**THE CITY OF BELLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020 AT 7 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 as written. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**MINUTES:**

Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to accept the minutes from September 8, 2020 Regular & Closed Session as written. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

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

**Bills to be paid -** Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**Cash Summary –** Tabled until next month for corrections.

**MRPC Dues –** Alderwoman Courtney Abel made a motion to pay the annual dues. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham. Voting went as follows: Abel aye, Struemph aye, Graham aye, and Gieck nay.

**VISITORS:**

**Terris Cates –** Mr. Cates explained to the Council that the resolution he is presenting is so that Mayor Steve Vogt is the authorized signor since Josh Seaver or Nathan Abel are no longer with the city**. Resolution #2020-1019-01** Resolution authorizing the signing of documents for the State of Missouri for a loan and grant to aid in the construction of the City of Belle WWTF headworks improvements was present and read aloud by Mayor Steve Vogt. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to accept Resolution #2020-1019-01 as written. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham. Roll call vote went as follows: Gieck aye, Graham aye, Struemph aye and Abel aye.

**Resolution #2020-1019-20 –** is authorizing Mayor Steve Vogt to execute project documents as needed on behalf of the city with the MO Department of Natural Resources. Mayor Steve Vogt read the proposed Resolution aloud. Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-1019-02 as written. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph. Roll call vote went as follows: Graham aye, Struemph aye, Abel aye, and Gieck aye.

**Drinking Water Engineering Grant –** is a $15,000 50/50 grant DNR is offering. Alderwoman Courtney Abel made a motion to allow Mayor Vogt to sing the application and submit the grant. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor. With this grant you must advertise for an engineer once a week for 2 weeks. Send requests for qualifications to at least 5 minorities sending certified mail. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to advertise. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**Maps of Water & Sewers lines –** Mr. Cates submitted a bid for preparing a binder and/or pdf of the water and sewer locations so they may be kept in city vehicles in the amount of $3600-$4200. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to have Mr. Cates do the mapping, and monies to come from the sewer project fund. Motion dies for lack of a second. Alderwoman Courtney Abel stated that maps could be printed from our current mapping system and is going to work on trying to get them printed.

**Mark McClane –** Mr. McClane was present representing Belle Community Betterment Association. Mr. McClane stated that the BCBA have held fundraisers to purchase additional Christmas lights and would like to donate the 14 they have purchased to the city. Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to accept the gift of the Christmas lights. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**Chris Gehlert –** Mr. Gehlert was present regarding a stolen vehicle that he reported with the Belle Police Department and asked for Maries County Sheriffs Department for help getting the vehicle from out of state but is having issues with getting help from Maries County he stated.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance #598 –** Mayor Vogt read the proposed Ordinance for the second reading. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to adopt the ordinance as written. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph. Roll call vote went as follows: Gieck aye, Struemph aye, Abel aye, and Graham aye.

**Ordinance #599 –** Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to wave the second reading. The motion dies for lack of a second.

**Bids for demolition of MFA Building –** Two sealed bids were received however bid specs were not written up nor an asbestos inspection completed on the building. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to have bid specs written up and an asbestos testing done and send specs to the two businesses that submitted bids ask if their bid will change and if so to submit another bid. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph. Voting went as follows: Gieck aye, Struemph aye, Abel aye, and Graham oppose. Bids are due December 12, 2020 by 4 P.M. Mayor Vogt is to contact Chuck Cantrel and have him to do an asbestos inspection. Tony Baretich is to contact Ameren MO and CenturyLink and have all services removed from the building.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Mayor Steve Vogt –** Mr. Vogt gave an update from attending meetings at MCPC.

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

**New tires for the blue Ford –** Baretich state that the state bid price is $150 per tire and an additional $60 per tire to mount and balance. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to purchase the new tires with total price being split 50/50 between water and sewer. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**Free Cinders –** Baretich stated that he found where the city could get 50 tons of free cinders, the city would only have to pay for hauling. Baretich contacted Tri County Trucking and they quoted a price of $20 per ton. Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to pay for the hauling of the free cinders. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**New Meter System –** After some discussion Alderman Tony Gieck made a motion to go ahead and go out for bid on a new meter system. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**Price on concrete for installing memory benches –** Baretich stated he estimated it to be around $200 and that is for the concrete and the lumber for forms.

**Marshal Joe Turnbough –** Marshal Turnbough was absent.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Update Code Book –** It was decided to wait until all new ordinances are presented.

**Proposed Ordinance #600 (reg. license renewal) –** Mayor Steve Vogt read the proposed ordinance aloud.

**Proposed Ordinance #601 (reg. helmet law change) –** Mayor Steve Vogt read the proposed ordinance aloud.

**Propane Bids –** Two bids were received. MFA Propane’s bid is $.989 for 6500 gallons. Capital Energy’s bid is $1.099 for 4600 gallons. Alderwoman Courtney Abel made a motion to accept the bid from MFA Propane at $.989 for 6500 gallons. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**Streetlight at Tuggie & Joe’s –** no action taken.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

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, and Graham aye.

Mayor Vogt called the closed session meeting to order.

**Real Estate Matter –** Alderwoman Courtney Abel made a motion to not proceed with Liberty Utilities with anything further. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham, all in favor.

**Review Applications for Court Clerk position and part time City Treasurer -**  Mayor Vogt stated that himself, Court Clerk Barb Schaller, and City Treasurer Michelle Jones conducted two interviews. Individuals interviewed were Theresa Taylor and Penny Burton. Their recommendations to fill both positions is Theresa Taylor. After some discussion it was the consensus of the Council to run the same ads on Indeed, Alderwoman Sundi Jo stated she would post the ads.

**Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to go back into open session.**

**ADJOURN:**

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

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Steve Vogt, Mayor Frankie Hicks, City Clerk