

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2016**

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 Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, City Collector Mark Tranel, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT: Alderman Paro

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 January 21, 2016, 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, for as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

YOLANDA ADAMS, 10XX HOPEDALE: She was upset to receive a letter from City Hall citing her for keeping trashcans in the middle of her driveway. She explained due to so many cars turning around in her driveway, she was trying to use the cans as a deterrent. Mayor Doerr said he would have (2) orange cones dropped off so she could try those instead.

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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the January 28, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Fields said they discussed the process of reporting when a light pole is out. It's important to get the pole number and address then call City Hall with the information. Member John Koester reported on the street crosswalks which need another coat of paint. The streets mentioned are all St. Louis County streets except the crosswalk on Yorktown. The Mayor will talk to the Street Department. The City will put a call into St. Louis County for the other streets. There was a discussion as to what constitutes a derelict car in a driveway. Homeowners cannot work on other people's cars in their driveways. Litter seems to be a big problem in the City. There was a discussion about trouble seeing the entrance to City Hall at night because of a glare. Should the lamp be redirected?

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the January 18, 2015, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported on the following upcoming events: I Heart Craft 2/12/16; DARE Dance 3/11/16; Family Resource Fair 3/19/16; and Bike Rodeo 5/14/16.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION: There was no meeting held in the month of January. Alderman Smith invited everyone to attend the Trash Bash Clean-Up Day on March 19th.

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

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

- The city received a grant for the purpose of having a Master Plan prepared for the renovation of Bissell Hills Park. Mark has asked SWT to prepare a Master Plan for Bissell Park and to promote community involvement. A kick-off Open House will be held at the park on March 15th from 5-7 p.m.
- The Spring brochure will be delivered with the February Newsletter;
- The Mayor's Golf Tournament will be April 16th;
- The bus awarded to the City years ago should be delivered "any day";
- The light poles in front of City Hall are working, but Mark will follow up with some maintenance issues when the weather is better; and
- There are some other light pole issues at the entrance of City Hall – the lights may just need to be adjusted.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- Thanked Clarence Jackson, DDC Advertising, for his help regarding the front page article in the Community News about the partnership between the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors and Florissant Valley Community College;
- He will be a guest on Wesley Bell's radio show on February 7th at 1:30 p.m. – station WGNU at 920 am; and
- The Kids vs. Cops basketball game is scheduled for March 17th at noon.

CITY COLLECTOR: Collector, Mark Tranel, reported the retail and merchant fees are coming in although he will be following up on those not paid.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:

- Riverview Fire Chief Joe Bommarito will be retiring sometime this summer;
- The meeting, hosted by the City and MSD on February 3rd, gave the residents information on the recent flooding. Building Inspector Joe Raben and Aldermen Schultz, Jordan, and Roth were in attendance, also. There were some good discussions;
- MO-American Water officials met with Mayor Doerr and City representatives to discuss the bad work done on the street repairs and sidewalks. The Water Company committed to make sure the work is done properly;
- Mathews-Dickey will be making a major announcement soon;
- Just a reminder to have your cars off the street when there is a snow storm so the crew can plow through, especially cars on noted snow routes;
- The quarterly Newsletters will be delivered February 13th; and
- Mayor Doerr and Alderman Merz would like to attend the Legislative Conference in Jefferson City on February 9-10, 2016.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve their request, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion was approved; Alderman Merz abstained;

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: He has received several complaints about the terrible condition of Coburg Lands Drive. Thanks to the Mayor for following up with the Water Company.

ALDERMAN MERZ: No report given.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: No report given.

ALDERMAN ROTH: He was very happy with the MSD meeting. Thanks to Mayor Doerr and the City for putting it together.

ALDERMAN SMITH: The Police Department provides a good service. If you feel otherwise, do not hesitate to call Chief Ihler.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: He will be putting together a flyer outlining the results of Clarence Jackson's marketing efforts to promote the city.

MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR: City Collector Tranel reported, at the last Special Administrative Board (SAB), a new football coach was hired for Riverview High School.

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 Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

CLARENCE JACKSON, DDC ADVERTISING: Mr. Jackson encouraged all to listen to the radio show on February 7th featuring Chief Ihler. It feels great to promote a positive image of Bellefontaine Neighbors.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: Questioned if and when a plaque will be placed in front of the tree dedicated to Sgt. Vassallo. She was told the Parks & Rec Board is researching a tree program and the results will be forthcoming.


Mayor Doerr said the City is still waiting on plans for the Bissell Hills Shopping Center.

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 Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on 2/18/2016