

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 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.

Mayor Doerr asked for a moment of silence for the passing of City Engineer, Phil Lum's brother, Gary Lum.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Robert J. Doerr, City Collector Dr. Mark Tranel, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, Chief of Police Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Herl, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderman Fields.

ABSENT: Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth

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 April 6, 2017, 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, as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

LEO GORDON, 11XX DONNELL AVE. and JENNIE STEWART, 10XXX MARALDO PLACE:

Leo introduced himself as the Project Leader of the Image & Beautification City Clean-Up Day. The Board will be passing out flyers to the residents reminding them to keep up their property. They want to partner with the Aldermen and invited them to walk their Wards with them to promote keeping the neighborhood clean and get reacquainted with the residents. If an Alderman is not able to participate, they suggested getting a representative in their place. Mayor Doerr mentioned Members Only 3B Outreach Ministry may be able to help them on this project. Alderwoman Dailes invited the I&B Board to walk with her when she goes door-to-door in her Ward.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the July, 2016 - March, 2017, report. City Treasurer, Bill Krenn, presented an overview of his report. Alderman Fields appreciated the information on the Bond Issue costs. There was a budget meeting with the Department Heads to discuss Capital spending. Bill reported on the Workshop he attended on April 12th called Local Government Transparency; it was very informative.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Merz moved to pay invoices 1 through 11 in the amount of \$21,016.60 for April 12, 2017, seconded by Alderman Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the March, 2017, Collector's report. Dr. Mark Tranel commented on his report

PLANNING & ZONING: The Board reviewed the April 10, 2017, Minutes. Chairman Bob Stolte reported on the following:

- Ms. Dohrman, representing St. Charles Tower, was at the P&Z meeting to request a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to erect a 150 foot monopole cell tower at 800 Chambers Road (The Knights). Alderman Paro questioned the use of barbed wire fencing. Alderman Schultz was told the setbacks are proper. Chairman Stolte asked for Board approval to have a Public Hearing on May 18th.

Alderman Paro made a motion to approve the Public Hearing for St. Charles Tower on May 18, 2017, seconded by Alderman Herl. Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: The Board reviewed the March, 2017, report. Joe Raben reported on the following issues:

- Inspections are up;
- Completed four laterals in the street;
- Letters for high grass and cleaning up algae on your house have gone out;
- Aldi is beginning its renovations;
- The Cell Tower going up by Wirecraft has begun;
- Two more McBride homes are being built at Harbor Landings;
- The auto shop on Lilac is continuing on work on the interior and exterior; and
- The Conoco station will be opening up again.

Alderdwoman questioned the installation of new windows where the shooting on Duenke took place. Alderman Schultz was told the house fire on Hoyt was a complete loss. There are plans to demolish the house.

CITY ENGINEER: The Board reviewed the March, 2017, report. Mr. Lum reported on the following issues:

- Phil Lum thanked Mayor Doerr and the Board for the moment of silence for his brother;
- Reviewed the McBride home plans; and
- Review of the auto shop plans.

There was a lengthy discussion about the barricades at the building on 367 and Jennings Station Road (the old North County Journal Building). It was determined another letter will be sent to the owner to request a fencing permit be submitted. At this point, it may be reviewed by the City Engineer and possibly Planning & Zoning.

JEREMY IHLER, CHIEF OF POLICE: The Board reviewed the March, 2017, Police Report. Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- Update on the recent shooting on Karess – there is little to go on;
- Update on the shooting on Druid – the suspect is still at large; and
- Officer Owens is finalizing the Summer Camp Program.

CITY ATTORNEY: Mr. O'Keefe apologized for missing the last Board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Doerr reported on the following:

- There was a good turnout for the Easter Egg Hunt;
- The construction bid opening for streets will be Wednesday, April 26th at 10 a.m.;
- He will be attending the Police Memorial Breakfast next Wednesday;
- Mathews-Dickey played their first high school baseball game on Wainwright Field earlier today; and
- The Mayor asked for Board approval for the Court Clerk, Alysa Stewart, to attend the Annual Court Conference the week of May 22-26, 2017. Alderman Schultz made a motion to approve the Conference, seconded by Alderman Herl. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Condolences to the Lum family and all those families who have lost loved ones.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Condolences to the Lum family. Asked about the grass cutting at the Mathews-Dickey fields; they look bad. He was told the City's contract with Waste Management is through the year 2019.

ALDERWOMAN DAILES: She is working on forming block units. Starting in May, she will be walking the neighborhood.

ALDERMAN FIELDS: Thanked Leo and Jennie for trying to do something new and positive. On May 2, I&B members will be working on the flower beds starting at 9 .m.; all are welcomed.

ALDERMAN HERL: Prayers go out to the two Laclede workers who were killed while on the job.

ALDERMAN PARO: Today is national "pot" day. She thanked the Mayor for keeping the Board updated on city issues. She had questions about a cell tower on Toelle Lane. The City Attorney will do research on powered alcohol which has hit some of the stores. There is an MSD site which tells you the flood zone areas. She seemed to think Ruler Foods does not seem to be that busy. She asked everyone to support the local businesses. She asked for help in downloading a BN article which was in the Post Dispatch earlier. She is finishing up the May Newsletter. If you have any articles, get them to her now. She read part of an article written in 1992, from a Walnut Park resident and how they had to work together to support their community. She doesn't want to see the same decline happen to Bellefontaine Neighbors; people need to wake up.

MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR: Dr. Tranel reported testing is underway at the Riverview Gardens School District. He is looking forward to the results.

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 Herl. Motion carried unanimously.

LOUIS "LEFTY" GARASCIA, 96XX COLONY DRIVE: He originally gave his name as Jose Jimenez, but the audience all seemed to know him. He thanked Mark Dickerson, Mayor Doerr and the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors for the dedication given to his wife, Jean. He was greatly appreciative.

JENNIE STEWART, 101XX MARALDO PLACE: She questioned what can be done about all of the loud music coming from cars. Chief Ihler said the officers can enforce the Ordinance. She would like to see Mathews-Dickey held accountable for the trash at the park. Mayor Doerr will call them about the sign that is in disarray. Lastly, she saw a cat in the window at a vacant home on Bellefontaine Road. The Mayor will have it checked out.

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 Herl. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Merz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Schultz. 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 May 4, 2017