

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
July 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 Ihler, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT: City Collector Tranel

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 July 2, 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, with a 3-minute limit, as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Jordan read aloud the Rules and Etiquette of Public Comments.

CARNELL JONES, 1122 WENTWORTH: Mr. Jones commented on racism and the manner in which the new Chief of Police was chosen. He has organized a group which will question the city's spending.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: Thanked all those who work at City Hall for the betterment of the city, especially the Police Department.

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Due to the upcoming audit, Treasurer Bill Krenn stated there was no monthly report to review.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Paro moved to pay invoices 1 through 19 in the amount of \$38,830.52 for the months of June/July, 2015, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

INVOICES UNDER \$500: The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 86 in the amount of \$10,121.53 for the month of June, 2015.

Mr. Krenn questioned item #11, in the Overs & Unders, in which the City paid SWT Design \$2,000; he was told due to a grant the City received, SWT Design was the group to help with the park assessments.

POLICE REPORT: The Board reviewed the June, 2015, report. Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- Chief Ihler was proud to submit a packet to MML for the 2015 Innovation Award. Sgt. Vassallo and Officer Owens worked very hard on the summer camp. Due to the popularity of this program, they were asked to give a presentation on the success of the camp at St. Louis University;
- The Police Department is attempting to partner with the Boy Scouts of America to initiate an Explorer Scout Troop;
- The First Responders Torch Run will take place this Saturday – the event will end with a BBQ at Grand Slam; and
- Hoping to hear from the Riverview School District soon regarding the SRO negotiations; school starts August 10th.

At this time, Chief Ihler announced the promotions of (4) Officers along with a brief history of their accomplishments; they are as follows:

- 1) Officer Bob Piekutowski was promoted to Corporal
- 2) Corporal Bryan Spieler was promoted to Sergeant
- 3) Sergeant Warren Williss was promoted to Lieutenant
- 4) Detective Sergeant Shawn Applegate was promoted to Lieutenant

Chief Ihler and Mayor Doerr congratulated all the Officers.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The June, 2015, report was presented at the July 2, 2015, Board Meeting. Collector Mark Tranel was excused tonight.

PLANNING & ZONING: The Board reviewed the July 13, 2015, Minutes. Chairman Bob Stolte reported Mr. Obrock was at the meeting to discuss the required Conditional Use Permit for the proposed auto shop on Lilac. He was put on the Agenda for the August 10th meeting.

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

- Inspections;
- Tall grass, weeds, and limb issues;
- Working with Dominos to have a freezer installed;
- A 2nd home is being build in Harbor Landings; and
- A discussion as to what Ward 913 Delaird was in → Ward 4.

CITY ENGINEER: The Board reviewed the June, 2015, report. City Engineer, Phil Lum, reported on the following issues:

- Reported the necessary MSD approvals needed for the auto repair shop on Lilac may be a bit of a challenge for Mr. Obrock; and
- He will be attending a meeting with St. Louis County on July 29th to discuss best practices to be able to communicate electronically between the county and municipalities. The county needs to be able to keep up with new home ownerships.

CITY ATTORNEY: He would encourage all interested persons, such as police, prosecuting attorneys, and judges to attend an SB5 Seminar. Many changes are taking place regarding Court matters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2015-2 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN PARO

ETHICS RESOLUTION

Alderman Paro explained this Resolution concerns the Code of Ethics which provides for the disclosure of potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain officials of the city; this needs approval, by the Board, on even years although it has always been recommended by the City Attorney to do every year.

Alderman Paro made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

BILL NO. 2414 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MERZ

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE REGIONAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SERVICES COMMISSION.

Alderman Merz read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2414 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion passed; Alderman Jordan opposed. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2414 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 Jordan, no; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Smith yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; and Alderman Fields, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2414, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2332 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Doerr announced the appointment of Theresa Reed to the Youth Commission. Alderman Schultz made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr reported on the following:

