

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 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 Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT: Alderman Shirley Paro

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Alderman Jordan moved for the approval of the Agenda, amended to have Officer Chrisenberry sworn in before the CDBG Public Hearing, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Jordan moved for approval of the May 21, 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, for as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman. Motion carried unanimously.

Lt. Ihler introduced the newly hired Officer, Darrell Chrisenberry, and gave a brief history. Officer Chrisenberry served (23) years of active duty with the Air Force and is in the process of finishing his undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice. He served as a K-9 handler and Kennel Master. His employment began on May 31st. The City of Bellefontaine Neighbors welcomes his skills, talents, and abilities.

At this time, City Clerk, Deni Donovan, swore in Police Officer, Darrell Chrisenberry.

PUBLIC HEARING: To discuss the allocation of \$29,500 from the Community Development Block Grant fund.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to open up the Public Hearing to hear comments regarding the St. Louis 2016 Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG); seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously. The Public Hearing Handout was distributed. The Mayor asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on this subject only.

PLEASE DAILES, 1240 ASTORIA: When asked about the application process, Mayor Doerr explained the residents of Bellefontaine Neighbors are not able to submit any new applications; there is still a waiting list.

Alderman Jordan moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone wished to address the Board on any other issues.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: Would like the city to invest in a canine unit.

CARNELL JONES, 1122 WENTWORTH: Mr. Jones made comments on various issues, such as: feeling he was targeted in 2005; the DOJ; his time with the Youth Commission and his resignation; and troubles in the past with his neighbor. He felt the Mayor had not responded to his problems in the past although Mayor Doerr produced a letter dated March 21, 2013, he had sent Mr. Jones in response to his issues.

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.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the May 28, 2015, Minutes. Alderman Jordan said the CERT Training will be getting underway soon; the City of Jennings will be included in the training.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the May 18, 2015, Minutes. Alderman Schultz invited all to the Youth Fishing Experience being held on June 6th, come rain or shine, and Family Golf Night on June 12th. It was noted, June 6th is the only day of the year you can fish without a fishing license.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the May 12, 2015, Minutes. Alderman Smith reported the group will be judging homes on June 9th.

PARKS BOARD COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the May 19, 2015, Minutes.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR: Mark Dickerson reported on the following:

- SWT Design will present their findings on the park assessments at an Open House at the Rec Center on June 9th from 4:30-7:00 p.m.;
- Registration for classes has begun;
- The swim team is starting up; and
- The roof work is done although there are a few leaks they will keep an eye on.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

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

- St. Louis County's new emergency radio communications system is ready to go. BN has received their radios and a grant allows for all repairs and replacements. The switch over to the new digital system will begin soon. The new dispatch will be located in Ballwin; the area code will be 636.
- The social media sites, for Bellefontaine Neighbors, are ever-growing. The feedback on the city's website is being used;
- Summer Camp at the Rec Center will begin June 15th; and
- Mayor Doerr and he have been meeting with the Florissant Valley Criminal Justice Department. The partnership will help with future recruitment and the growth process of police officers and help promote a model for best practices to develop and groom policing efforts. Phase 1 should begin in August.

CITY COLLECTOR: Collector, Mark Tranel reported all is going smoothly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2409 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI.

Alderman Roth read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2409 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2409 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 Smith. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; and Alderman Merz, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2409, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2327 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2410 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENGAGEMENT OF DDC ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS, INC. FOR COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTING SERVICES.

Alderman Roth read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2410 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2410 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 Schultz, yes; Alderman Merz yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; and Alderman Migliazzo, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2410, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2328 when and if signed by the Mayor.

At this time, Mayor Doerr introduced Clarence Jackson, with DDC Advertising. Mr. Jackson thanked the Mayor and is looking forward to working with Bellefontaine Neighbors.

BILL NO. 2411 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MERZ

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AT TAX SALE.

Alderman Merz explained this Bill was regarding the vacant lot at 10030 Bellefontaine Road.

Alderman Merz read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2411 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Merz then read Bill No. 2411 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 Jordan, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; and Alderman Schultz, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2411, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2329 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

City Officials: Mayor Doerr announced the reappointment of Prosecuting Attorney, Bill Clark. Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr announced the reappointment of City Collector, Mark Tranel. Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr announced the reappointment of City Clerk, Deni Donovan. Alderman Merz made a motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr announced the reappointment of all Commission/Board members whose terms have expired and/or serve with the term of the Mayor:

Public Safety: Ed Meier, Jeff Lofton, Larry Fuller, Jim Christian, Barbara West, Bobby Smith, and John Koester.

