

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES  
November 19, 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 Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Fields.

**ABSENT:** Alderman Roth and Alderman Paro

**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 November 5, 2015, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Schultz. 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 Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

**PLEASE DAILES, 12XX ASTORIA:** She asked about the update of the boarded up windows at the old Journal building; Ted will follow up on the letter that was already sent by the Building Department. She also complained about the weed problem at Bellefontaine Auto. Chief Ihler sent two Officers to the business to go over the Conditional Use Permit with the owner. Mayor Doerr gave a brief summary on what happens when someone goes into Warrant status. It is a long, arduous process.

**WILLIE ROBERSON, 14XX HAVILAND:** He thanked Mayor Doerr and the Board for allowing the Human Relations Commission to attend the 2015 MO Human Rights Conference; it was very informative. There was a discussion as to the City possibly hosting an event in 2016.

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 Merz. Motion carried unanimously

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the July-October, 2015, report. Mr. Krenn reported the city is on track with the budget. He will contact the auditors to find out when they will be reporting to the city.

**INVOICES OVER \$500:** Alderman Jordan moved to pay invoices 1 through 31 in the amount of \$94,291.12 for the months of October/November, 2015, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

**INVOICES UNDER \$500:** The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 78 in the amount of \$10,826.36 for the month of October, 2015.

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

- Reminded everyone, in wake of the Paris attacks, to be aware of suspicious activity and report it. Community feedback is very important;
- The East-West Gateway Luncheon, honoring the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, was a very nice program;
- The radar trailer should be out soon; and
- He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the October, 2015, Collector's report. Mr. Tranel stated the Award given to the City by East-West Gateway is very prestigious; there were many nominees and the process was very detailed. This will have a big impact on the City – congratulations! The liquor licenses will need to be approved at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Board of Aldermen Meeting. The 2016 renewal application forms and cover letters for Occupational and Vending licenses will be mailed out next week.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** The Board reviewed the November 9, 2015, Minutes. Chairman Bob Stolte was excused. Nothing to report.

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

- There continues to be a weed growth problem in certain areas – letters have been sent out;
- Be aware of leaves;
- Inspections and reinspections;
- There were three house fires last week on Cabot, Chain of Rocks, and Golden;
- When asked, the City Attorney said landlords are held responsible for housing issues; and
- Alderman Fields asked Ted to look into a housing issue on Duenke.

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

- It seems the Riverview School District is looking into a more frugal way of updating the softball fields at the High School;
- There is "street creep" issue on Blackhurst Mr. Lum was looking into. The resident thanked the City and Mr. Lum for their help; and
- A Letter of Intent for a business at 1200 Darr has been received by the City. This will be put on the P&Z Agenda. Mr. Lum explained how difficult it is to rezone from residential to a business.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** No report given.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 2015-3 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MERZ**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR AN APPLICATION MADE TO THE MUNICIPAL PARKS GRANT PROGRAM IN THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS FOR A GRANT-IN-AID FOR SOME OR ALL THE**

**COSTS OF THE PROJECT, REIMBURSABLE BY THE COMMISSION UPON COMPLETION BY THE CITY.**

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

**BILL NO. 2433 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2285 AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS PURSUANT THERETO.**

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2433 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2433 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 Jordan, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; and Alderman Smith, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2433, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2350 when and if signed by the Mayor.

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR:** Mayor Doerr reported on the following:

- The St. Cyr Project is complete and the road is open for traffic. He is very happy with the outcome. The GRG Trail is stalled due to updates the Water Company is making;
- The sidewalks will be completed on Coburg Lands by the end of the month although the grassy section will not be done until the Spring. The project needs to be ADA compliant;
- The Boy Scouts will be camping out in Wilderness Park this Saturday;
- Mayor Doerr was very proud to announce the 2015 Outstanding Local Government Achievement Award for Exemplary Accomplishment by a Local Government Jurisdiction recognizing the Summer Camp sponsored by the BN Police Department and in particular Officer Owens and Sgt. Vassallo – the camp will continue every year;
- The auditors should be giving their report, hopefully, at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting;
- Two residents will be given a Citizen Award at the next meeting;
- The owners of the Bissell Hills Shopping Center are asking to rezone the property – it looks like Kroger is moving forward to purchase the property; and
- Happy Holidays to all.

**REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:**

**ALDERMAN SMITH:** The Home, Health and Energy Resource Fair, sponsored by Community Action Agency, was a big success. The Veterans Day Celebration was very nice also. The Realtors group will be delivering Christmas gifts to all the Veterans. He asked everyone to be safe during the holidays.

**ALDERMAN FIELDS:** There is a light out in front on Edna; he asked if the police would patrol the area until it's fixed. The East-West Gateway Award Luncheon was very nice.

**ALDERMAN SCHULTZ:** There are several lights out on Coburg Lands; he was not sure if it was due to the construction going on there. He will send the pole numbers to City

Hall. He agreed the Veterans Day Celebration was very nice. Congratulations to the Riverview Gardens School District for "overcoming a big hurdle". Happy Thanksgiving.

**ALDERMAN MERZ:** Happy Thanksgiving to all.

**ALDERMAN JORDAN:** He thanked everyone for attending tonight. He reiterated for everyone to be careful, especially during the holidays. Happy Thanksgiving.

**MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR:** Mr. Tranel stated, not only the Riverview Gardens School District, but parents and students were thrilled about the good news of the testing numbers. He explained some of the figures on the 2015 Annual Performance Report and the process of what will happen moving forward. The District has petitioned the State Board regarding the report; their answer should come sometime in December. Whatever the outcome, the changes will not take place until July 1, 2016.

**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 Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

**WANDA LANE, 99xx MARTINGALE:** She was concerned that her complete address is shown on the Board of Aldermen Minutes. She will find out more information on the smoke detectors this week-end. She asked about the description of the Human Relations Commission; Deni will email her the information. She asked when Chambers and Bellefontaine Roads will be redone. Mayor Doerr told her St. Louis County will be doing Chambers in the summer of 2016; Lilac Road in 2017; and Bellefontaine in 2018.

**PEG WARNUSZ, 10xxx CRETE:** Questioned what happens with the students who have elected to transfer from Riverview while the accreditation process is going on. Mr. Tranel did not know the answer.

**ALICIA SMITH, 94XX DUENKE:** She stated no student is allowed to transfer if they have not been doing it already. Normandy changed the name of the school which allowed them to get more funds for transfers.

**THERESA REED, 11xx AVANT:** She requested a copy of the 2015 LEA Summary Report. She had questions about zoning issues which City Engineer Lum helped explain.

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 Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**ATTEST:**

  
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on

12/17/2015