**THE CITY OF BELLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 AT 6:30 AT THE BELLE CITY HALL. OFFICALS PRESENT WERE MAYOR JOSH SEAVER, ALDERWOMEN JEANETTE STRUEMPH, COURTNEY ABEL, ALDERMEN KEN STANFIELD, TONY GIECK, AND CITY CLERK FRANKIE HICKS.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Josh Seaver. Mayor Seaver asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the lives lost 9/11. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA:**

Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to accept the agenda with the additions and corrections. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield, all in favor.

**MINUTES:**

Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to accept both Regular Session 8/14/18 and Public Hearing 9/4/18 as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield, all in favor.

**TREAURER’S CASH SUMMARY & BILLS TO BE PAID:**

**Tech Support & Payroll update for Quick Books -**  Treasurer Michelle Jones informed the Council that the total cost for the update and tech support this year is $650. Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to purchase in the amount of $650. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to accept both Cash Summary and Bills to be Paid as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield, all in favor.

**VISITORS:**

No Visitors

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Survey on Twelfth St. –** After some discussion it was the consensus of the Council for Mayor Seaver to contact the individuals asking for the land, Jim Lange and Tom Kinsey and let them know that the city does not wish pay the expenses of surveying and paper work needed and let them know that if they would like to pay the expenses to move forward.

**Buehrlen Property –** Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to allow Mr. Buehrlen one 60-day grace period and no longer. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**Fire House –** Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to lease the Fire House to the Fire District until note is paid in full, at that time the land will be deeded over to the Fire District. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**Tax Rates –** Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to leave the tax rates the same rate of General .7189, Special Rd #6 .2386, and Parks & Recreation .1563. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph. Voting went as follows: Gieck aye, Struemph aye, Stanfield aye, and Abel nay. Alderman Tony Gieck wished to resend his motion for further discussion.

Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to roll the general tax rate back 12% making it .6327, Special Rd #6 leave at .2386, and Parks & Rec leave at .1563. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield, all in favor.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Mayor Josh Seaver –** information sharing.

**Public Works Darryl Jenkins/Nathan Abel –** Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion that after opening bids September 17, 2018 to send the 2 lowest bids to MODOT along with the letter Mr. Cates sent. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield, all in favor.

Alderman Ken Stanfield made a motion that once MODOT approves the 2 lowest bids to go ahead and award the bid to the lowest bidder. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**Police Elrod/Turnbough –** nothing for the Council in open session.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 9/11/18 regarding gas tax –** Alderwoman Courtney Abel made a motion to accept the Resolution as written. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph. Voting went as follows: Abel aye, Gieck nay, Struemph aye, Stanfield nay. Mayor Josh Seaver broke the tie vote with voting aye. Motion passed.

**ADJOURN:**

Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to postpone open session and go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph. Voting went as follows: Gieck aye, Struemph aye, Abel aye, and Stanfield aye.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield, all in favor.

Marshal Joe Turnbough brought in Ricky Jarvis and Jerry Coborn and introduced them to the Council. Turnbough informed the Council that he would like to hire Mr. Coborn as a full time officer and Mr. Jarvis as a part time officer.

Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to hire Jerry Coborn as a full time Officer and Ricky Jarvis a part time Officer. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield, all in favor.

Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to adjourn closed session and go into open session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield. Voting went as follows: Gieck aye, Stanfield aye, Abel aye, Struemph aye.

**OPEN SESSION:**

Mayor Seaver informed the audience that Mr. Coborn was hired full time and Mr. Jarvis was hired part time.

Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Josh Seaver, Mayor

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Frankie Hicks, City Clerk