

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 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, Interim Chief Lt. Ihler, 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, and Alderman Smith.

ABSENT:

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Jordan moved for approval of the April 16, 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, for as long as the Mayor deems necessary, with a 3-minute time limit, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

PHILLIP DUVALL, 101 HOLLY GREEN, BALLWIN, MO (he also gave a Ferguson address): Mr. Duvall reported on racial statistics; the Letter from Birmingham Jail; not being finished with the Justice Department or the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors; and how he is unhappy with a former Lieutenant.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: She wished everyone could have been at the basketball game between the BN Police Officers and the young men from the MO Hills Home facility this afternoon. The key is to stay focused and work together to move forward.

CLARENCE WILSON, 1266 ST. CYR: Mr. Wilson enjoys going to Neighborhood Watch; he is able to ask questions and share his concerns. Agrees everyone needs to stay focused. Loves living in the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors.

WANDA LANE, 9915 MARTINGALE: She said she did not know Mr. Duvall although her name was put on a list of concerned citizens who were dissatisfied with BN; she was very upset and requested her name be taken off the list. If she ever has any concerns, she addresses them at the Aldermen meetings; she is an informed resident. She is, also, concerned about those who seem to be speaking for the city although they do not live here. Respect is needed. She later stated again, the problem with the citizen's list was the fact that residents did not even know they were on any sort of list.

GLORIA NICKERSON, 7576 BLACKBERRY: She has been involved in the DOJ Meetings, but she would like to clear her name. She discussed the citizen's committee; she is not a resident of BN. Self-Initiated Activity is a problem all over, not just BN. She advised anyone who has concerns to contact their State Rep or Senator.

ALEASE DAILES, 1240 ASTORIA: Wanted to be able to meet with the DOJ, if at all possible, in any upcoming meetings. Mayor Doerr invited her to attend the meeting, regarding the residents, when one is scheduled.

FELISA LEWIS, (refused to give her address): She was a part of the DOJ Meetings and stated she did not know most of the names on the citizen's list. She was not responsible for the people who were supposed to be notified of the meeting.

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 Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the April 23, 2015, Minutes.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the April 20, 2015, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reminded everyone of upcoming events: Bike Rodeo, Fishing Derby, Family Golf Nights, and the Youth Swim Party.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the April 14, 2015, Minutes. Alderman Smith said he was sorry for the confusion on Beautification Day.

PARKS BOARD COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the March 24, 2015, Minutes.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR: Mark Dickerson was excused. Martha Snead reported on the following:

- The workers have started on the roof repairs;
- The Summer Brochure will be delivered the week-end of May 15th;
- The parks are being cleaned up for summer reservations; and
- Getting ready for the summer programs

Alderman Paro said the Cinco de Mayo Dinner was wonderful. Would like to see more advertisement about the dinners. Thanks to all who put it together.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE, LT. IHLER: Lt. Ihler reported on the following:

- There was a shooting incident on Bellefontaine at Fontaine – victim is recovering;
- On April 20th, there were 3 arrests for trespassing and having burglary tools. Thanks very much to the concerned resident who called it in;
- The DOJ Meetings, overall, were very positive although no final agreement was reached. It was a good example of Government and Community coming together;
- Stated various changes going on in the Police Department;
- There are forms on the city's website to complete if you have any Comments, Complaints or Compliments;
- BN is now on FaceBook and Twitter;
- The City is working on establishing a Champlain's Program;
- The City has partnered with SLU Partnership Program to strengthen BN's operations to improve services – he thanked them individually for their help. Lt. Ihler reported on the survey results;
- BN is working with Florissant Valley Community College and the Criminal Justice Program for a long-term strategy which would involve the Police Dept. and other organizations to establish best practices and to groom potential applicants;

- Sgt. Vassallo and Officer Shreves will be participating in the Annual Police Unity Tour which will kick off on May 10th – they will end up in Washington, D.C.; and
- The Officers are getting ready to help with the Summer Camp being held at the Rec Center in June – thanks to Sgt. Vassallo for helping with the program.

CITY COLLECTOR: Collector, Mark Tranel, had no comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2405 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SCHULTZ

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING RESULTS OF GENERAL CITY ELECTION HELD BY THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015.

