

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 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 Jeremy Ihler, City Collector Mark Tranel, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT: Alderman Migliazzo

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Alderman Jordan moved for the approval of the Agenda, amended to have Bill #2420 withdrawn, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Jordan moved for approval of the August 6, 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 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the July, 2015, report. Mr. Krenn reported on the Projected 2014 Year-End Report; this is prior to the city audit. Discussion as to whether the city will receive funds from the State or the DEA Program in 2016. Mr. Krenn also reported the city is still waiting on tax income figures. Not sure how SB5 is going to affect the city.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Paro moved to pay invoices 1 through 32 in the amount of \$277,980.90 for the months of July/August, 2015, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

INVOICES UNDER \$500: The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 135 in the amount of \$17,020.68 for the month of July, 2015.

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

- The City is doing well considering the aftermath of the Ferguson anniversary. He thanked the community for their help and support;

- PD will soon begin a program called Community Action Patrol (CAP). With the help of the residents, the police are hoping to have a greater presence in areas where the city is experiencing more crime;
- PD is working on other police strategies;
- There is a program that will enhance training;
- Very shortly, the public will be able to go online regarding traffic-related complaints; and
- The Chief will be teaching a class on Police Supervision at Florissant Valley Community College beginning next Monday.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the July, 2015, Collector's report. The new fiscal year figures are above average for this time of year.

Mayor Doerr congratulated Collector Tranel on his appointment as the Interim Dean of Public Policy and Administration at UMSL.

When asked, Collector Tranel stated the RGSD scores have been released. There was some improvement, but the District still has work to do.

PLANNING & ZONING: The Board reviewed the August 10, 2015, Minutes. Chairman Bob Stolte reported Mr. Obrock and Mr. Bunk were at the meeting to discuss their site plan for the proposed auto shop located at 10708 Lilac. The City Engineer was concerned about the building possibly being in a floodplain so he asked Mr. Obrock to resubmit a site plan, prepared by a civil engineer, at the September P&Z Meeting.

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

- Weeds and debris;
- Inspections and reinspections; and
- Tall grass notices

Mr. Stocker explained if there is a complaint about a vacant home, the Building Department will follow through. If the home is occupied, the complaint is handled by the Police Department.

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

- Mr. Lum explained there were several issues regarding the site plan submitted by the auto shop on Lilac. A big problem was the timing of receiving the site plan by the Building Department – within hours of the P&Z meeting. There was not a lot of time to review before the meeting. Hopefully, the owners will submit the plan earlier so everyone has time to look it over. A discussion ensued as to whether the shop was an auto repair shop vs. a body shop. It was determined to be an auto shop; and
- Mr. Lum researched the city's regulations on right-of-way issues and sent them to a company wanting to install fiber optic cables on Chambers, Bellefontaine Road, and 367.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2420 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A BOND ELECTION IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI. – WITHDRAWN

BILL NO. 2421 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SMITH

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

Alderman Smith read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2421 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Smith then read Bill No. 2421 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 Smith, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Merz, Alderman Roth; yes; and Alderman Jordan, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2421, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2338 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2422 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MERZ

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT DESCO SYSTEMS, LLC, FOR POOL SURFACE REFINISHING.

Alderman Merz read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2422 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Merz then read Bill No. 2422 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 Schultz, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; and Alderman Paro, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2422, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2339 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Doerr read the bios of Alicia Smith and Miranda Avant Elliott; two residents who wanted to join the Youth Commission.

Alderman Schultz made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Alicia Smith, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Doerr reported on the following:

- Before the city can approve a parade, they are waiting on the parade permit from RGSD – the Board will review at the next meeting;
- While working the shooting-involved case in BN, the Major Case Squad costs were \$4,612.04 in gas and food paid for by the city. Mayor Doerr was proud how everyone worked together to solve the case;
- The city is in the process of purchasing the property at 1270 St. Cyr and will make arrangements to have updates made. This house will then be donated to the Kaufman Fund which will find a Veteran to live there.
- County Executor, Steve Stenger, was the guest speaker at the last Metro Mayors Meeting. The Mayors are very supportive of Mr. Stenger. This organization is a great platform for cities like BN to be heard;
- The St. Cyr Bridge Project will begin work on August 24th with completion by November 13th;
- The signing of the sale of the Bissell Hills Shopping Center, by Kroger, has been postponed until September 7th. Everything seems to be on track although there used to be a cleaners in the shopping center so the EPA is involved;
- The city is sponsoring another Food Truck event on Thursday, September 10th. A one-day liquor license is needed for Hispanic Festival, Inc.

Alderman Smith made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Doerr asked Collector Tranel to prepare the permit.

- There was a discussion on the endowment received by Mathews-Dickey. It was unclear where the monies were coming from.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN FIELDS: Reiterated how important the Neighborhood Watch meetings are; everyone is invited to attend. He reported the new (636) Dispatch phone is up and running. Congratulations to Miranda and Alicia on their appointments.

ALDERMAN PARO: Welcome to Miranda and Alicia. She contacted Gary Bess, the Director of St. Louis County Parks Department, inquiring what is going to be done about the wildflower garden, located on Bellefontaine Road; it seems to have gotten out of control. Mr. Bess said they are going to redo the area. Alderman Paro received a lot of information about the "Adopt-A- Road" Program. A discussion ensued about the various groups involved in this program. She asked permission to invite some of the groups to the next Beautification Day.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Welcome to Miranda and Alicia. He said Miranda is already being proactive with the Youth Commission.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Congrats to Miranda and Alicia for their involvement. He questioned how much the Mathews-Dickey organization is helping with the fundraisers held by Bellefontaine Neighbors.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: No report given.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Thanks to Miranda and Alicia.

ALDERMAN SMITH: Welcomed Miranda and Alicia. Cautioned residents to be careful of the kids being back in school; they'll be walking to and from school and to the bus stops. Remember to call the police if you see something suspicious going on. It's

wonderful to see residents coming together as a community. He explained the Kaufman Fund is a non-profit organization which will try to get others involved in the rehabbing of the house on St. Cyr.

MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR:

The school year has begun so please be careful of the kids walking in the neighborhood.

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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

WANDA LANE, 9915 MARTINGALE: Would like to see other cities get involved in the Mathews-Dickey fundraising event; the fields will be used for all kids in North County. Mayor Doerr said he has been in contact with Mayors from the neighboring cities. Suggested having a table set up at the Food Truck event for voter registrations. Would like the Building Department to look at the vacant property at 9906 Martingale and find out what is going on. She and another neighbor have been cutting the grass and a company came by recently to cut the grass also. Ted will have someone call M&M Realty. Wanda liked the idea of the CAP Program, but questioned what was being done about the loud music at the corner of Bellefontaine and Chambers. Questioned Collector Tranel as to what is being done about the low test scores; he said no decisions have been made yet. Discussion about the overtime given to PD during the civil unrest.

MIRANDA AVANT ELLIOTT, 1137 JOLENE: Thanked everyone for such a warm welcome. She has also contacted Riverview Gardens about upcoming youth activities in the neighborhood.


PEG WARNUSZ, 10030 CRETE: She is very concerned about the responses on the NextDoor site. She believes the police are getting a bad rap and they are not even privy to the site so they cannot respond to comments made since they do not read them. She said the information about crime is only a report not a crime alert. Again, Alderman Smith invited all to the Neighborhood Watch meetings to get more involved.

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 Paro. Motion carried unanimously

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:


Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on September 3, 2015