

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 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.

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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Jordan moved for approval of the February 19, 2015, 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, for as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Dillworth. Motion carried unanimously.

LAURA KASAK, BRANCH MANAGER. ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY: Ms. Kasak gave an update on the construction of the new Lewis & Clark Library. She passed out the floor plan and informational pamphlets. The grand opening will be September, 2015. The facility will be closed to the public as of April 4th until the opening. The old windows will be incorporated into the new building.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: Inquired about the books that would be on sale at the library. Ms. Kasak explained it is very limited, but they do work with the Thrift Book Sale site.

ALEASE DAILES, 1240 ASTORIA: Was very upset to hear about Chief Pruetz's retirement. She asked if there would be a report available to the public after the city meets with the Department of Justice. The Mayor reported the city is not under investigation so there is nothing to report at this time. A discussion ensued.

WANDA LANE, 9915 MARTINGALE: Reminded everyone that "perception is everything". She would like to get information out to the community. Another discussion continued.

LINDA LAWSON WITH THE POST DISPATCH: Linda will contact Deni and Chief Pruetz about his retirement.

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.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the February 26, 2015, Minutes. Alderman Dillworth reported the Commission is concerned there is no funding for the CERT Program; the members need the training. The training comes from the Fire Department. Larry Fuller, a member, stated the funds come from the state which seem to be on hold. Bobby Smith, a member of the Fire Board, said he would talk to the other Board members and find out more information. Aldermen Schultz brought up the cost and who may be able help out. The Mayor agreed training is needed.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the February 16, 2015, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported Craft Night went very well; thanks to Melanie Sims for her hard work. The DARE Dance was a huge success. Thanks to Sgt. Vassallo for all of her hard work. The DJ was really good and she interacted with the kids. Thank you to the Rec Center for their help and to TJ's Pizza for their food donation. They are getting ready for the next event which will be the Bicycle Rodeo; it will be held on May 16th.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION: No meeting was held in the month of February. Alderman Smith reminded everyone about Beautification Day which will be held on Saturday, April 25th. Mayor Doerr stated the new Easter decorations will be going up around the city; he would like input from I&B.

PARKS BOARD COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the February 17, 2015, Minutes.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR: Mark Dickerson said the Spring session is ready to start. He reported the Park Grant, along with the Assessment Proposal, is ready to move forward. An ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting. The Easter Egg Hunt and Arbor Day celebration will be April 4th. The Mayor's Golf Tournament is April 11th.

Alderman Jordan volunteered to BBQ at the golf tournament and Beautification Day. Then he realized he will be out of town for one of them, but not sure which one...we are all on the edge of our seats!

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

CHIEF PRUETT: Chief Pruett explained what the Performance Partnership Survey was all about. The city is looking for community input - "it's important they have a voice". There was a lengthy discussion as to how the information should get to the residents. Some options discussed were bulk mailing, the city's website, the quarterly Newsletter, and Nextdoor. A discussion followed.

CITY COLLECTOR: Collector, Mark Tranel, would like the city attorney's help to deal with the non-renewal license issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following:

- Sgt. Vassallo wrote a nice letter to Mayor Doerr, Chief Pruett and the Board thanking them for their sponsorship for the Police Unity Bike Tour;
- The Mayor's Golf Tournament will be April 11th;
- The Habilitation Project, which has been going on since 2010 is about ready to wrap up. He thanked Deni for all her hard work;
- Neighborhood Watch conducted a tour of Mathews-Dickey last night – it went well;

- Thanked the Street Department on all their hard work the last few week-ends dealing with the snow storm – “they’re the best”!
- Salt has been ordered and the city will have their bins restored in a few weeks;
- Waste Management is making a few route changes beginning April 1st although the city is not aware of what those changes will be;
- He wished a Happy Birthday to those celebrating in March – Aldermen Jordan and Migliazzo. He then realized Aldermen Merz had a birthday in March too; and
- Mayor Doerr reported Deni would like to attend the Annual City Clerks Institute from March 9-12, in Columbia, MO. Per the recommendation of Mayor Doerr, Alderman Roth made a motion to approve the Conference, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously. Deni thanked the Board.

Mayor Doerr announced the appointment of Bobby Smith to the Public Safety Commission. Alderman Dillworth approved the Mayor’s appointment, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN ROTH: Thanked everyone who attended tonight and for their participation. Thank you to Bobby Smith for his interest in the Public Safety Commission. Mark explained, with the retirement of Chief Pruet, the city will be doing a search for a new Chief. The recommendation is to contract with the Police Chiefs’ Association of MO; the cost will be \$7,500.

Alderman Roth made a motion to approve the funds to contract with the Police Chiefs’ Association, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

ALDERMAN SMITH: Reminded everyone, even though you may have a remote car starter, thieves can still steal your unattended car. Thanks to Laura Kasak for updating everyone on the update of the Lewis & Clark Library. He asked if anyone had a little time, please visit Bob Doerr who is living at the Veteran’s Home.

ALDERMAN DILLWORTH: Thanks to Mr. Smith for joining the Public Safety Commission. Thanks to Laura for her update on the library. Happy Birthday to all who celebrate March birthdays. And thanks to all who participated tonight; “it was great”.

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: Attended the St. Patrick’s Day Dinner at the Rec Center tonight; it was a good time. Thanks to Bobby. There was some talk about what a good golfer Bobby is...

ALDERMAN PARO: Thanked Laura for her presentation tonight. Asked for input from Alease and Wanda for the next Newsletter, which will be going out mid-May. Thanks to the Police and Street Departments for all their hard work during the snow storms. Congratulations to Bobby. Her grandkids are looking forward to all of the kids’ activities this summer. Discussion about the Youth Commission holding a basketball tournament with the kids in the community; would like to see the Police involved also.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Commented they did try and get a basketball tournament together but it fell apart. They are open to any ideas. Happy Birthday to all. Thanks to Laura for her update. Congrats to Bobby.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Thanks to Laura. Happy Birthday to all. Thanks so much to all the hard work done by the Street Department during the snow storms.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Thanks to everyone who attended tonight. He thought it was odd that Channel 4 did a negative segment on the city's Self Initiated Actions, but Channel 2 thought it was a good idea. Thanks to Laura for the updates.

MARK TRANEL: He reported there will be a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Meeting on March 19th at 6:30 p.m.

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 Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: Suggested using the magnetic clip (received from Laura) to put on your mailbox for outgoing mail.

WANDA LANE, 9915 MARTINGALE: Was told by Mayor Doerr there is nothing to report about who is going to move into the old Bill's site. Mayor Doerr will make a few calls and report back.

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 Dillworth. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deni Donovan
Deni Donovan, City Clerk.

Approved by the Board of Alderman on *March 19, 2015*