

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
SPECIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
September 27, 2016**

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY Mayor Robert J. Doerr at 6:00 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 Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT: City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Collector Mark Tranel, Alderman Herl

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

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 9 in the amount of \$22,744.34 for September 23, 2016, seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: Establishing Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the Year 2016

Alderman Merz made a motion to open up the Public Hearing to the public, on this subject only, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

GREG WARNUSZ, 100XX CRETE: Needed clarification of what the property tax was utilized for. Could the funds be used towards the "gaps" in the Police Department?

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Gave an update as to why some of the positions in PD have been dissolved. The Traffic Division on Hwy 270 and 367 was dissolved, which had two Officers, and the City's contract with the Riverview School District was not renewed for the School Resource Officer.

The Aldermen, also, gave the following comments on the property tax:

- This is not a new tax, the taxes are used for debt service and general municipal purposes (Paro);
- Mayor Doerr stated the only thing the Board of Aldermen can do is lower the tax rate needed for general revenue;
- The City's ability to collect taxes has already been approved and assessed by Bellefontaine Neighbors (Roth);
- The Bond Issue will go into effect January 1, 2017; and
- The taxes go towards paying down the bond issue debt.

Alderman Fields stated he would like to set up meetings with the Police Department to discuss questions brought up at the Town Hall Meeting.

Mr. Warnusz thanked everyone for the explanation.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone wished to address the Board on this or any other issue. Hearing none, Alderman Jordan moved to bring the meeting back to the Board, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2458 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL RATE OF *AD VALOREM* TAX LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2016 FOR DEBT SERVICE AND GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN 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. 2458 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2458 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 Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Roth, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Schultz, 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. 2458, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2374 when and if signed by the Mayor.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deni Donovan
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on October 6, 2016