

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
TOWN HALL MEETING
September 16, 2010**

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Marty Rudloff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by Mayor Rudloff.

PRESENT: Collector Tranel, Chief Pruett, City Clerk, Deni Donovan, Alderman Paro, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Glenzy, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Hollis.

STATE OF THE CITY REPORT: Mayor Rudloff reported on the Financial Condition of the City. As of June 30, 2010, there is approximately \$2,157,000 in the General Fund; \$237,000 in the Sewer Fund; and a -0- balance in the Capital Improvement Fund. The City is audited annually and the report is due from the auditors in late October. The City is currently in good financial condition.

MAYOR RUDLOFF: Mayor Rudloff welcomed everyone to the annual Town Hall Meeting and introduced the Elected and Appointed Officials, Department Heads, and the Chairman of the Boards and Commissions. He stated the purpose of the Town Hall Meeting was to meet the City Officials and to report on the state of the City.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Pruett was introduced by Mayor Rudloff. He recognized the following police officers for doing their job above and beyond: Sergeant Dave Elliott, Certificate of Merit; Corporal Peggy Vassallo, Certificate of Merit; Officer Mike Riley, Certificate of Merit; Corporal Joe St. Clair, Letter of Commendation; Corporal Jason Hagan, Letter of Commendation; Officer Matt Shaw, Letter of Commendation; Officer Gary Roberts, Letter of Commendation; Officer Dave Freeman, Letter of Commendation; Officer Phil Grover, Commendation for Valor; and Officer Dave Freeman, Commendation for Valor.

The Chief reported the officers are wearing new uniforms; all black. Also, the police cars have been updated to black and white. He reminded everyone to call the police if they see suspicious activity. The Chief reported Bellefontaine Neighbors received another Highway 270 Traffic Enforcement Grant for 2010-

The Chief gave a presentation and a handout of the crime comparison statistics from 1999-2010; crime has not changed much over the years.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, GINA WALSH: Thanked everyone for sending her to Jefferson City and for their continued support over the years. Due to the regulations, at the end of the year, she will no longer have the position of state representative.

CHIEF BOMMARITO: Thanked the Mayor and Board for inviting him to the Town Hall Meeting. He thanked everyone for the passage of Riverview Fire – Proposition F. A 57.15% was needed; the final vote was 68.13% in favor. The money will allow for replacing fire trucks and building another firehouse at station #2. The current building will be torn down and replaced with a new building. He, also, wanted to thank Office Mike Riley for his work on the BackStoppers BBQ. He introduced the following firefighters who were attendance: Captain Donald Mayce and Firefighters Caleb Herrell and Devin Marshall.

MARK TRANEL, RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT: Mr. Tranel reported the Riverview Gardens Special Administrative Board (SAB), that he is a part of, met with the elected Board members; they have a good rapport. He was very impressed with everyone's commitment in the district; they all seem to want to do what is best for the children's' education. He reported

the Riverview Gardens Early Childhood Education Center is fully accredited; it is one of seven outstanding early childhood programs in Missouri that will be recognized by the Missouri School Board's Association. Also, on September 17th, Dr. Celeste Adams, the Communications Arts Department Chair who teaches English and Honors Literature at the high school, will be honored at the St. Louis American Foundation's 23rd annual 2010 Salute to Excellence in Education Scholarship & Awards Gala.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mayor Rudloff introduced Tom Weis, with the Weis Design Group. He reported on the street repair project and the Shepley Bridge repairs. Tom stated the new start date for the bridge work should be September 27th; there have been some problems with the railroad. The work should be completed by the end of October. He explained the current street repairs are being done in two phases; about eighty streets will be done. He said he would be available after the meeting if anyone had questions.

HOME BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: Mayor Rudloff presented the 2010 Home Beautification Awards to:

- Ward 1:** Pat McIntosh, #4 Green Acres (only Mr. McIntosh)
Bill Johnston & Keith Degenais, #5 Green Acres (no show)
- Ward 2:** Dennis & Brenda Flynn, 1009 Bakewell (present)
Teresa Wiele & James Schweitzer, 10430 Coburg Lands (present)
- Ward 3:** Jonathan & Catie Peters, 10545 Ewell (only Catie Peters)
Cheryl Owens, & James Mooney, 1409 Corinth (present)
- Ward 4:** Rozlyn Hoffman, 1229 Jennings Station Road (present)
Jane Jones, 1253 Jennings Station Road (no show)

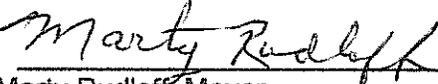
Special Recognition Awards were given to two gentlemen who have businesses in Bellefontaine Neighbors

- Mr. Ronald Jones, New Bethlehem Memorial Park Cemetery and
- Mr. Pierre Smith, Bellefontaine Gardens Nursing Home

Mayor Rudloff congratulated everyone and thanked the Image & Beautification Board for selecting the winners and reminded everyone to take part in Beautification Day on September 18th.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Mayor Rudloff thanked everyone for coming this evening and he feels that the City has a great Board of Aldermen and thanked the Board for their cooperation and support. He announced if anyone had any questions, the Board and he would be available after the meeting.

Meeting closed at 7:45 p.m.


Marty Rudloff, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deni Donovan, City Clerk