**THE CITY OF BELLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE BELLE CITY HALL. OFFICALS PRESENT WERE MAYOR STEVE VOGT, ALDERMAN KEN STANFIELD, ALDERWOMEN JEANETTE STRUEMPH COURTNEY ABEL, SUNDI JO GRAHAM AND CITY CLERK FRANKIE HICKS.**

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 approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

Alderwoman Courtney Abel came into the meeting and requested that the meeting be started over. Alderman Ken Stanfield made a motion to accept the revised agenda with the additions from Alderwoman Abel. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**MINUTES:**

**March 9, 2021 Regular/Closed Session –** Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to accept he minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**March 9, 2021 Closed Session (prior to the meeting) –** Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**March 16, 2021 Special Session –** Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield, all in favor.

**March 26, 2021 Special Session –** Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Courtney Abel, 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 Courtney Abel, all in favor.

**VISITORS:**

**Lisa Halbert –** Mrs. Halbert was present to express concern regarding the response time of Maries County Sheriffs Department when she has had to call them.

**Vincent MacClugage –** Mr. MacClugage was present to request something be done in front of his residents at 303 E. Fourth St to prevent his driveway and yard from washing out when it rains. Alderwoman Courtney Abel made a motion to move Mr. MacClugage’s residents to top priority for curbing. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**Osage Commissioner Daryl Griffin –** Mr.Griffin was present to introduce himself and talk with the Council regarding the Highway 63 Alliance.

**Rebecca Withouse –** Mrs. Withouse was present to express concern regarding the leaks she has had and the time it takes to get them fixed.

**Belinda Branson –** Mrs. Branson was present to ask that something be done with the trailer on Fifth St. nest to her residents.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**New Policies –** A special session meeting to review/work on the policies is scheduled for April 21, 2021 at 1 p.m.

**Rezoning request of 605 S. Taylor Ave –** Alderman Ken Stanfield made a motion to approve Mrs. Doss’s request to rezone her property from R-1 to B-1. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph. Voting was 3-1 with Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham abstaining.

**MFA Building Lot –** Alderman Ken Stanfield stated that he would like to see the lot made into a parking area. Discuss again once the building is moved.

**Code Book Update –** An estimate was submitted to the Council to update the Code Book in the amount of between $2,190.00 and $2,514.00. The Code Book has not been updated since 2018. An estimate on getting our Code Book added to the city website Premium eCode360, Including PubDocs Module $1,195\* Includes first annual Maintenance of $1,195,

Standard eCode360 $995\* Includes first annual Maintenance of $995, or

eCode360 Lite $695\* Includes first annual Maintenance of $695. Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to update the code book and purchase the ecode which residents will have access to all ordinances online. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield, all in favor.

**Culvert on Rohrer Dr. –** Alderwoman Courtney Abel made a motion stating that anytime a resident or business purchases a culvert with the city’s approval on the size of the culvert is to be installed by the city. The motion was purchased by Alderman Ken Stanfield, all in favor.

**Employees contacting the City Engineer –** Alderwoman Courtney Abel expressed concern with employees contacting the city engineer Terris Cates regarding questions without permission from the Council. The cost is $138 an hour. No action taken.

**Water Problems on Rohrer Dr. –** no action taken.

**Worksites left unsecured –** Alderwoman Abel stated that she has concern with work sites being left unsecured or not secured properly. Consensus of the Council to work on a policy.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**MAYOR –** Mayor Vogt informed the Council that he has established committees as follows: Community Center – Ken Stanfield/Jeanette Struemph, Media – Sundi Jo Graham/Jeanette Struemph, Park – Sundi Jo Graham/Josh Seaver, Streets/Water/Sewer – Ken Stanfield/Jeanette Struemph, Projects Sundi Jo Graham/Josh Seaver.

**President Protem –** Mayor Vogt announced that he appointed Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph as President Protem.

**PUBLIC WORKS – Tony Baretich –** information sharing.

**Marshal Joe Turnbough –**

Reserve Officers – Alderman Ken Stanfield made a motion that there is no need for Reserve Officers and that all names listed with POST be removed. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

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

**CERTIFY ELECTION RESULTS –** Mayor Steve Vogt read the result aloud from Maries and Osage Counties stating that Josh Seaver was elected for Alderman Ward 1 and Ken Stanfield was reelected Alderman Ward 2. Alderwoman Courtney Abel made a motion to accept the said election results. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham, all in favor.

**Swearing in of new Aldermen Ken Stanfield and Josh Seaver –** City Clerk Frankie Hicks swore in the newly elected Aldermen.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Public Works –** Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham stated that she felt that employee was being given the duties as if he was the Public Works Director. No action taken.

**Dog Catcher –** Consensus to define the position and advertise the position again.

**Purchase Fish for the city lake –** No action taken.

**Proposed Ordinance #608 rezoning 605 S. Taylor from R-1 to B-1 –** Mayor Vogt read the proposed ordinance aloud. Alderman Josh Seaver made a motion to wave the second reading. Alderman Ken Stanfield made a motion to accept the first reading. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, voting was 3-1 with Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham abstaining. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield, voting was 3-1 with Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham abstaining. Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to accept Ordinance #608 as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Josh Seaver, voting was 3-1 with Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham abstaining.

**Proposed Ordinance #609 regarding the Marshals Salary –** Mayor Vogt read the proposed ordinance aloud. Alderman Josh Seaver made a motion to accept the first reading. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, voting was 3-1 with Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham voting nay.

**Proposed Ordinance #610 regarding franchise agreement with Ameren –** Mayor Vogt read the proposed ordinance aloud. Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to accept the first reading. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**Marshal Joe Turnbough returned to the meeting wishing to address the Council –** Marshal Turnbough stated he would be resigning as the City Marshal effective Friday April 16, 2021 and that he would submit it in writing to the Mayor.

Alderman Josh Seaver made a motion to postpone the regular session and go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield. Roll call vote went as follows: Seaver aye, Stanfield aye, Struemph aye and Graham aye.

**CLOSED SESSION –** Maries County Sheriff Chris Heitman called and spoke with the Council stating that he would do the reporting and request the disposal of evidence for free for the city. After some discussion it was the consensus of the Council that the Attorney General be contacted regarding the evidence.

After reviewing applications, it was the consensus of the Council to advertise the position online.

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

**ADJOURN:**

Being that there was no other business before the Council, Alderman Josh Seaver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Steve Vogt, Mayor

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Frankie Hicks, City Clerk