ongoing;
- They ran into another hoarder issue; and
- There are homeowners doing renovations.

**CITY ENGINEER:** The Board reviewed the January, 2015, report. City Engineer, Phil Lum, reported

- Appreciated City Attorney's comments on "open spaces" regarding the earlier Board of Adjustment Hearing for an issue at 1257 Forest Home. He is open to helping the resident look into other options if necessary;
- He, Joe Raben and Ted Stocker met with an architect about ADA issues at 1111 Bellefontaine Road in the Bissell Hills Shopping Center. They made suggestions to the architect to make it feasible;

- He will forward a very helpful website (St. Louis County Property Viewer) to the Building Dept. and Board; and
- He will have to leave the meeting after his report to help his wife, Denora, who is recuperating from an illness.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** No report given.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BILL NO. 2399 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT.**

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2399 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2399 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 Jordan, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; and Alderman Dillworth, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2399, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2317 when and if signed by the Mayor.

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

- Thanks to Bill Krenn for his help with the bid selection in search of an audit firm;
- He attended a really good conference in Jeff City with the MML;
- He, Lt. Ihler and Chief Pruett attended a workshop at SLU to discuss help their graduates can give the city, through a grant, to help with financing and planning ideas; this is totally a free service;
- Save-A-Lot is on hold for right now; and
- The Chief announced his resignation; the Mayor read a section of his letter. He emphasized the Chief's letter was written on January 5, 2015. At that time, the Mayor asked if he would hold off for a little while.

**REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:**

**ALDERMAN MERZ:** Congratulated all of the Police Officers and wished Chief Pruett good luck on his retirement. He wished Denora a speedy recovery.

**ALDERMAN JORDAN:** Thanks to all the hard work Chief Pruett and the entire Police Department has done.

**ALDERMAN ROTH:** Congrats and thanks to Chief Pruett and the Officers; "the city is proud of you".

**ALDERMAN SMITH:** Congratulations to all the Officers, especially Vassallo who serves the community very well and helps with community relations. Good luck to Chief Pruett. Invited all to Beautification Day on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**ALDERMAN DILLWORTH:** Congratulations to all the Officers and thanks for their service. Wished Chief Pruett a happy retirement. Hope everything is OK with Alderman Schultz and he wished Denora his best.

**ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO:** He is very grateful for all the work the Police do every day. Best of luck to Chief Pruett.

**ALDERMAN PARO:** Thanks to all the Officers and the help they provided in Ferguson. Happy retirement to the Chief. Wanted to know if anyone else thought the trains seem to be going faster these days. She relayed a little story about a robbery back in the 1880s.

**MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR:** Per the Special Administrative Board (SAB), there will be a Public Hearing on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the old Good Council site to discuss the RGSD.

**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 Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

**WANDA LANE, 9915 MARTINGALE:** She believes trains are more noticeable due to the trees coming down in the last tornado. She wondered if the city was going to hold another "Get to Know Your Police" day. She may have been talking about the BackStoppers BBQ. Mayor Doerr discussed the idea of having Officers available on Food Truck Friday on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chief Pruett stated there is always an Officer at the Neighborhood Watch meetings. There was a discussion as to how the city is moving forward regarding the recent focus on the Police Department.


**KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL:** She will miss Chief Pruett.

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 Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on March 5, 2015