

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2017**

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 of Police Jeremy Ihler, City Collector, Dr. Mark Tranel, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Herl, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT:

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Merz moved for approval of the February 16, 2017, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

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

WILLIE WILLIAMS, 10XX HOPEDALE DRIVE: He has problems with people using the St. Cyr Park. His house is right by the park and there is excessive music played, handicapped parking violations, and problems with the parking in general. He has already talked with Chief Ihler. He would like to see more Police presence when there are picnics.

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 Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the February 23, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Paro was not able to attend the meeting. There was some confusion over the wording of the minutes. The City Clerk made the correction.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Commission reviewed the February 20, 2017, Minutes. Alderman Schultz reported Craft Night was a success. The registration for Hoops Madness is going great. Upcoming events are the Bike Rodeo and the Youth Fishing Experience.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD: No meeting was held in February. Alderman Fields reminded everyone March 18th is the City's Beautification Day. The Board is still looking for new members. More events are being scheduled.

PARKS BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the February 21, 2017, Minutes.

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

- He gave an update on a group which has been meeting to talk about strategy and decide how they want to move forward with advertising and/or licensing. They want to get involved in the community and attend city events. Mayor Doerr will be meeting with them soon.
- The Conservation Department is putting together a new program called Urban Fishing;
- The St. Patrick's Dinner is coming up;
- They are busy getting the parks ready for the summer;
- The Easter decorations will be put out sometime at the end of the month;
- There was a discussion about the Commemorative Tree Program. Mark is waiting on Ruler's to do their landscaping. He will determine dates and places for those to be honored. Alderman Paro would like to see trees for Robert P. Doerr and Jeannette Bost at Klein Park.
- Chief Ihler would like to meet with Mark to discuss the packet given to those reserving park facilities.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 13, dated February 22-28, 2017, in the amount of \$32,496.11, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF IHLER: Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- Reported two new Officers have been hired. They will begin work on March 5th;
- Due to a staffing problem, Chief Ihler asked for Board approval to make an exception to compensate an exempt employee. Alderman Roth made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Merz. The motion carried unanimously.
- The body camera grant paperwork has been submitted. He should get an answer sometime in the fall.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2471 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH

Alderman Roth explained, due to auditing requirements, the city may need to make amendments to the city budget during the year.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2368 AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS PURSUANT THERETO.

Alderman Roth read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2471 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2471 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; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Herl, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; and Alderman Fields, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2471, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2387 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following issues:

- Happy birthday to Alderwoman Dailes, and Aldermen Merz, Jordan, and Fields. It was discovered Alderman Herl had a March birthday also;
- The Street Project is moving along. Alderman Jordan will give an update during his report; and
- Bellefontaine Neighbors hosted the February MML Monthly Meeting. There was a lot of good information presented.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN HERL: No report given.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: There seems to have been some sort of miscommunication at the resident update meeting last Tuesday. He apologized and added Aldermen need to be responsible and do their own research before taking ideas to the City Attorney.

ALDERMAN PARO: She attended the meeting held at City Hall to discuss the recent shootings in the community; it was a good turnout. She encouraged Chief Ihler to come to the Board of Aldermen if his department needs anything. She would like to put more information about Neighborhood Watch in the next Newsletter.

ALDERMAN MERZ: He asked Chief Ihler if the Board can have a chance to meet the two new Officers. Happy Birthday to his fellow Aldermen.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: He gave an update on the Street Project. He met with the Engineers this morning. They are getting close to preparing the construction bid package. Alderman Jordan explained not all the streets can be done. He invited all to attend the Open Forum on Tuesday, March 21st at City Hall. He talked about some of the costs the project will have; concrete being the main cost. The funds were deposited this morning. Reserves will be set aside for the Ashbrook Project.

ALDERMAN ROTH: He attended the MML Meeting and realized all cities are in the "same boat". Streets are a huge problem and seem to be a constant struggle for all communities. Hopefully, working together will bring different ways of communicating; "we need to push forward".

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: Happy birthday to all. Residents are scared and concerned. They seem to be ready to move forward in a positive way. She explained she heard Alderman Schultz's comments in a different way. She said she always has gone to the Mayor first and will continue with this practice. She invited all to Beautification Day on March 18th.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: The meeting scheduled for March 21st has been highly publicized. It was good to talk to the residents at the meeting last Tuesday. Everyone needs to work together and get to know your neighbors. The meeting was very positive and he hopes new changes and ideas will come about.

CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel reported the Special Administrative Board (SAB) met on February 28th. The discussion was developing future careers for the kids. There was emphasis on remedial work and creating gifted programs. Mayor Doerr asked the City Treasurer if he had anything to add. He said he is tracking the budget very closely.

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 DRIVE: She added her birthday was March 1st!

YOLANDA POE, 12XX DANVILLE DRIVE: She would, also, like to meet the new Officers at a Board of Aldermen Meeting.

JILL GREEN, 8XX NEIGHBOR LANE: She asked how the streets got selected for updating. Alderman Jordan explained, in depth, the process and criteria used by which the streets were chosen. The long procedure was not easy and was mentally challenging.

APRIL CAYCE, 8XX NEIGHBOR LANE: She is very concerned with the Police Department. She realizes all cities are having problems. She would love to work with Chief Ihler, block by block.

BILL KRENN, 117 GREEN ACRES: Complained about the additional cars at Bellefontaine Auto again. Mayor Doerr and Chief Ihler said they would look into it.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on MARCH 16, 2017