

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES  
July 2, 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 Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Fields.

**ABSENT:** Alderman Don Merz

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

**PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES:** Alderman Jordan moved for approval of the June 18, 2015, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Smith. 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 Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

**CARNELL JONES, 1122 WENTWORTH:** Commented on the Confederate flag; the shooting in Charleston; the Channel 4 segment of the Justice System; and the need for everyone to come together for a resolution.

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 June 25, 2015, Minutes. Alderman Fields reported on the upcoming free CERT Program September 18-19, 2015; more people are needed.

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** The Board reviewed the June 15, 2015, Minutes. Alderman Schultz invited all kids to the Youth Pool Party on July 11<sup>th</sup>; tickets are required. If it rains, the party will move to the inside pool.

**IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION:** The Board reviewed the June 9, 2015, Minutes. Alderman Smith reported the homes were judged on June 9<sup>th</sup>. He informed everyone Jeannette and Bob Bost resigned due to an illness.

**PARKS BOARD COMMISSION:** The Board reviewed the June 9, 2015, Minutes. Alderman Merz was not in attendance tonight.

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

- The next Public Hearing, to voice your opinion on park assessments, will be July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Rec Center. Based on the last Public Hearing, more recommendations were made;
- Activities are underway;
- The swim team is doing well; and
- Keeping up with park maintenance and grass cutting.

Alderman Smith asked everyone to keep a good thought for Jean Garaschia; she has been in the hospital.

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the June, 2015, report. Collector Mark Tranel reported an error on his report; the Fiscal End Total should read \$4,865,419.56.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** No report given.

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

- He wished everyone a joyous 4<sup>th</sup> of July but reminded all that fireworks are prohibited in Bellefontaine Neighbors;
- He thanked Sgt. Vassallo and Officer Owens for all their hard work and help with the Summer Camp held at the Rec Center. They will be attending a workshop to discuss how the Program went and how their goals were met; and
- Officer Owens was named the Missouri School Resource Officer (SRO) of the Year. Lt. Ihler was very proud of all the work and effort Officer Owens put into his work as an SRO.

Lt. Ihler asked for Board approval to attend the required Annual MIRMA Conference on July 29-31, 2015. Alderman Paro made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BILL NO. 2413 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF FOUR QUARTERLY CITY NEWSLETTERS FOR DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS.**

Alderman Migliazzo read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2413 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried; Alderman Paro abstained. Alderman Migliazzo then read Bill No. 2413 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; Alderman Paro abstained. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Paro, abstained; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; and Alderman Roth, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2413, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2331 when and if signed by the Mayor.

## REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

### Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:

- Fireworks are not allowed in the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors. The Mayor encouraged residents to call the police if they see someone lighting them;
- Congratulations to Officer Owens for being named the MO SRO of the Year and for all of his hard work;
- The Shepley Bridge Project is complete, although there are a few minor issues to follow up;
- Due to the heavy rains and flooding, the St. Cyr Bridge Project has been delayed. Work will begin when the waters subside;
- The City bought gas at \$2.08/gallon on July 1<sup>st</sup>; gas went up the next day. Compared to the same time next year, gas was much more expensive last year;
- There are many volunteers participating in the Chaplain's Program. The next meeting will be July 6<sup>th</sup>; and
- The City of Bellefontaine Neighbors will be partnering with the Red Cross in helping install smoke detectors for the elderly in the city. The Public Safety Commission members and the Riverview Fire Dept. will be helping BN with this program. More volunteers are needed. Wanda Lane is the Red Cross Representative.

Mayor Doerr explained how the MO Police Chiefs Association conducted the hiring process for the position of Chief of Police. Candidates from (8) states applied. The list was narrowed down to the highest (3) candidates who were interviewed by the Interview Committee which consisted of four Aldermen and five residents. When he received the ballots, he interviewed the candidate, with the most votes, for almost two hours.

Mayor Doerr recommended Lt. Jeremy Ihler for the Chief of Police for the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors. Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously. (All those in attendance clapped)

Chief Ihler thanked the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Public Safety Commission, Human Relations Commission, the entire Police Department, friends, and family for all their support and confidence. Partnership and interaction, with the residents, are important.

## REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

**ALDERMAN JORDAN:** Thanked everyone in attendance. He would like to see the Street Improvements Bond Issue on the November ballot. The monies will be used to update the rest of the streets not done earlier and to improve sidewalks.

**ALDERMAN ROTH:** Congratulations to Officer Owens; his success is very commendable. Congrats to Chief Ihler; he is ready for the new phase of law enforcement. Have a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**ALDERMAN SMITH:** Congratulations to Chief Ihler; he was the best candidate. Officer Owens should be very proud of his accomplishments. There have been more car break-ins; everyone needs to be aware. Watch out for the fireworks and stay alert. The City has a good group of Officers, but if anyone sees them not doing their job, they should report them just like any other Bellefontaine employee. The Police Department is held to a higher standard.

### ALDERMAN FIELDS:

He welcomed all those in attendance. Congratulations to Chief Ihler; he looks forward to working with him. Congrats to Sgt. Vassallo, not only for all her hard work, but for helping him personally on an issue he had in the neighborhood.

**ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO:**

It is an honor for the City to have had Officer Owens named the MO SRO of the Year. Thanks to Sgt. Vassallo and Officer Owens and all others who helped with the summer camp. "Chief Ihler sounds good".

**ALDERMAN PARO:**

Congratulations to Officer Owens for all his work at the High School. Congrats to Chief Ihler. Thank you to Sgt. Williss for his help with a neighborhood problem. Thanks to the Street Department for filling the pot holes on her street. Would like the City to call Ameren about overgrowth on a pole near White Castle. Relayed a "then and now" Bellefontaine story.

**ALDERMAN SCHULTZ:**

Congratulations to Officer Owens; it is quite an accomplishment. Thanks to Sgt. Vassallo and Officer Owens for all their work with the summer camp; good job. Congratulations to Chief Ihler. Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**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 Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

**KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL:** Congratulated Chief Ihler.

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 Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

Deni Donovan  
Deni Donovan, City Clerk.

Approved by the Board of Alderman on July 16, 2015