- The city submitted a packet for MML's Innovation Award regarding the summer camp put together by the Police Department; mainly Sgt. Vassallo and Officer Owens. The results will be announced in September. They gave a presentation to a group at St. Louis University on the success of the camp;
- The Chaplain's Program is "off the ground". There were (9) volunteers;
- The Metro Mayors group is trying to come up with an agenda to reach out and work together with all small municipalities in St. Louis County;
- Congratulations to all the Officers who received a promotion - "they will do a good job";
- The City purchased a much needed 2008 high arm for \$70,000. The current one is (27) years old; and
- A meeting was held this afternoon with BN's Human Relations Commission and the MO Division of Labor & Industrial Relations; there were some really

good discussions. They have agreed to participate in the Annual Diversity Meeting being held on October 8th.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN ROTH: Congratulations to all the Officers. Thanks to Theresa Reed for “stepping up” to be on the Youth Commission. He asked Deni what the turnaround time was for Ameren to fix a light. Due to the flooding and extreme heat, Ameren is behind on a lot of these issues. She asked the Alderman to send her the lights in question.

ALDERMAN SMITH: He thanked Theresa for “giving back to the community”. He has all the trust and confidence in the Officers who were promoted tonight, but they need to do their job like any other city employee. Beautification Day is scheduled for September 26th although they may look at alternate dates in the future. Be aware of the extreme heat and check on your neighbors.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: Thanks to Theresa for stepping up and congratulations to the Officers. Reminded everyone the new Dispatch phone number is 636-529-8210. The fireworks seemed to be prevalent in BN although they are not allowed in the City. “Working together is essential”.

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: Thanks to Miss Reed for joining the Youth Commission. Congrats to the Officers on their promotions and the service they provide to the City.

ALDERMAN PARO: Asked if it was OK to print in the Newsletter that Beautification Day was still going to be September 26th; Alderman Smith said yes. She was not happy with the new Dispatch phone number beginning with area code 636. Congratulations to all the Officers. Thanks to Theresa. When Shirley complained to MoDOT about needing more visibility on Dunn Road at the entrance of Hwy. 270; they put more reflectors on the island.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Thanks to Miss Reed; she will be a “good fit”. Congrats to the Officers...”it’s good to see things are moving forward”.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Thanks to Miss Reed and congratulations to the Officers.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight and to all those who are on the City’s Boards and Commissions. It is important to be able to communicate with our neighbors. Thanks to Miss Reed and congratulations to the Officers.

MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR: Excused.

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

WANDA LANE, 9915 MARTINGALE: Would like to see an event whereby the citizens can meet the Police Officers; this would be a good will effort. Alderman Smith suggested attending Neighborhood Watch to meet some of the Officers. Commented on how confusing the blinking lights are on Dunn Road at the entrance to Hwy. 270. Would like to see MoDOT clean up under the bridge on Bellefontaine Road near Dunn Road. She asked about a supermarket at the old Bill’s Meat Market site; the Mayor said someone has shown interest, but that was all he knew. She would like to see more growth in the Bissell Hills Shopping Center.

CARNELL JONES, 1122 WENTWORTH: Stated he has organized a group to check on the City's spending as of July 1, 2015. He said this will be the last time he will address the Board of Aldermen.

BARBARA WEST, 9741 CALUMET: Asked how one becomes a member of the Human Relations Commission. Asked if the City had an EEOC representative; she was told no.

ROY GILLESPIE, 9040 LACKLAND ROAD: Roy explained the reason behind the new 636 area code phone number for Dispatch was because area code 314 could no longer handle all of the calls. A discussion ensued as to when someone calls in anonymously. With the new system in place, Dispatch will be able to locate 9-1-1 callers from their cell phones; they could not do this before.

Roy spoke about the Smoke Detector Program in which BN will be partnering with the Red Cross. Wanda Lane is the Community Volunteer Liaison between BN and the Red Cross. There will be a blitz in October with BN, the Public Safety Commission, and the Riverview Fire Department, along with any volunteers to install as many smoke detectors as possible. Thanks to the Police Department and the Riverview Fire Department for "stepping up".

Roy thanked Alderman Smith for his help with the Military Hiring Program. Regarding Ameren, they are extremely busy with all of the power outages and clean-up due to the extreme heat and flooding in other areas.

Mayor Doerr thanked Roy for attending tonight and for all of his help.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: Thought it would be a good idea for Police Officers to have business cards to hand out. Chief Ihler responded that updates are being done in the Department.


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

Mayor Doerr asked for a moment of silence for the (4) Marines who were gunned down in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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

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

ATTEST:


Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on AUGUST 6, 2015