## CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES January 16, 2014

**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, Chief Pruett, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, City Collector Mark Tranel, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, and Alderman Smith.

ABSENT: Aldermen Merz and Hollis

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Alderman Smith moved for the approval of the Agenda, as amended to update the reading of Bill #2352 from Alderman Hollis to Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES:** Alderman Smith moved for approval of the January 2, 2014, Minutes of the Board of Alderman Meeting, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

**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 Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Chief Pruett introduced (2) newly hired Officers, William King and Jason Herndon and gave a brief background on both. They were sworn in by City Clerk, Deni Donovan.

Mayor Doerr, along with the Image & Beautification Board members, presented the 2013 Christmas Decorating Awards to the winners:

Ward 1: John and Karen Kulla (John was present)

Ward 1: Charlie and Barb Whittington (not present)

Ward 2: Val and Carla Heidebur

Ward 2: Larry and Michaelia Green

Ward 3: Redd Family

Ward 3: Jason Brooks and Robert Cook

Ward 4: Angela Stevenson (not present)

Ward 4: Wesley and Elease Crayton Wesley was present)

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 Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the November/December, 2013, reports. Chief Pruett reported the year-to-date crime statistics for 2013 are down a good percentage compared to 2012. The Officers are very committed to writing out Crime

Prevention Checks, which is a warning to residents that they may be doing something to cause a crime to happen, such as leaving your car running.

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the November/December, 2013, reports. Mr. Tranel reported he will be working on Merchants' Licenses which will be due January 31<sup>st</sup>. He reminded everyone the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has scheduled a meeting with the Riverview Gardens school officials on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 a.m. to provide an overview of the proposed plans regarding unaccredited schools; all are welcome to attend. When asked, Mr. Tranel said he is seeing improvement in the Riverview Gardens School system.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the July-December, 2013, report. Mr. Abeln was excused from the meeting. Alderman Roth reported there was a meeting held with Mayor Doerr, Treasurer Abeln and him to discuss mid-year budget adjustments; there will be a report given at the next meeting. Due to new building assessments conducted by MIRMA, costs will go up. Another concern is a roof issue at the Rec Center. Income is up and the city is in good shape.

Alderman Schultz voiced a concern over the roof expense compared to updates needed for the Rec Center; Alderman Roth said there is no need for concern.

**INVOICES OVER \$500:** Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 16 in the amount of \$30,207.08 for the months of November/December, 2013, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

**INVOICES UNDER \$500:** The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 72 in the amount of \$9,302.37 for the month of November, 2013.

**INVOICES OVER \$500:** Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 28 in the amount of \$472,476.45 for the months of December, 2013/January, 2014, seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

**INVOICES UNDER \$500:** The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 103 in the amount of \$15,515.87 for the month of December, 2013.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** The Board reviewed the December 9, 2013, and January 13, 2014, reports. Chairman Bob Stolte stated there was nothing to report from the December meeting. At the January meeting, there were (2) prior inquiries:

- 1) Dr. Joe Bingham inquired about a Bible College at the property at Jennings Station Road and 367; and
- 2) Tracy Braxton would like to open a day care at the old Huneke property.

Neither was present at this meeting. Mr. Stolte will contact them to try and reschedule for them to attend the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** The Board reviewed the November/December, 2013. reports. Ted Stocker reported on the following:

- Inspections are up there are more vacant homes;
- The demolition on Hoyt should be proceeding very shortly;
- The demolition at the old East Junior High should be a go soon;
- Even though Ashby Furniture had to pull out (located at the old Rinderer's), because the owner, Mr. Ellison, would not comply with the Fire Marshall's requests, the matter will still need to be addressed or else no one will ever be able to occupy this space;
- Remodeling is still ongoing at QT;

- Leaves seem to be a problem, but the Mayor said it was too early to send out letters; and
- Alderman Smith wished Ted a happy belated birthday.

CITY ENGINEER: The Board reviewed the November/December, 2013, reports. City Engineer, Phil Lum, was excused due to an illness.

CITY ATTORNEY: No report given.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None** 

**NEW BUSINESS:** 

BILL NO. 2351 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN ROTH

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES.

Alderman Roth read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2351 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Roth then read Bill No. 2351 for a second time and thereafter made a motion that the Bill be approved by the Board of Alderman for enactment as an Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Migliazzo. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Roth, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; and Alderman Paro, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2351, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2270 when and if signed by the Mayor.

BILL NO. 2352 - INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN HOLLIS (ALDERMAN SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, TO ADD A NEW SECTION RELATING TO THE THEFT OF CABLE TELEVISION, INTERNET AND TELEPHONE SERVICES.

Alderman Smith read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2352 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Smith then read Bill No. 2352 for a second time and thereafter made a motion that the Bill be approved by the Board of Alderman for enactment as an Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Smith, yes; Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, yes; Alderman Migliazzo, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; and Alderman Roth, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2352, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2271 when and if signed by the Mayor.

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

- The City is very interested in the MSD Septic Program that was presented to the Board at the last meeting. A total of (92) properties may be eligible, although the home has to be owner occupied;
- He met with Waste Management and Recycle Bank for the quarterly meeting;
- Laclede Gas still needs to complete work on Belgrove before MSD can finish up regarding the drainage issue;
- The City received a salt shipment and will more than likely need to order more;
- Thanks to the Street Department and Police Department for all of their hard work during the last snow storm;
- Congratulations to newly hired Police Officers Herndon and King; and
- Judge Mark Haywood is in the hospital so the City will need to have a Provisional Judge help out until Mr. Haywood returns – our prayers are with him.

## REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

**ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO:** Congratulations to the new Officers. Thanks to the winners who went out of their way to decorate their homes; it really reflects the pride residents have. Thanks to the good job done by the Image & Beautification Board. Thanks to all employees who helped during the snow storm. There was an incident with one of his neighbors whereby the Police were able to help him during the snow storm.

**ALDERMAN PARO:** Discovered the Police are able to use special equipment to get through a locked door which won't do much damage to the frame. Reported Eagle Day will be celebrated at the Chain of Rocks Bridge on January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and at Fort Bellefontaine on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who helped during the snow storm especially with the snow removal – "it was handled very well". Remembered there was a sewer project years ago that involved storm and sanitary sewers; wasn't sure what the outcome was. Welcomed the new Officers.

**ALDERMAN SCHULTZ:** Welcomed the new Officers. Thanks to the Street Department for their help during the snow storm. Congrats to the Christmas winners. Reported there is a site to register your home address whereby the resident will be contacted if there is an attempt to do anything with your property. He will forward the information to the Board.

**ALDERMAN JORDAN:** More discussion on the MSD Septic Program. He welcomed the new Police Officers. Thanks to the Image & Beautification Board for all of their hard work. Thanks to the Street Department for their work during the snow storm, especially helping out an icing issue on Corinth due to a water main break.

**ALDERMAN ROTH:** Due to the great turnout for the Christmas Decoration Awards ceremony tonight, the Image & Beautification Board should be proud of all their hard work. Welcome to the new Officers.

**ALDERMAN SMITH:** Congrats to the new Officers. He is so thrilled to work with the wonderful people from the Image & Beautification Board. The Street Department did a great job during the snow storm. Residents need to take responsibility for their property, also, during bad conditions, such as getting cars off the street so the plows can get through.

**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.

**TED STOCKER, CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Recommended owners of vacant homes spray paint the copper in their homes to prevent theft.

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

Alderman Smith 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 2/6/2014