

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 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.

Mayor Doerr asked for a moment of silence due to the recent killing of Officer Blake Snyder.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Robert J. Doerr, City Attorney Kevin O’Keefe, Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Collector Dr. Mark Tranel, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT: Alderman Paro, Alderman Herl, and Alderman Merz

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Jordan moved for approval of the September 1, 2016, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Jordan moved for approval of the September 15, 2016, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Jordan moved for approval of the September 27, 2016, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

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

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE DRIVE: She asked the City Attorney how many lawsuits the city is involved with currently; she was told one. She asked Chief Ihler the following questions: 1) How is the recruiting going - he said it was difficult; 2) How many applicants have been received – few; 3) How many Officers would he like to have – 34; the city is down five core employees. Chief Ihler stated he is putting information together from other cities comparable to the size of Bellefontaine Neighbors. The subject of “gypsy hiring” was brought up by Ms. Lane. The Chief said the city does not adhere to that practice due to the city’s stringent hiring process.

ALICIA SMITH, 94XX DUENKE DRIVE: She brought up conversations she has had with Alderwoman Dailes about the barricades at the old North County Journal Building; they are extremely ugly. She was told there is no such Ordinance which states what sort of barricades a property owner can put up.

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 Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the September 22, 2016, report. Alderman Paro was excused. Alderwoman Dailes will be at the next meeting to ask about stop signs. Alderman Jordan reported Ameren has a program which is going to replace, not repair, approximately 25% of the lights based on calls for service.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the September 20, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported:

- Frightfully Family Fun will be October 21st; and
- In March, 2017, they are trying to put together a "Hoops Madness" event with the kids.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: The Board reviewed the September 13, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Fields reported:

- The clean-up on the hill will be October 11th;
- They are trying to come up with some sign ideas for the summer beautification winners;
- The benches in front of the Rec Center have been restored;
- Businesses and homeowners are blowing cut grass into the streets; and
- There are a lot of weeds and debris by the BN Welcome sign coming in from the St. Louis City.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the August 16, 2016, Minutes. Alderman Merz was excused.

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

- The Beer and Wine Social is being held this Saturday at the gazebo;
- The Halloween Dinner for seniors will be October 27th; and
- The Bissell Hills Master Plan is complete; he will email it to the Board.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 5 in the amount of \$15,904.77 for October 3, 2016, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Doerr reported an emergency expense of \$5,500 was paid for an air conditioner which went out.

BILL KRENN, CITY TREASURER: Mr. Krenn stated the annual audit should be complete in the next couple of weeks. He thanked the Department Heads and staff for their help and cooperation during the audit.

POLICE CHIEF JEREMY IHLER: Chief Ihler commented on the following:

- There are no words to describe the loss of a fellow Officer;
- A BN Officer was hurt when the suspect grazed him with his vehicle when trying to get away. The Officer was slightly injured but is doing fine. The suspects were apprehended;
- The Department is moving ahead with the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program at Grace Lutheran School. Thanks to Dr. Tranel for his help in the Riverview Gardens School District. Chief Ihler had a good time at National Night Out last night.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2459 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING EXTERIOR STORAGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY ON LOTS WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS.

City Attorney explained this was needed to correct a typo on the original Ordinance.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2459 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2459 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 Jordan, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; and Alderman Fields, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2459, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2375 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:

- An emergency city expenditure was needed to replace an air conditioner;
- Thanks to all those who participated in National Night Out;
- October 21st is Halloween Frightfully Family Night;
- The Diversity Meeting is scheduled for October 26th;
- The Halloween Senior Dinner will be October 27th;
- The Beer & Wine Social will be held October 8th – tickets need to be purchased; and
- Mayor Doerr announced if you are interested in joining a Board or Commission, there is a form online to fill out and send to City Hall.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Doerr read the bio of resident Leo Gordon. Mayor Doerr announced the appointment of Leo Gordon to the Image & Beautification Board. Per the Mayor's recommendation, Alderwoman Dailes made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN FIELDS: Thanked I&B and the volunteers who helped on Beautification Day; he has given a list of housing issues to the Building Department. The RGSD parade was nice. Thanks to Leo on his appointment; the Board still needs more members. He invited all to help with the clean-up, on the hill next to the Rec Center, on March 11th.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: He welcomed Leo to the I&B Board. Thanks to all those who participated in National Night Out. He explained Bellefontaine PD is helping with Hoops Madness next March. He is excited the GREAT Program is moving forward. He, also, looks forward to the next Riverview School District meeting.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Thanks to all who showed up tonight. Welcome to Leo and thanks to all Board and Commission members. Thanks to all those who participated in National Night Out. Alderman Jordan gave an update on the Bond Issue for street repair. The review of Requests for Qualifications, for an engineering firm, is ongoing.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Congratulations to Leo on his appointment. It was great to see the good attendance at National Night Out.

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: The RGSD parade was fabulous. The Block Party held in Ward 4 was a good night, also. National Night Out was great. The barriers set up at the old North County Journal are an eyesore. She noted there is a slight increase in Ameren fees to be aware of. She hopes everyone is recycling more. Thanks to all the new faces in attendance tonight.

CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel invited all to the next Special Administrative Board (SAB) Meeting to be held on October 11th and 7 p.m. At the beginning of the meeting there will be a special recognition to those students who placed 2nd in a statewide competition. He remarked how well the students are doing despite what everyone hears.

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

YOLANDA POE, 12XX DANVILLE DRIVE: She invited all to attend the annual Diversity Meeting being held on October 26th at 7 p.m. at the Rec Center. There will be more interaction than previous meetings. Being an employee of Ameren, she explained Ameren is not implementing a rate increase. City Attorney O'Keefe explained that Ameren is getting their gross receipts tax into compliance.

WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE DRIVE: It was explained the Town Hall minutes were on the city's website.

CLARENCE WILSON, 12XX ST. CYR ROAD: Regarding Ordinance #2459, was it still OK to hang your laundry on a clothes line. He was told yes; it only refers to storage.

ALICIA SMITH, 94XX DUENKE DRIVE: She asked if the city ever participated in a "Junk Day". A discussion continued as to how long can you leave a big item out for trash pick-up. Chief Ihler explained each case is different. They appreciate residents to be compliant and reasonable if they are given a warning.

KATHY MASON, 10XX DONNELL DRIVE: She suggested calling Meineke to drop off old tires; Alderman Jordan agreed. She, also, complained on how back the natural habitat area looks on Bellefontaine Road. She was told it is maintained by St. Louis County

TERRY CROWDER, 10XXX BELLEFONTAINE ROAD: He asked Chief Ihler about police issues such as recruiting, salaries, and benefits.

He has property in Spanish Lake where they help special needs kids learn to ride horses. They will be hosting a Halloween Hayride event on November 5th beginning at 3 p.m. He invited all to attend.

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 Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deni Donovan
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on *October 20, 2016*