

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 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 Pruett, 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 April 2, 2015, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Dillworth. 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 Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

MARK SIMON, 1131 JOLENE: Concerned with "unguided" teens in the community.

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 March, 2015. City Treasurer, Larry Abeln, was not able to attend; Assistant Bill Krenn reported on the city's accounts. Tax collections are ahead of schedule and expenses are down. The Capital Improvement and Sewer Funds are in line with the budget.

Alderman Roth would like to schedule a budget meeting to discuss the 2015-2016 budget.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 23 in the amount of \$60,749.74 for the months of March/April, 2015, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

INVOICES UNDER \$500: The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 79 in the amount of \$9,164.34 for the month of March, 2015.

CHIEF'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the March, 2015, report. Chief Pruett reported the crime statistics for the month of March are up; it is a concern of the Department. He announced this will be his last Board Meeting before his retirement on April 30th. He thanked the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for all their help and support. He enjoyed his time at Bellefontaine Neighbors; it was a great opportunity. He offered his services, if needed, when the new Chief is appointed.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the March, 2015, report. Collector Mark Tranel reported the March receipts were good.

PLANNING & ZONING: The Board reviewed the April 13, 2015, report. Chairman Bob Stolte reported on the following:

- They are reviewing renovations, at Grand Slam Storage, for more flea market booths;
- Pastor Willie Flucas, with The Faith Temple PC Church, submitted a Letter of Intent to purchase the property at 10236 Cabot (the old Huneke building). Alderman Paro asked about the parking and was assured it should be enough; and
- Bob wished Chief Pruett well on his retirement.

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

- Inspections and reinspections are constant; and
- A few leaf letters have gone out due to neighbor complaints.

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

- Paperwork is being prepared to send to Pastor Flucas regarding converting the building to a church;
- The Grand Slam renovations are being coordinated with the Fire Marshall; and
- He received plans for another home to be built by McBride & Sons at Harbor Landings.

CITY ATTORNEY: Extended his appreciation for Chief Pruett's friendship and outstanding service to the public.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2402 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SMITH

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING THAT A FIRE HYDRANT BE INSTALLED IN THE RIGHT OF WAY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ST. CYR ROAD AT THE ENTRANCE TO BOB RUSSELL PARK.

Alderman Smith read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2402 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dillworth. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Smith then read Bill No. 2402 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 Smith, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Dillworth, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; and Alderman Merz, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2402, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2320 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2403 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MERZ

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PAVEMENT SOLUTIONS, LLC. FOR THE SHEPLEY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Alderman Merz read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2403 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Merz then read Bill No. 2403 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 Merz, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Dillworth, yes; and Alderman Paro, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2403, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2321 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2404 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 18-3 THROUGH 18-12 OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS CITY CODE PERTAINING TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MORE THAN ONE JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL DIVISION AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2404 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2404 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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Dillworth, yes; and Alderman Migliazzo, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2404, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2322 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Doerr reported the following:

- He attended the Metro Mayors Meeting whereby the subject of the possible passage of HB812 was discussed. If passed, it would affect the city by a loss of \$27,000, in revenue, per year;
- Mathews-Dickey has asked for a conference call tomorrow to discuss the baseball fields at Bob Russell Park;
- Gasoline usage is down, in March, from 103 gallons/driver to 83 gallons/driver. The city pays \$1.75 per gallon x (31) drivers;
- McBride & Sons is building a new home in Harbor Landings;

- May 7th is the date for the basketball game between the BN Police Department and the MO Hills Home kids – the game will start at noon;
- The Youth Life Skills Enrichment & Recreation Camp will be June 15th-26th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.;
- April 25th is Beautification Day;
- May 30th is the Electronic Recycling Event; and
- The Mayor read the resignation letter of Alderman Dillworth from the 4th Ward; he will be moving out of Bellefontaine Neighbors. The Mayor thanked Alderman Dillworth for all his service and dedication these past years. Alderman Dillworth was very sad to be leaving the city but the move was in the best interest of his family. The Mayor said he will be missed.

