

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 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, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, City Collector Mark Tranel, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Paro, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Dillworth.

ABSENT: 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 May 1, 2014, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen 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 Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

DELLA WHITEHEAD, 1208 BAKEWELL DRIVE: Very upset with the way some of the homes appear regarding property maintenance issues. She gave several addresses whereby the grass and yard are in disarray. Ms. Whitehead was angry that when there is someone living in the house, the police have to waste their time on these issues; she thinks the Aldermen should enforce the Code. It was explained to her, at length, the Aldermen have no authority to enforce the law and the procedures taken when someone is issued a ticket. Another issue which is very upsetting to her is the speeders in the area, especially on Ashbrook. After a very lengthy discussion, Mayor Doerr assured her he would discuss her concerns with Chief Pruett.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: Kathy thanked the city, and Ted, for taking care of a "high grass" issue she called about earlier.

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.

CHIEF'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the April, 2014, report. Chief Pruett was excused.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the April, 2014, report. Mr. Tranel reported the income received. He thanked Lori and Administration for their help in collecting last minute fees.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the July, 2013-April, 2014, report. Mr. Abeln was excused. Alderman Roth said the 2014-2015 budget will be ready for passage at the June 19th Board Meeting.

INVOICES OVER \$500: Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 31 in the amount of \$74,575.98 for the months of April/May, 2014, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

INVOICES UNDER \$500: The Board of Aldermen reviewed items 1 through 72 in the amount of \$10,500.78 for the month of March, 2014.

PLANNING & ZONING: The Board reviewed the May 12, 2014, report. Chairman Bob Stolte reported Mr. Cory Hall who was interested in developing property on Amaral, failed to show up for the meeting; Mr. Stolte will call and try and reschedule.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: The Board reviewed the April, 2014, report. Ted Stocker reported on the following:

- High grass issues continue;
- Inspections are up;
- There are struggles finding the homeowner when dealing with rentals and vacant homes;
- A new owner bought the house on Comet which previously had a fire – hopefully, the house will be taken care of;
- The display home at Harbor Landings is moving forward; and
- Alderman Smith thanked Ted and the Building Department for being very diligent when dealing with housing issues and the property maintenance code.

CITY ENGINEER: The Board reviewed the April, 2014, report. Phil Lum reported on the following:

- There are still some issues that need to be dealt with on Amaral Court;
- Dealing with issues on Raftery Lane;
- The display home sign in Harbor Landings has been OKd, but they need to go to P&Z for other sign issues;
- Alderman Smith asked about the "Hiring Now" signs at Domino's; and
- Mr. Lum suggested by registering vacant homes, it may cut down on housing issues. This process is in place in BN, but there is so much administrative time spent on this that the fees do not make this process feasible.

CITY ATTORNEY: Mr. O'Keefe reported Family Dollar is interested again in bringing their business to BN. They have sent a three-party agreement for development of the Family Dollar store on Chambers Road. He will prepare an Ordinance and ask the city to review and advise. He also reminded everyone he will be on vacation for the June 19th Board Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Alderman Smith made a motion to nominate Alderman Jordan to be the President of the Board of Aldermen, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried; Alderman Jordan abstained.

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

- Thanked Alderman Smith for his work as President of the Board;
- Reminded everyone is welcomed to the Memorial Day celebration at the Missouri Veteran's Home on May 26th;
- The property manager of the Bissell Hills Shopping Center will no longer be working for Mr. Ellison as of July 1, 2014;
- It was noted there are still parties interested in the old Bill's Market site;
- Judge Haywood is improving, hopefully, he will be back to work by July; and
- The salt supply has been replenished for next winter.

REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:

ALDERMAN ROTH: Working on the 2014-2015 budget. All is going well and the city is in good shape. Mayor Doerr thanked Mark for all his hard work dealing with the budget issues.

ALDERMAN SMITH: Said they will need the PA system, from the Rec Center, for the Memorial Day celebration; invited all to attend. There was an article in the Post-Dispatch about "underwater" properties; Bellefontaine Neighbors was listed at the top of the list. This is a problem which will need to be addressed. He went to a well-attended meeting, with the Northwest Chamber of Commerce, regarding Veterans and a program entitled VetNet. This is a venue to allow networking for all Veterans who have served, are serving, and for those who serve our Veterans.

ALDERMAN DILLWORTH: Congrats to Alderman Jordan for being nominated for Board President. Thanks to Chief Pruet and the Police for watching his house while on vacation.

ALDERMAN MIGLIAZZO: No report given.

ALDERMAN PARO: Informed Ms. Whitehead the Aldermen contact information is in the Newsletter, although it was pointed out the Aldermen do not have authority to enforce the Code violations. Thanked Aldermen Merz and Jordan for their recent help barbequing. Even though the electronic recycling event was very successful, she asked for help from the Aldermen for next year's event.

ALDERMAN SCHULTZ: Reminded all the Bicycle Rodeo is this Saturday. He thanked Ms. Whitehead for coming to the meeting tonight and expressing her concerns.

ALDERMAN MERZ: No report given.

ALDERMAN JORDAN: Thanked the Board for their confidence in him as Board President.

CITY COLLECTOR, MARK TRANEL: Legislation was passed that may have a big impact on the RGSD; the Governor may appeal their decision.

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

DEBBIE CARLSON, 1208 BAKEWELL DRIVE: Would like to see more of the street sweeper out on the streets.

KATHY MASON, 1013 DONNELL: Thanked Chief Pruett and the Police Department for all their hard work.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on June 5, 2014