**THE CITY OF BELLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. OFFICALS PRESENT WERE MAYOR STEVE VOGT, ALDERWOMAN JEANETTE STRUEMPH, COURTNEY ABEL, 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 Courtney Abel made a motion to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**MINUTES:**

Alderwoman Courtney Abel made a motion to accept both the treasurer’s cash summary and bills to be paid as written. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**VISITORS:**

**Lenice Basham/Sunshine Shanks –** Mrs. Basham and Mrs. Shanks are representing the Maries R2 School. Mr. Shanks state she had applied and received a grant to have chickens temporarily 2-5 weeks for educational purposes. Alderwoman Courtney Abel made a motion to allow the school to have chickens. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham, voting 3-1 with Alderman Tony Gieck abstaining.

**Bev Abel with Planning & Zoning –** Mrs. Abel is asking to vacate the alley in the Birdsong Addition Block 7, lots 1-10. Mayor Vogt is to write an ordinance.

Planning & Zoning is asking that Duplex allowed in R1 Districts. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to **remove duplexes** allowed in R1 Districts. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph. Voting 3-1 with Alderwoman Courtney Abel voting nay.

Planning & Zoning is asking the city to have a yard clean up day, where residents can dump limbs. After some discussion Mayor Vogt is going check with companies to see the cost of having a company such as tree trimming service or dump trucks to take the limbs.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Proposed Ordinance #594 Landlord Registration –** Mayor Vogt read the proposed Ordinance a loud fist reading.

**Police Ride Along Policy –** Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to table until next month. Motion dies for lack of a second. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to leave the ride along policy as is. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel. Voting was 3-1 with Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph abstaining.

**Body Camera –** Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to allow the purchase of a body camera in the amount of $149 and an additional hard drive. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham, all in favor.

**MFA Building Repairs –** After some discussion Alderwoman Courtney Abel made a motion to advertise for taking bids on removal of the building. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph voting was 3-1 with Alderwoman Sundi Jo Gram opposed.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Mayor Steve Vogt –** information sharing.

**Marshal Joe Turnbough –** information sharing.

**Public Works Darryl Jenkins/Tony Baretich –**

**Repair lift stations on Rohrer Dr.** Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to go out for bid to have the work done. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham. Voting was 2-2 with Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph and Courtney Abel voting nay. Mayor Vogt broke the tie voting nay. The work will be done after getting a bid from Mid State Pipeline.

**Grant from DNR for Engineering Assistance Program –** Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to table until next month. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**Purchase new meters –** A bid was submitted for 50 new meters costing $9603. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to purchase the meters with the cost being split between Water and sewer. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**Maries County Scott John** – information sharing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Proposed Ordinance #595 –** Mayor Steve Vogt read the proposed Ordinance a loud, First reading.

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**Dog Catcher Position -**  Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to advertise for the dog catcher position, starting pay is $450 per month. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**New Credit Card Machine –** After some discussion it was the consensus of the Council to table until next month. Check prices for online bill pay, cheaper credit card machine, explore options.

**Schedule Tax Rate Public Hearing –** The consensus of the Council is to schedule the Public Hearing for Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 2 at the Belle City Hall.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**Radio Wire/Cable America Bids –** Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to accept the bid from Radio Wire 5-year contract paying $350 per month. The motion was seconded By Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham, all in favor.

**Tony Baretich –** Mr. Baretich spoke to the Council regarding getting his previous time back from previous employment with the city. Baretich also spoke to the Council regarding if the $2.00 increase could be broke down to $1.oo after each certification water and waste water. No action taken on either topic.

**Employee Raises –** It was the consensus of the Council to table this matter until all evaluations are completed and review at the meeting scheduled for August 27, 2020.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**BACK INTO OPEN SESSION:**

Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to adjourn the open session meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Tony Gieck, all in favor.

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Steve Vogt, Mayor

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Frankie Hicks, City Clerk