Alderman Schultz read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2405 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Schultz then read Bill No. 2405 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 Schultz, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; and Alderman Paro, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2405, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2323 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2406 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SMITH

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Alderman Smith read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2406 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Smith then read Bill No. 2406 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 Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; and Alderman Schultz, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2406, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2324 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2407 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN PARO

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SPENCER CONTRACTING COMPANY FOR THE ST. CYR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Alderman Paro read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2407 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Paro then read Bill No. 2407 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 Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; and Alderman Migliazzo, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2407, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2325 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2408 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS CAFETERIA PLAN IN ORDER TO CONFORM WITH CERTAIN PRIVACY RIGHTS AND CHANGES IN FEDERAL LAW.

Alderman Roth read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2408 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2408 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 Roth, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; and Alderman Smith, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2408, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2326 when and if signed by the Mayor.

City Clerk, Deni Donovan, swore in Robert J. Doerr as Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

At this time, Mayor Doerr read a letter, he prepared, to the citizens of Bellefontaine Neighbors regarding the meetings he has attended by the Department of Justice (DOJ). It included topics such as:

- He will continue to meet with the residents;
- He will not look into the past, but would like to move in a positive direction now;
- Upset the press was called after there was an agreement not to do this;
- He thanked the non-resident committee for “opening our eyes” to different issues;
- Moving forward with the Chaplain’s Program;
- He has a long-standing history with the city;
- He appreciates citizen input;
- The City has completed all the bullet points, discussed in the meetings, except for the list of resident complaints – there are many questions about this list;
- Would like to emphasize all the good being done in the City and be progressive; and
- He loves this City.

Mayor Doerr delayed his appointments tonight.

Alderman Roth made a motion to nominate Alderman John Jordan as President of the Board of Aldermen, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried. Alderman Jordan abstained.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: Congrats to Mayor Doerr and the President of the Board, Alderman Jordan. Welcome to Lt. Ihler. Invited everyone to come to the Board Meetings if you want to know what is going on. The next Dinner at the Rec Center is the BBQ Dinner in August.

ALDERMAN PARO: Congrats to Mayor Doerr. She reiterated Mayor Doerr does have an "open door" policy; all suggestions are welcomed. Thanks to the BN Officers and everyone who participated in the basketball game. Told a story about how social media is helping to identify missing soldiers.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Congrats on Mayor's Doerr re-election. Congrats to Alderman Jordan. Thanks to Sgt. Vassallo for her help with the upcoming Bike Rodeo.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Congratulations to Mayor Doerr and Alderman Jordan.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Thanks to all who showed up tonight; he hopes they continue to attend. Congrats to Mayor Doerr. Pointed out how much time the Mayor puts in especially since he is only a part-time Mayor. He would still like the Board to consider a City Administrator on a part-time basis. Reminded everyone to contact your Alderman if you have any issues.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Congrats to Alderman Jordan and Mayor Doerr. The Mayor need not offer any apologies about how excited he is getting when it comes to the future of the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors. Would like to schedule a Budget Meeting.

ALDERMAN SMITH: Congrats to Mayor Doerr and thanks to Alderman Jordan. He attended the Riverview Gardens ROTC Military Ball; it was a very nice event. He is working with Express Scripts to sponsor some of the events for the Cadets. Invited all to the Memorial Day Program at the MO Veterans Home. Thanks for all in attendance tonight. No stranger should dictate how the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors is run.

MARK TRANEL: Congratulated Mayor Doerr on his re-election. He invited all to attend the school board meetings; there are a lot of positive things going on.

CITY CLERK, DENI DONOVAN: Is very proud to be working for the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors. All of the Department Heads work well together in making this city a great place to live. It is very frustrating to see everyone working very hard and in a matter of (3) minutes, a news segment can tear everything down with their misinformation. She is very lucky to be working with Mayor Doerr. Thanks for all the support shown tonight.

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.

ALEASE DAILES, 1240 ASTORIA: Mayor Doerr clarified what it meant to be elected President of the Board of Aldermen. When asked, Mayor Doerr said he will appoint an Alderman for Ward 4 at the next Board Meeting. She would like to get the word out about how important it is to attend Board of Aldermen meetings.

CLARENCE WILSON, 1266 ST. CYR: Congrats to Mayor Doerr on his re-election and to Alderman Jordan. Mayor Doerr thanked Mr. Wilson for getting involved.

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 Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Schultz. 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 *MAY 21, 2015*