**THE CITY OF BELLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE BELLE CITY HALL. OFFICALS PRESENT WERE MAYOR STEVE VOGT, ALDERWOMEN 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 Jeanette Struemph made a motion to accept the agenda with the additions. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham, all in favor.

**MINUTES:**

Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to accept the minutes from Regular/Closed Session on August 11, 2020, Tax Rate Public Hearing on August 27, 2020, and Special Session on August 27, 2020. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

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

Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to accept the bills to be paid as written. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to accept the cash summary as written. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph. Vote was 3-1 with Alderman Tony Gieck voting nay.

**VISITORS:**

**Sheila Thomas –** Mrs. Thomas was present to ask the Council permission to have a Halloween parade on Friday, October 30, 2020 following the same route the fair does. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to allow the Halloween parade. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**Jake Fleischmann –** Mr. Fleischmann was present to express concerns regarding the Police Department. Mr. Fleischmann is to meet with Lieutenant Scott John.

**Terry Connors –** Mr. Connors was present to ask for changes to the Landlord Registration Ordinance.

**Belinda Branson –** Mrs. Branson was present to express concern regarding the tall grass ordinance. She is asking that the ordinance be changed to less inches on the grass.

**OLD NUSINESS:**

**Proposed Ordinance #594 –** Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to wave the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Tony Gieck, all in favor. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion accept the ordinance as written. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph. Roll call vote went as follows: Abel aye, Struemph aye, Graham aye, and Gieck aye.

**Proposed Ordinance #595 –** Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to wave the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel. Roll call vote went as follows: Abel aye, Struemph aye, Graham aye, and Gieck aye.

**Proposed Ordinance #596 –** Mayor Steve Vogt read the proposed ordinance for the second time. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to accept the proposed ordinance as written. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham. Roll call vote went as follows: Abel aye, Struemph aye, Graham aye, and Gieck aye.

**Proposed Ordinance #597 –** Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to wave the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham, all in favor. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to accept the proposed ordinance as written. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham. Roll call vote went as follows: Abel aye, Struemph aye, Graham aye, and Gieck aye.

**Credit Card Machine –** Tabled until next month.

**Clean Up day –** Tabled until next month.

**MFA Building –** Mayor Vogt stated he needed clarification on the demolition of the building. Does the city want to do a walk through and try to sell things inside first. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to tear down including the foundation and the concrete pad across the alley way, and Council to do a walk through. No second. Mayor Vogt is to present specs next month.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Mayor Steve Vogt –** Memory Bench for Kathy Stanfield’s brother. After some discussion it was the consensus of the Council to get prices on concrete and present next month.

**Maries County Belle Division Sign –** Mayor Vogt stated that he was asked about putting a sign up at the Police Station saying Maries County Sheriff Belle Division. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to allow the sign to be placed with no expense to the city. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

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

**DNR Grant –** Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to allow Terris Cates to move forward with the grant. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham, all in favor.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Proposed Ordinance #598 –** Mayor Steve Vogt read the proposed ordinance aloud. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to accept the first reading. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham, all in favor.

**Proposed Ordinance #599 –** Tabled until next month.

**Proposed Ordinance #00 & #601 –** Tabled until next month.

**Letter of Resignation –** Court Clerk Barb Schaller submitted a letter of resignation, last day will be January 5, 2021. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to accept Mrs. Schaller’s letter of resignation. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**Tony Baretich –** Mr. Baretich had previously approached the Council and asked for his seniority back from being previously employed with the city. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion stating that Mr. Baretich benefits start as a new employee. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abe; voting went as follows Abel aye, Struemph aye, Gieck aye, Graham nay.

**Employee Raises –** Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to give each employee a $.25 per hour raise. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph. Voting went as follows: Abel aye, Struemph aye, Gieck aye, and Graham nay.

**ADJOURN:**

Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to adjourn the closed 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