**THE CITY OF BELLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY JULY 14, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE BELLE CITY HALL. OFFICALS PRESENT WERE MAYOR STEVE VOGT, ALDERWOMAN JEANETTE STRUEMPH, ALDERWOMAN COURTNEY ABEL, ALDERWOMAN SUNDI JO GRAHAM, ALDERMAN TONY GIECK, AND CITY CLERK FRANKIE HICKS.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Vogt. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA:**

Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to 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. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

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

Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to accept both the cash summary and bills to be paid as written. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham, all in favor.

**New Budget –** Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to accept the proposed 2020-2021 budget with the corrections. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**VISITORS:**

**James Pendleton –** Mr. Pendleton was present to express concern with nuisances not being handled within the city. Mr. Pendleton had a list of things he believed Marshal Joe Turnbough had not been handling he also presented pictures of problem areas. Pendleton requested that the list he compiled be placed in Marshal Turnbough’s personnel file. Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to place the requested information in Marshal Turnbough’s personnel file. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham, all in favor.

**Matt Blatter –** Mr. Blatter was present on behalf of Cable America. Mr. Blatter asked the Council for permission to climb the cities water towers to do a study on whether the company can provide internet service here. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to allow Cable America to climb to towers to do a feasibility study for possible internet services. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Asphalt Bids –** Two bids were received and opened during the meeting.

**Pierce Asphalt –** bid was in the amount of $80.115

**Capital Paving –** bid was in the amount of $91,626

Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to accept the bid from Pierce Asphalt in the amount of $80,115, with monies coming from Street Fund $55,000, $8530 from the Capital Improvement Fund and $16,585 from Special Rd #6. The motion was seconded Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

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

**Road Salt –** Darryl read a bid he had received for 50 tons of road salt the cost is $4668.50. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to purchase the road salt using the monies from salt/cinders, and pea gravel. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**Marshal Joe Turnbough –** absent

**Mayor Steve Vogt –** Information sharing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Building Inspection contract renewal with Chuck Cantrell –** Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to renew the contract with MRPC for a Building Inspector. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**ADJOURN:**

Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham. Voting went as follows: Struemph aye, Graham aye, Abel aye, and Gieck aye.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**Mayor Vogt called closed session to order at 8:06 p.m.**

**Review Applications –** Peter Herring and Tony Baretich were brought in and introduced themselves to the Council. After some discussion Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to hire Jason Lewis for the public works position. The motion died for lack of the second. Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to hire Tony Baretich. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel. Voting went as follows: Struemph aye, Abel aye, Graham aye, and Gieck abstain. Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion stating that Mr. Baretich’s starting pay will be $15.50 once water and wastewater certifications are received his pay will be increased by $2.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**Real Estate –** Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion on action on a real estate matter pending a question about the November 2020 election. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel. Voting went as follows: Graham aye, Abel Aye, Struemph aye, and Gieck nay.

Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to adjourn closed session and go back into regular session. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**ADJOURN:**

Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to adjourn the regular session meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Steve Vogt, Mayor

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Frankie Hicks, City Clerk