

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES  
June 2, 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, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Herl, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderman Fields.

**ABSENT:** City Collector Mark Tranel

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

**PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES:** Alderman Merz moved for approval of the May 19, 2016, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chief Ihler announced the promotions of Officer Dane Kaltenbach to Corporal and Corporal John Thompson to Sergeant; both were in attendance. The Chief gave a brief bio on each gentleman.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** To discuss the allocation of \$29,500 from the Community Development Block Grant fund.

Alderman Merz made a motion to open up the Public Hearing to hear comments regarding the St. Louis 2017 Community Block Grant funds (CDBG); seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. The Public Hearing Handout was available to those in attendance. The Mayor asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on this subject only.

No one wished to speak.

Alderman Merz moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone wished to address the Board on any other issue.

**JOHN KOESTER, 97XX COLONY:** Mr. Koester asked the Mayor if there was any update on the Bissell Hills Shopping Center. Mayor Doerr said he was told Ruler should open sometime in July, 2016.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Merz moved to bring the meeting back to the Board, seconded by Alderwoman Dailies. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION:** The Board reviewed the April 28 and May 26, 2016, reports. Alderman Paro reminded everyone the minutes are posted on the City's website. There was a discussion about the "dangerous animal" Ordinance approved by the Board previously and if it needs to be updated. The City Attorney needed time to review. Alderman Paro noted QT is a haven for kids; the program is called "Youth in Need". There was a discussion as to area programs for Domestic Violence issues.

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** The Board reviewed the May 16, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported the Youth Fishing Experience will be held this Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, and Family Golf Night will be June 10<sup>th</sup>. They have been discussing better ways to advertise the youth events.

**IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD:** There was no meeting on May 10, 2016. Alderman Fields reported he is looking forward to being the Aldermanic Rep. The group will be judging homes next week for the Home Beautification Awards.

**PARKS BOARD REPORT:** The Board reviewed the May 17, 2016, Minutes.

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

- There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Open House, at the Bissell Hills Park, to discuss the Master Plan. It is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> from 5-7 p.m. at the park;
- The Rec Center has someone trying to figure out where the leak is around the outside pool; and
- Mayor Doerr wanted to make sure the Mini Golf Course was ready to go for the summer – Mark said it was.

**POLICE REPORT:** There was no report. Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- The Youth Summer Camp is starting up on Monday; and
- Due to the murder on May 26<sup>th</sup>, the Major Case Squad was working on the case at City Hall until May 29<sup>th</sup> – this murder was not a random event.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Per the earlier question from Alderman Paro regarding the dangerous dog Ordinance, Mr. O'Keefe stated the City's policy is a good one and no changes are needed now. He believes the public's concern for safety is a good reason to keep the policy as it.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BILL NO. 2451 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI.**

Alderman Roth read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2451 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2451 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 Merz. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Roth, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, abstained; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; and Alderman Herl, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2451, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2368 when and if signed by the Mayor.

#### **REPORT OF THE MAYOR:**

##### **Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:**

- On May 26<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Doerr, Chief Ihler, Alderman Merz, and City Clerk Donovan attended the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis' Fifth Annual Muni Awards Show. The City of Bellefontaine Neighbors won the award for Sustainability for their work with Florissant Valley Junior College's recruitment program;
- The renaming of a stretch of 367 has been approved to be named "Sergeant Peggy Vassallo Way". There will be a dedication ceremony at the Veterans Home on August 20<sup>th</sup>;
- A stone, in Peggy's honor, will be laid in front of the tree at City Hall which was dedicated to her last year. There will be a ceremony on August 24<sup>th</sup>;
- The Commemorative Tree Program will be starting soon;
- The celebration at the Veterans Home on Memorial Day was a great turnout. The last surviving Tuskegee Airman, residing there, was honored;
- Ruler Foods should be opening this July;
- Reminded everyone about the Youth Fishing Experience this Sunday; and
- The Animal Clinic is this Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon.

#### **REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:**

**ALDERMAN PARO:** Due to the upcoming Bond Issue, the quarterly Newsletter will be going out by the end of July instead of August so the residents may get more information. The music at the Memorial Day Program was really good. Alderman Paro noted she has been an Alderman for 25 years.

**ALDERMAN SCHULTZ:** Alderman Schultz explained the reason for the Fishing Derby name change. Thanks to Alderman Roth, Bill Krenn and all the Department Heads for their help with the 2016-2017 City budget.

**ALDERMAN MERZ:** He thanked all those who worked on the budget. Congratulations to Cpl. Kaltenbach and Sgt. Thompson on their promotions.

**ALDERMAN JORDAN:** No report given.

**ALDERMAN ROTH:** Alderman Roth made a motion, based on the Mayor's recommendation, to place \$29,500, from the Community Development Block Grant, into home improvements for the next year, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

He, also, thanked the City and Department Heads for their help with the budget.

**ALDERWOMAN DAILES:** She had a really nice time at the Memorial Day Program. She commented on how wonderful the Riverview Gardens Jazz Band is.

**ALDERMAN FIELDS:** The last Public Safety Meeting was very well attended. The Memorial Day event was really nice. He thanked the Police Department for all their visibility over the Memorial Day week-end.

**ALDERMAN HERL:** Congratulated the newly promoted Officers.

**CITY COLLECTOR:** Dr. Tranel was excused.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Alderman Merz moved to open the meeting to the public, as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

**KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL:** Kathy explained the reason for taking down the flags so soon at cemeteries after Memorial Day is because people steal them. She asked everyone to call U.S. Senators Claire McCaskill and Roy Blunt to complain about the notion of privatizing canteens.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Merz moved to bring the meeting back to the Board, seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Merz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

*Deni Donovan*  
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on *June 16, 2016*