

Regular Meeting Minutes

**of the Board of Alderman of the City of Belle,
met at Lonnie Feeler Memorial Building
104 East Third Street, Belle Mo 65013 on
Tuesday, August 13, 2024,
at 5:00 p.m. for Sunshine Training
at 6:30 p.m. for Regular Session**

- A. Call to Order-** Mayor James Mitchell called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited.
- B. Roll Call was taken-** Present were Mayor James Mitchell, Alderman Kevin Guffey, Alderman Steve Vogt, Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, Alderwoman Barb Howarth. Also present were City Treasurer Charro Reasor and City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus
- C. Additions to and approval of agenda-**
Added to the agenda in Old Business line-item number 1 add “and final” to the reading of Ordinance #638. In New Business remove line-item number 1 discussion of paperless billing and remove line-item number 7 due to duplication. City Staff reports under Steve Vogt, add items of discussion MRPC and Meeting updates. Alderman Steve Vogt motioned to approve the amended agenda with the above changes, seconded by Alderwoman Barb Howarth, with all in favor.
- D. Approval of minutes –**
Regular Session July 9, 2024; Alderman Steve Vogt mentioned a misspelling on page 3. Alderman Kevin Guffey made a motion to accept the minutes seconded by Alderman Steve Vogt, with all in favor.
- E. Invited Guests**
- 1. Terris Cates with Bartlett & West-** Terris in attendance, his associate Mike Albaugh addressed the council. Gave update on Water Source Grant and the Clean Water Engineering Report. Terris Cates informed Alderman Kevin Guffey that the amount of the grant would be reimbursed to the city. Also was advised that the RFQ would need to be advertised for 30 days in the newspaper and we could send it to any other companies as well.
 - 2. Mark McClane with BCBA-** was there to discuss BCBA projects. They mentioned Asked for the city to give a consensus to move forward with projects

concerning the park entrance and updates to the community center. All aldermen were in consensus.

F. Citizen Participation

1. **Chad Faulker**- was present to address the mayor regarding his knowledge of an open investigation police case that the mayor is not allowed to speak of.

G. Treasurer's Report and Cash Summary

1. **Approval of Cash Summary and bills to be paid**- Alderwoman Barb Howarth made a motion to accept the cash summary and pay the bills, seconded by Alderman Kevin Guffey with vote as follows
Steve Vogt- abstained because of his expense report being listed as a bill
Kevin Guffey-aye
Jeanette Struempf-aye
Barb Howarth-aye.
Motion passes.
2. **FY 2021 Audit Completed**
3. **Transfer of funds** from ARPA to General for Well Repair invoices.
Two invoices totaling \$102,411. Alderman Kevin Guffey motioned to approve the transfer of monies from the ARPA account to the general account and pay the invoices, seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.
4. **MGI Pollution Coverage** – no action taken
5. **Work Comp Payment**- motion to pay the invoice of \$9016.00 was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey, seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.
6. **Final Payment for Excavator** just to inform the council of the payment due September 1st.

H. Old Business

1. **Proposed Ordinance #638**- the second and final reading of a proposal to place a ½ cent sales tax on the November ballot was read. A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Alderman Steve Vogt, seconded by Alderman Kevin Guffey Roll call vote as follows:
Alderman Steve Vogt- aye
Alderman Kevin Guffey-aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye
Alderwoman Barb Howarth-aye.
Ordinance passes.
2. **Police car surplus** -after much discussion it was the consensus to place the cars on Purple Wave with a minimum bid of \$1,000.00 per car. A motion was made to sell the cars to the highest bidder over the minimum bid by Alderman Steve Vogt, seconded by Alderwoman Barb Howarth, with all in favor.

I. New Business

1. **Discussion of paperless billing-** removed with the approval of agenda.
2. **Bennie Cook-Grant Update-Rep.** Cook could not attend and will reschedule.
3. **Proposed Ordinance #639** revision of 705.310 Landlord Responsibilities – multiple connection units sharing a water meter will have a connection fee per unit each month. Alderman Steve Vogt made a motion to accept the first reading, second by Alderwoman Barb Howarth, votes as follows
Alderman Steve Vogt- aye
Alderman Kevin Guffey-aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempfh-abstained because she owns rental properties
Alderwoman Barb Howarth-aye. Second and final reading in September.
4. **Proposed Ordinance #640 Revision of 340.220-ATV, Scooter or Other Means.** First reading was passed with a motion made by Alderman Steve Vogt, seconded by Alderwoman Barb Howarth, with all in favor.
Discussion ensued between city attorney and the council members with a consensus for further review. It was recommended to amend the entire ordinance.
5. **Schedule Hearing for Tax Certification.** - scheduled for August 29th, 2024, at noon.
6. **Proposed Ordinance #641-** no action taken, alderman want it to be reviewed, tabled to September meeting.
7. **Reading of proposed Ordinance #642-** removed with the approval of the agenda.
8. **Discussion of the Street Commissioner Position-** a statement was read by Mayor Mitchell. He explained that the street commissioner was not a newly created position, and the job had been on the books for decades. He explained that he and Alderman Vogt had spoken with Amanda Grellner the city attorney at the time of the appointment. She advised she had spoken with the previous mayor and consented that it in fact could be done and wasn't illegal. They had advised the members of the Maries County Advocate of this phone call. An ordinance from 1940 was presented showing the establishment of the position. The mayor presented a job description, and it will be presented in an ordinance form at the next monthly meeting.
9. **Asphalt Quotes** -Quotes from three companies were presented. After debate and price comparisons, the motion was made to accept quotes from Pierce Asphalt LLC. to asphalt Belle Ave from Hwy 28 to First St. and Taylor Ave from Eight St. to Hwy M. with a transfer of approximately \$90,000 from the Road District fund to cover the cost by Alderman Kevin Guffey, seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempfh, with all in favor.
10. **Discuss K-9 Unit Tahoe-** a quote from Bradley Wells was presented. The lifters are out, and the vehicle is unusable at the moment. A motion was made to repair the Tahoe at a cost of \$1937.02 by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempfh and seconded by Alderman Kevin Guffey, with all in favor.

J. City Staff Reports

- 1. City Mayor James Mitchell-** announced the next regular scheduled meeting to be held on September 10th, at 6:30 p.m. Announced the special meeting on August 29th, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Also announced the new community center sign was up and showed a before and after photo.
- 2. Public Works-** No Supervisor in Attendance- The mayor presented a quote from Weiberg Ready Mix for concrete blocks to create storage dividers for bins for gavel. A motion was made to purchase the twenty blocks needed for approximately \$970.00 by Alderman Kevin Guffey, seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, with all in favor.
- 3. Police Department Jerry Coborn-**provided an overview of department statistics.
- 4. Steve Vogt-** Updates on MRPC. Stated that we will be able to apply for the TAP Grant again in the spring, and that Kelly Sink had given him some ideas on how to improve the grant. The MRPC Annual Awards Dinner will be held in Linn, at the Osage View on October 24, 2024. He mentioned that he nominated volunteer of the year to Ashley Harris and youth volunteer of the year as Miranda Sanders.
- 5. City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus-** nothing to add.

- K. Motion to Adjourn** the meeting and go into closed session for personnel RSMo 610.021 (1), RSMo 610.021 (3), RSMo 610.021 (13) was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey and seconded by Alderwoman Barb Howarth at 8:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote was taken –

Alderwoman Barb Howarth-aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye
Alderman Kevin Guffey-aye
Alderman Steve Vogt-aye

James Mitchell, Mayor

Charro Reasor, City Treasurer