Mayor Doerr will be accepting resumes/qualifications for the vacant Alderman position in the 4th Ward; the deadline will be May 5th.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Doerr announced the appointment of John Koester to the Public Safety Commission. Alderman Paro made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Alderman Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr announced the appointment of Jack Duepner as the additional Judge for the Bellefontaine Neighbors Court. Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN DILLWORTH: Gave well wishes to Chief Pruett. Wished everyone the best and thanked the residents for allowing him the opportunity to serve the city.

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: Thanked Alderman Dillworth for giving him the chance to work with him; wished him the best of luck. Wished Chief Pruett the best and thanked John Koester for his help on Public Safety.

ALDERMAN PARO: Said it was nice working with Alderman Dillworth. Good luck to Chief Pruett. Reported the fire hydrant being installed at Bob Russell Park is being donated by the MO-American Water Company. Would like to discuss barbequing for the basketball game on May 7th. Reminded everyone the Recycling Event will be May 30th, 9:00-1:00.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Welcomed John to the Public Safety Commission; he was his CERT Training buddy. Appreciated working with Alderman Dillworth. Good luck to the Chief.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Good luck to the Chief and hoped he would travel. Good luck to Alderman Dillworth.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Thanked all for attending the meeting tonight and all those who work on the various city's boards and commissions. Congrats to Chief Pruett and good luck to Alderman Dillworth.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Good luck to Chief Pruett; appreciated working with him. Wanted Alderman Dillworth to know what is right for him, is right for the Board. He, also, valued all those in attendance tonight and their involvement in the city.

ALDERMAN SMITH: He attended the St. Louis Regional Fair Housing Training Conference at the MO History Museum. He was very concerned about a discussion to get rid of occupancy permits. He was very upset about the high crime figures for the month of March. He believes self-initiated activity is needed. Reiterated the need for residents to call the police if they see something not right. Beautification Day is April 25th. On April 14th, he attended an event called Hiring Our Heroes for Veterans; it was a very helpful event for our area Veterans.

Thanked Alderman Dillworth for his service, time, and concern for the residents. He said he has enjoyed working with him.

MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR: He reported the number of students transferring out of the Riverview School District has declined every year. Student testing will be going on very soon; please wish them well.

Mayor Doerr stated the city has submitted a bid to the Riverview Gardens School District regarding (2) Officers needed for the SRO Program.

The Mayor has been in contact with Fire Chief Joe Bommarito about the CERT Program. He would like the Public Safety members to be involved in the program.

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 Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

BARBARA WEST, 9741 CALUMET: Congratulations to Chief Pruett on his retirement. Told Alderman Dillworth he will be missed; he contributed a lot to the city. Encouraged all to contribute to the Mathews-Dickey GOFUNDME account. She does not hesitate to call the police if there is an issue.

ANDREW FIELDS, 1130 DUENKE: Good luck to Alderman Dillworth and Chief Pruett. He encouraged everyone to meet the kids in your neighborhood; it may make a difference on how they behave towards you. He asked everyone to go to the GOFUNDME site for Mathews-Dickey and contribute. He added the Food Truck Friday event to Facebook.

WANDA LANE, 9915 MARTINGALE: Stated some people may be afraid to call the police from fear of retaliation. Suggested homeowners and renters go to some sort of class on what it takes to take care of your home. A discussion on what was contained in the Welcome Packet to new residents ensued.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: Will miss Alderman Dillworth and Chief Pruett. She is not afraid to call the police.

ALEASE DAILES, 1240 ASTORIA: Will miss Chief Pruett and Alderman Dillworth. She, along with her neighbors, is not afraid to call the police. She was told the Mayor will accept resumes for the Alderman position for about 3 weeks; the deadline is May 5th.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deni Donovan
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on MAY 7, 2015