# CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES August 17, 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 Norm Porch, an Alderman in Ward 3 from 1955-1956, and a member of Bellefontaine Methodist Church until his passing.

#### ROLL CALL:

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

#### ABSENT:

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

**PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES:** Alderman Schultz moved for approval of the July 20, 2017, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**BILL KIEFER, 94XX YORKTOWN DRIVE:** Mr. Kiefer presented Mayor Doerr and the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors with a sign and Proclamation reflecting "Proud To Be a POW-MIA City"; it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> recognition of its kind to be given out in the St. Louis area.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Due to the end of the fiscal year, there is no Treasurer's report. City Treasurer, Bill Krenn, updated the Board on the 2017 Bond Issue figures. Discussion regarding Alderwoman Dailes requests for invoices. The City Clerk will set up a process.

**INVOICES OVER \$500:** Alderman Schultz moved to pay invoices 1 through 12, dated August 1-15, 2017, in the amount of \$20,750.60, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the July, 2017, Collector's report.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** The Board reviewed the August 3, 2017, Minutes. Chairman Bob Stolte reported on the following:

- Reverend Gregory Bruce submitted a petition to rezone the property at 10636 Bellefontaine Road to C-2 and to, also, subdivide the property to allow for a commercial business. Chairman Stolte asked for Board approval to schedule a Public Hearing on September 7<sup>th</sup>, to allow public comment on these two (2) issues. Alderman Schultz made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing for September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, seconded by Alderman Merz. The motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Debra Hart, representing Housing Plus, LLC, which is a senior affordable living housing complex, made a presentation at the P&Z Meeting. She is asking for a Letter of Support from the Board of Aldermen. Chairman Stolte passed out information to the Board for their review. Rezoning will be required.
- They discussed requiring utility companies to replace entire slabs when doing street projects opposed to saw-cutting a part of the slab. City Engineer, Lum, will discuss in his report.

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

- Occupancy issues are ongoing;
- Danforth School installed a new playground;
- Demo should begin soon at a home on Hoyt which had a fire a while back;
- A construction permit has been issued for the 5<sup>th</sup> home in Harbor Landings;
- A Jewel in his Crown beauty shop has taken over the previous shop at 10008A Bellefontaine Road; and
- Discussion on how to obtain email addresses from the residents.

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

- Regarding the recently painted barrier at 9300 Lewis & Clark, Mr. Lum informed the property owner their fence permit was approved. He expounded on the various requirements which helped in his decision;
- He reminded the Board the Housing Plus packets are for review only;
- A discussion continued on permitted use vs. planned development residential; and
- He has done research on utility companies not replacing entire slabs when doing work in the street. He requested the City Attorney prepare an Ordinance to mirror St. Louis County's Ordinance requiring entire slab replacement.

**CHIEF OF POLICE:** The Board reviewed the July, 2017, Police Report. Chief Ihler reported on the following:

- The Officers have passed out all of the "Drive Like Your Kids Play Here" signs more have been ordered;
- Recruiting of Officers is ongoing; and
- A Memorial for Sgt. Peggy Vassallo has been scheduled on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in front of City Hall – it has been two (2) years since her passing.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**NEW BUSINESS:** 

#### BILL NO. 2486 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

# AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS WITH THE REJIS COMMISSION FOR COMPUTER AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2486 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Herl. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2486 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 Herl. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Herl, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; and Alderman Schultz; yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2486, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2402 when and if signed by the Mayor (The Ordinance No. was announced as 2399 in error; the City Clerk updated the Ordinance to reflect #2402).

# BILL NO. 2487 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN

# AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY, INC. CONCERNING REFINANCING AND REFUNDING OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS 2009 BOND ISSUE.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2487 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2487 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 Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Herl, yes; and Alderwoman Dailes; yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2487, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2403 when and if signed by the Mayor (The Ordinance No. was announced as 2400 in error; the City Clerk updated the Ordinance to reflect #2403).

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

- Mayor Doerr reminded everyone about the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Sgt. Vassallo's passing all are invited to the Memorial Celebration;
- The Riverview Gardens School District is open be watchful of the kids on the streets;
- He and Bob Russell attended a Mathews-Dickey Boys' and Girls' Club event for Mr. Mathews' book signing they are both in the book; and
- There will be a ribbon cutting at the new playground at Danforth School tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. all are invited.

# **REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:**

**ALDERWOMAN DAILES:** She attended the JC Giveaway and the Riverview Gardens Back-To-School Bash. She is glad the lines of communication are open with the Aldermen. There was a discussion about the use of the BN cloth bags and what they can be used for.

**ALDERMAN FIELDS:** He, also, attended the JC Giveaway event. Thanks to Officer Weiss and the Riverview Fire Department for attending. He was told to have residents call Officer Owens if they are going to be a host on National Night Out, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

ALDERMAN HERL: He reminded everyone about the upcoming total eclipse on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**ALDERMAN PARO:** She thanked Mayor Doerr on his help getting the potholes filled at the Bissell Hills Shopping Center. She commented on the street repairs and how there doesn't seem to be many speeders yet. North County Inc. is looking for nominations for their salute to "30 Leaders in their Thirties"; the deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup>. Trespassing still seems to be an issue for homes near schools. She reminded everyone there are still openings for the BBQ Dinner at the Rec Center on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**ALDERMAN SCHULTZ:** The Riverview Back-To-School Bash was very nice. He reminded all there will be a meeting at City Hall on August 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss the possible hiring of a City Administration. The public is welcomed to attend and express their opinions. Better communication with each other is a very good thing. He commented that when he asked for BN bags for an earlier event, he did tell the city what he was going to use them for.

ALDERMAN MERZ: The Solar Eclipse Event, at the Rec Center, may be sold out.

**ALDERMAN JORDAN:** The street updates have been posted on Nextdoor and the website. He gave additional information on the street repair project.

**MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR:** Dr. Tranel reported the school year has begun. Many changes are happening. The Department of elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is in the process of reviewing last year's performance scores.

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

**BARBARA WEST, 97XX CALUMET DRIVE:** She had a question about the street repairs and grass issues; Alderman Jordan will follow up. She is in the process of planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kwanzaa celebration which will be held at the Rec Center on December 30<sup>th</sup>.

**WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD:** When asked, Chief Ihler said he is no longer teaching at the Community College. It was explained to her the Public Hearing scheduled for the Hope Church property is to hear comments from the public on the rezoning and subdivision of property issues. A discussion continued about this property.

**VERNON BURKS, 10XX FONTAINE PLACE:** He is upset with all of the speeding on his street since the street repairs. There was a discussion on the possibility of speed bumps. It was suggested he call the Riverview Fire Department.

**BILL KRENN, 1XX GREEN ACRES ROAD:** His company purchased more than enough solar glasses. He would be happy to give them to the Rec Center for their event.

**BOB STOLTE, 11XX SIEBE DRIVE:** He asked the Mayor if there was anything the City could do to help clean up the Mathews-Dickey fields; you can't even see the Adam Wainwright scoreboard.

**PEG WARNUSZ, 100XX CRETE DRIVE:** She thanked the Board for their open dialogue.

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

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Approved by the Board of Alderman on 9/7/ 2017