**THE CITY OF BELLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M. 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA:**

Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to move department head reports up to before old business and accept the agenda. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**MINUTES:**

Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to accept the minutes as written from Regular/Closed Session on May 12, 2020. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield, all in favor.

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

Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph 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:**

**Terry Connors –** Mr. Conners was present to express concerns regarding recently proposed ordinances.

**Kayla Bray –** Mrs. Bray was present regarding an employee’s post on fb regarding an elected official. Mrs. Bray was asked to attend closed session to discuss this matter.

**Fred Bethmann Jr. –** Mr. Bethmann was present to express concerns with the Marshal driving the cities police car to his personal job in Rolla.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Mayor Josh Seaver –** Mayor Seaver read a letter he typed up regarding Marshal Turnbough miss use of city property and not following policy with no passengers on the patrol car other than prisoners. After reading the letter aloud Mr. Seaver asked that Marshal Turnbough resign immediately.

**Public Works Darryl Jenkins/Dave Heflin –**

**Replace manhole along Highway 28 at CottonBelle.** Jenkins stated that he had spoke with Mid State and that they quoted him a price of $6000 to replace. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to have Mid State replace the manhole. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield, all in favor.

**Water & Wastewater Operator –** Mr. Terris Cates has offered to fill in and help with the testing and reports while the city does the hiring process. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to accept Mr. Cates offer. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**Marshal Joe Turnbough –** nothing for the Council at this time.

**Window AC Unit for Police Department –** Deputy Scott John stated that the current unit is freezing up. Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to purchase a new unit for the building. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**CERTIFY ELECTION RESULTS & SWEAR IN NEW MEMBERS:**

Mayor Seaver read the election results aloud from Maries and Osage Counties. Alderwoman Courtney Abel made a motion to accept the election results. (See certification from Maries & Osage County) The motion was seconded by Alderman Tony Gieck, all in favor.

City Clerk Frankie Hicks swore in the newly elected Mayor Steve Vogt and Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Proposed Budget Meeting –** It was the consensus of the Council to hold the meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2020 at 4 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

**Adding new Mayor to all city accounts –** Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to remove previous Mayor Josh Seaver from all accounts and add new Mayor Steve Vogt. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**New Nominee for Planning & Zoning -**  Mr. Randy Jett submitted a letter to the Council asking that Josh Seaver be appointed to Planning and Zoning Board. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to appoint Josh Seaver the Planning & Zoning Board. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**Resignation letter from Nathan Abel –** Mayor Steve Vogt read Mr. Abel’s resignation letter aloud. Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to accept Mr. Abel’s resignation. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham. Voting went as follows: Struemph aye, Graham aye, Abel abstain, Gieck nay.

**Advertise for water and wastewater operator –** Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to advertise in Belle, Rolla, and Jefferson City papers for the help wanted ad, and applications are due not later than 4 P.M. on July 2 and will be reviewed at the meeting on July 7. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**New Member of Board of Arbitrators –** Alderman Tony Gieck stated that Gordon Oliver was a member and had recently passed and needed to be replaced. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to appoint Terry Connors to the board. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**ADJOURN:**

Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to adjourn the regular session meeting and go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph. Roll call vote went as follows: Gieck aye, Struemph aye, Abel aye, and Graham aye.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Mayor Steve Vogt called the closed session meeting to order.

**Kayla Bray –** Mrs. Bray was present to express concern with employee Michelle Jones posting on Facebook about Marshal Joe Turnbough. No action taken.

**Employee Raises –** Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to table employee raise discussion until the October 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**ADJOURN:**

Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to adjourn the closed session meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel. Roll call vote went as follows: Gieck aye, Abel aye, Struemph aye, and Graham aye. Meeting adjourned.

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Steve Vogt, Mayor

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Frankie Hicks, City Clerk