

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
August 1, 2013**

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, Lt. Jeremy Ihler (sitting in for Chief Pruett), City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Paro, Alderman Merz, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Roth, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Hollis, and Alderman Smith.

ABSENT: City Collector Mark Tranel; Chief Pruett

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

PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES: Alderman Smith moved for approval of the July 18, 2013, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Hollis. Motion carried unanimously.

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

At this time, City Clerk, Deni, swore in newly hired Officer David Krone.

BARBARA BEST, 9741 CALUMET: Follow up to the discussion from the last Board meeting regarding the property in disarray near Calumet. Ms. Best met with Mr. Coombs and he stated the reason he is not cutting the grass and keeping his property up is because the City will not give him access to the easement which would allow him to get his machinery back there. City Attorney, Mr. O'Keefe was concerned with the fact Mr. Coombs was shifting his responsibility back to the City. A discussion ensued. Ms. Best asked Mr. Coombs to put his statements in writing so she could bring it back to the Board.

Ms. Best asked if City employees were required to live in Bellefontaine Neighbors; the Mayor said no. The Mayor told her if she had a specific concern, she should voice it. She asked if nepotism was allowed; again, the Mayor said no and asked what was it she really wanted to know. A discussion ensued regarding racial issues.

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

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the June 27, 2013 and the July 25, 2013, Minutes. Alderman Hollis reported on the following:

- They would like the BBQs that are held on Bill's parking lot, to have a sign giving the name of the organization they are raising money for;
- When asked, the Mayor explained the steps taken when a house is given a warning for tall grass;
- Reminded everyone to watch out for kids since the start of school will be here very soon;
- Reminded residents they need to call City Hall if they spot a light outage so a call can be made to Ameren; and
- Alderman Smith said Stephanie Robinson has replaced Gilda Baldwin as the City's liaison with Ameren.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the June 17, 2013 and the July 15, 2013 Minutes. Alderman Schultz welcomed Rachel Bobo to the Youth Commission; she was in the audience. The Youth Pool Party went very well. The Back to School Fair was a success; he thanked the Mayor and Si for all their hard work. He also wanted to thank Aldermen Smith and Migliazzo for their help. He announced the next Family Golf Night will be August 9th. Due to excessive absenteeism, Mayor Doerr removed Carnell Jones from the Youth Commission.

IMAGE & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION: The Board reviewed the June 11, 2013 and the July 9, 2013, Minutes. Alderman Smith invited all to the next Beautification Day on Saturday, September 28th. Alderman Paro suggested having a sign in sheet for all of the volunteers and then giving them a Certificate from the City for participating. She offered to design the Certificate herself.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR: Mayor Doerr asked what was going on with the landscaping stones on the hill; due to Sanders accident and the recent storm, the project had to be put on hold. He would like to complete the project this winter. He has not heard about the bus grant yet. There was a discussion about starting a community garden next spring. The City Attorney said there would be no liability on the City. Aldermen Smith mentioned there was a gentleman who was willing to donate most of the seeds for the garden. They will be doing some general maintenance on the indoor pool and the gym soon. Beginning the week of August 12th, due to the kids starting school, the outdoor pool will be on limited hours for the rest of the summer.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

CHIEF PRUETT: Chief Pruett was excused. Lt. Ihler reported on the following:

"The Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department participates in the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis (MCS). The MCS was formed in 1965 and has been one of the longest standing collaboration of professional law enforcement agencies in the nation. The Major Case Squad encompasses six counties in Missouri and four counties in Illinois and serves nearly 2.5 million citizens.

The premise behind the inception of the MCS is to bring together specially trained, extremely motivated and highly experienced Investigators from around the Metro East area to aggressively investigate major crimes. During the tenure of the MCS it has been so successful in solving these major crime it averages nearly an 80% clearance rate. During a Major Case Squad call-out, between 15 to 25 Investigators, from all different departments, will respond to the command post within three hours of the discovery of the crime bringing a wealth of law enforcement knowledge and experience.

Det. Sgt. Shawn Applegate, Commander of the Bureau of Investigation, was promoted to the supervisory position of Deputy Personnel Officer within the MCS. His

responsibilities now have been extended to organizing personnel upon initial activation of the MCS. His promotion with the MCS is a direct reflection of the quality and competency of law enforcement within the Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department.”

CITY COLLECTOR: Mark Tranel was excused.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL NO. 2339 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN HOLLIS

Mr. O’Keefe stated this Bill was prepared in response to the request from the Public Safety Commission and to keep up with the state statutes.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI TO UPDATE SEVERAL PROVISIONS RELATED TO TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT.

Alderman Hollis read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2339 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried; Alderman Merz opposed. Alderman Hollis then read Bill No. 2339 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 Smith. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Hollis, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Merz, yes; and Alderman Hollis, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2339, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2258 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2340 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN SCHULTZ

Mayor Doerr said this Bill was required by MoDOT in order to receive the grant from them for the Shepley Bridge improvements.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING 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 HORNER & SHIFRIN, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE SHEPLEY BRIDGE PROJECT.

Alderman Schultz read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2340 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Schultz then read Bill No. 2340 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 Merz. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Hollis, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; and Alderman Merz, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2340, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2259 when and if signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Doerr reported on the following:

- Repaving of Coburg Lands and Belgrove streets will begin in September;
- The clean-up from the May, 2013, tornado is complete – it cost the City approximately \$12,000. He was very grateful for the residents' patience;
- He reported on the increase of the employees' medical insurance for 2013-2014 – the City is still in negotiations with Anthem and UHC;
- The budget figures should be presented at one of the September or October Board Meetings; and
- Congratulations to Officer Krone.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: No report given.

ALDERMAN PARO: Reminded everyone about the anniversary picnic sponsored by Bellefontaine Community Pride on October 12th. All are welcomed and volunteers needed. Alderman Roth said he would find out if the Knights will help organize a washer tournament. The Human Relations Commission will be the welcoming group. She remembered the Flood of 1993 which happened 20 years ago today. It was such a bad time. Congratulations to Officer Krone.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Welcomed Officer Krone and reminded everyone to vote on August 6th.

ALDERMAN MERZ: Congrats to Officer Krone and welcome to Rachel Bobo.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Congrats to Officer Krone and welcome to Rachel.

ALDERMAN ROTH: Thanks to Rachel for joining the Youth Commission and congratulations to Officer Krone.

ALDERMAN SMITH: Reported on the volunteer project he, the Mayor, his wife, and Deni worked on last Friday. The Millennium Hotel was giving all their furniture away as long as volunteers took it out of the hotel. The furniture was put in trailers and brought to other locations to be given out to the needy. Bellefontaine Neighbors gave away about (20) sets of furniture. It was hard work, but it felt good giving the furniture to those who really could use it; "it was a beautiful effort". He thanked Alderman Schultz for his help with the Back to School Fair. It's great to be giving back to the community.

ALDERMAN HOLLIS: There was a water main break at the intersection of Fontaine and Halbrook. Deni told her it takes a while for the project to be complete. Congrats to Officer Krone and welcome to Rachel.

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

YOLANDA POE, 1221 DANVILLE: Thanked the Police Department with their help with a squatter who moved in next door to her.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: Relayed information to everyone that when there is a light outage, Ameren will credit your account.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on August 15, 2013