**THE CITY OF BELLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE BELLE CITY HALL. OFFICALS PRESENT WERE MAYOR STEVE VOGT, ALDERWOMEN JEANETTE STRUEMPH, SUNDI JO GRAHAM, ALDERMAN KEN STANFIELD, AND CITY CLERK FRANKIE HICKS. ALDERWOMAN COURTNEY ABEL.**

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

**AGENDA:**

Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to accept the agenda with the additions. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield, all in favor.

**MINUTES:**

Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to accept the minutes from Regular/Closed Session on December 8, 2021 and Special/Closed Session on December 22, 2021 as written. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**TREASURERS 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.

**VISITORS:**

**Jacob Warden with Maries County Advocate** – Mr. Warden was present to present and discuss results of the newspapers survey regarding how people felt regarding Maries County Sheriff’s Office taking over. Whether they felt it was good or not.

**Kayla Bray** – Mrs. Bray had questions regarding the budget and etc.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Sealed Bank Bids on New Meters and System** – 3 bids were received from the local banks. Legends Bank - $324,000 loan at 3.95% interest fixed for only 7 ½ years, Maries County Bank - $324,000 loan at 3% fixed for 15 years, and Mid America Bank - $324,00 loan at 3.95% fixed for 15 years. Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to accept the bid from Maries County Bank at 3% interest. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham, all in favor.

**Water Tower Repairs –** Well 3 is down Flynn Well Drilling came to diagnose the problem and give an estimate to repair. The estimate to repair the tower back to working order is $43,897. Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to accept the proposal and have the repairs done and submit a claim to the insurance to see if they will cover because of the electrical surge, pay for repairs out of the rollover in the water fund. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Mayor Steve Vogt –** Mr. Vogt reviewed the budget.

**Public Works Tony Baretich –** Testing because of bypassing. Testing will cost $350 per week until mid-February. Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to pay Ozark Testing for testing services. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield, all in favor.

**Surplus Cars –** Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to advertise and sell the 1986 Honda Civic. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham, all in favor.

**Money received from scrapping –** Employee Tony Baretich asked the Council if the money received from scrapping old equipment etc. could be set aside for the department to purchase tools.

**Marshal Joe Turnbough –** Information sharing. Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham asked Marshal Turnbough about the Stars report, and it is still not turned in. After some discussion Deputy Scott John is going to help Marshal Turnbough get the report completed and submitted.

**Maries County Deputy Scott John –** Information sharing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Streetlight at the intersection of Highway 28 and Tenth Street -** Mayor Vogt is to get prices of having a streetlight installed at that intersection and present next month.

**New Policies –** The Council was asked to review the proposed policies and submit any changes they would like to see next month.

**Role of Mayor & City Council –** Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham asked the Mayor and Council what is exactly expected of them, job duties, etc. Mayor Vogt explained what he seen as duties.

**ADJOURN:**

Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to table Regular Session and go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph. Roll call vote went as follows: Graham aye, Struemph aye, and Stanfield aye.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Closed session was called to order by Mayor Steve Vogt.

**Contract with Jimmy & Weny Zumwalt regarding MFA Building -**  Zumwalts submitted a contract to the city Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to sign the contract. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham, all in favor.

**Review applications for Public Works employee –** After some discussion Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to interview Clay Ridenhour, Thomas Ridenhour, and Trey Schlottog. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield, all in favor.

**Dave Heflin Raise –** Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to increase Mr. Heflins hourly pay to $12 per hour. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**Adjourn Closed Session:**

Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to adjourn the closed session meeting and go back into regular session. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham, all in favor.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham 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