**THE CITY OF BELLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, MAY 11, 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, ALDERMAN JOSH SEAVER, AND CITY CLERK FRANKIE HICKS.**

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

**AGENDA:**

Alderman Josh Seaver made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition to closed session. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**MINUTES:**

Alderman Ken Stanfield made a motion to accept all minutes from April 13, 2021 Regular/Closed Session, April 13, 2021 Public Hearing, and Special Hearing April 21, 2021. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham, all in favor.

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

Alderman Josh Seaver made a motion to accept both the cash summary and bills to be paid as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph, all in favor.

**VISITORS:**

**RadioWire Mike Bailey –** Mr. Bailey was present representing RadioWire and presented the Council with two different contracts to place equipment on top of the water tower on Belair Ave. After some discussion it was the consensus of the Council to discuss contracts in closed session next month).

**Belinda Branson –** Mrs. Branson was present to express concern regarding her neighbor’s grass.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Social Media Policy & Data Protection Policies –** Alderman Ken Stanfield made a motion to accept both policies as written. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham, all in favor.

**Dog Catcher Job Description –** It was the consensus of the Council to hold a special work session meeting to work on dog catcher job description and disciplinary policy.

**Patrol Car (white chevy impala) –** After some discussion it is the consensus of the Council to keep the car at this time but that the Belle Police stickers are to be removed by public works employees.

**Proposed Ordinance #609 Marshals Salary –** Mayor Steve Vogt read the proposed ordinance a loud for the second reading. Alderman Ken Stanfield made a motion to accept the second reading. The motion was seconded by

Alderman Josh Seaver, voting was 3-1 with Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham opposed. Alderman Josh Seaver made a motion to accept Ordinance #609 as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield. Roll call vote went as follows: Seaver aye, Struemph aye, Graham nay, and Stanfield aye.

**Proposed Ordinance #610 (Franchise agreement with Ameren) –** Mayor Steve Vogt read the proposed ordinance a loud for the second reading. Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to accept the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Josh Seaver, all in favor. Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to accept proposed Ordinance #610 as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield. Roll call vote went as follows: Seaver aye, Struemph aye, Graham aye, and Stanfield aye.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Mayor Steve Vogt –** information sharing.

**Public Works Director Tony Baretich –**

**Change in water meter installation bid –** Tyler Noblette of TNT Underground Construction was present at the meeting to let the Council know that they are in agreeance to allow the change in the contract stating that the Public Works Department will be installing all inside meters reducing the bid by $8,576, TNT stated they will note the change in writing and present to the city.

**20% up front of bid amount –** Director Baretich stated that there had been some discussion originally of 20% being paid upfront before starting the meter installation project. Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to pay the 20% upfront to TNT in the amount of $12,275. The motion was seconded by Alderman Josh Seaver, all in favor.

**Water Damage to the Community Center –** After some discussion Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to go out for bid to have the damages repaired bids to be opened at June’s meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield, all in favor.

**Water Leak at Martin Jones Property (704 Hwy 28 W) –** It was determined that the leak is the cities responsibility. There will be a bill coming from Jerry Dean Weller for digging he has already done to find the leak in the approximate amount of $800-845. Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph motion to pay Jerry Dean Weller bill for work done. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham. Motions withdrawn. Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph made a motion to pay once job is complete and bills received. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham, all in favor. Director Baretich stated that he would like to consult with the City Engineer Terris Cates regarding this leak and the best way to fix it.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Curbing Bids –** Three bids were received. James Custom Flatwork, FlowMaster Construction, and Barry Krause. Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to accept the bid from Barry Krause; $1975 linear ft curbing, $23.80 linear ft sidewalk, and ADA entrance is curbing linear ft + sidewalk linear ft + $150 for ADA mat. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield, voting was 3-1 Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph abstain.

**ADJOURN:**

Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to postpone regular session and go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struemph. Roll call vote – Seaver aye, Struemph aye, Graham aye, and Stanfield aye.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Closed session meeting was called to order by Mayor Vogt.

**$.50 pay raise for Kelley Kearns –** After some discussion it was the consensus of the Council to not give a raise currently and review again next month.

**ADJOURN:**

Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to adjourn the closed session meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Stanfield, all in favor.

**REGULARS SESSION:**

No other business Alderwoman Sundi Jo Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Josh Seaver, all in favor.

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Steve Vogt, Mayor

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Frankie Hicks, City Clerk