Image & Beautification: Jeannette Bost, Bob Bost, Clarence Cherry, Jennie Stewart, Lynn Gordon, Margie Cook, Rodney Weeden, and Shelly Davis.

Youth Commission: Rich Pflueger, John DuHadway, Wayne Anderson, Jean King, Melanie Sims, and Alease Dailes.

Park & Rec Board: Mark Dickerson, Jean Garaschia, Sally Wahlbrink, Tina Swindle, Jane Davis, Kathy Endorf, Judy Mantych, and Dave Cross.

Board of Adjustment: Rich Pflueger.

Alderman Fields made a motion to approve all of the Mayor's reappointments mentioned above, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:

- Looking forward to working with Clarence Jackson and being able to publicize all the good things going on in Bellefontaine Neighbors;
- The Mathews-Dickey Parade, from City Hall to Bob Russell Park, will take place on Saturday, June 13th at 10 am, to kick-off the baseball games;
- All kids are invited to the annual Youth Fishing Experience this Saturday;
- The Animal Clinic is being held this Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon;
- Food Truck Friday, held on May 22nd, was a huge fundraising success;
- Update on the Shepley Bridge Project – work should begin June 4th and finish June 26th. There will be some street closure;
- Update on the St. Cyr Project – work should begin soon and last 3-4 months. Mayor Doerr explained the steps the project will go through;
- The city contracted with the MO Police Chiefs to do the search for the next Chief of Police. Once narrowed down, the Mayor will put together an Interview Committee consisting of Aldermen, City board members, and citizens. The new Chief should be in place by July 1st;
- As explained by Lt. Ihler earlier, the Mayor and Lt. Ihler have been meeting with Wesley Bell and administration with Florissant Valley in order to work together to help promote the hiring and education of police officers. Mayor Doerr is very proud

to have initiated this project and looks forward to working together with the community college;

- He would like to thank Wanda Lane for accepting the appointment as the American Red Cross Disaster Coordinator (she was not present);
- The Chaplain's Program is moving forward with (7) pastors volunteering to participate in the training. Hopefully, the program will be in place by the end of July;
- Mayor Doerr congratulated Lt. Ihler on his graduation from Command School. He also completed his 2nd Masters Degree; and
- Mayor Doerr asked the City Attorney to explain SB5 which modifies distribution of traffic fines and court costs collected by municipal courts. Maximum revenue will be 12.5% of operating revenue. In-depth accounting will be involved and the City will need to adopt new procedures. If reporting is questioned, the penalties may be severe. Needless to say, this will be a big concern to the city.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: No report given.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Congratulations to Lt. Ihler. Happy Birthday to Alderman Roth (this Saturday).

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Congrats to Lt. Ihler and Happy Birthday to Alderman Roth.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Congrats to Officer Chrisenberry. Thanks to Larry Abeln, Bill Krenn, Mayor Doerr and all the Department Heads for their help with the annual budget.

Alderman Roth made a motion, based on the Mayor's recommendation, to place the \$29,500, from the Community Development Block Grant, into home improvements for the next year, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

ALDERMAN SMITH: Was not real happy with the company who sponsored the recycling event; will look at another vendors next year. Welcomed Officer Chrisenberry. Happy to see kids using the ball fields at Bob Russell Park. Thanked Mayor Doerr and Lt. Ihler on their work in partnering with Florissant Valley Junior College. Reminded everyone to always be aware of your surroundings. If anyone sees the police doing something wrong, it needs to be reported. Will meet with Tim Persons to discuss an event to satisfy fair housing issues associated with the Habilitation Project. Lastly, he is looking for good things from the partnership with DDC Advertising and Clarence Jackson.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: Welcome to Officer Chrisenberry and looking forward to working with Mr. Jackson.

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: Welcome to Officer Chrisenberry and to Mr. Jackson. Congratulations to Lt. Ihler on his accomplishments and Happy Birthday to Alderman Roth.

MARK TRANEL: Mr. Tranel reported there is a lot of summer activity going on at the Riverview Gardens School District. The District has invested in many programs.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Alderman Jordan moved to open the meeting to the public, with a 3-minutes time limit, as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

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 Roth.
Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deni Donovan,
Deni Donovan, City Clerk.

Approved by the Board of Alderman on *June 18, 2015*