

Regular Meeting Minutes

of the Board of Alderman of the City of Belle,
at Lonnie Feeler Memorial Building
104 East Third Street, Belle Mo 65013 on
Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

- 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 Clerk Sherree Burkholder, City Treasurer Charro Reasor and City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus.
- C. Additions to and approval of agenda-**
Added to the agenda was an Emergency Repair Section- necessary to address the issues with the well.
Added to the approval of minutes was the July 3, 2024, Emergency Meeting Minutes and the July 3, 2024, Budget Work Session Minutes.
Added to New Business was item #3 Proposed Ordinance #638 Sales Tax Proposal and item #4 Budget Discussion and Approval. Swapped the position of Old Business and New Business on the agenda.
Alderman Kevin Guffey motioned to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, with all in favor.
- D. Approval of minutes –**
Regular Session June 11, 2024; Alderman Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Alderwoman Barb Howarth, with all in favor.
Emergency Session July 3, 2024; Alderman Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, with all in favor.
Budget Work Session July 3, 2024; Alderman Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Alderwoman Barb Howarth, with all in favor.
- E. Emergency Repairs for Well #1-** Art Lewis with Flynn Drilling presented a proposal for needed repairs. He explained that the current situation is dire and that the estimated cost for replacement of a new submersible pump was \$94,911.00. The estimate did not include the price of a starter which will be an additional \$7500 and supplied by Aesthetic.
Alderman Kevin Guffey made a motion to approve the proposal seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, with all in favor.
- F. Citizen Participation**
- 1. Ashley Harris with BCBA-**was present to ask the council to approve the date of the Christmas parade and festivities. She proposed the date of December 21, 2024.
Alderman Kevin Guffey made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Steve Vogt, with all in favor.
 - 2. Brad Jones-** was there to discuss the boundaries of his property.
 - 3. Tena Hale** was there to discuss the boundaries of property she jointly owns with Brad Jones.
 - 4. Rebecca Withouse-** was present to address the council with questions regarding water and notices.

G. Old Business

1. **Ordinance #628-** Proposed correction to the address on ordinance #628 from 212 S. Taylor to the correct address of 612 S. Taylor.
Alderman Kevin Guffey made the motion to accept the first reading to correct the ordinance, seconded by Alderman Steve Vogt – with all in favor.
Second reading of Ordinance #628 was motioned to accept and pass the ordinance by Alderman Kevin Guffey, seconded by Alderwoman Barb Howarth.
Roll Call Vote was taken –
Alderwoman Barb Howarth-aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye
Alderman Kevin Guffey-aye
Alderman Steve Vogt-aye
Ordinance #628 passed.
2. **Ordinance #635-** Final reading of ordinance #635 pertaining to reconnection fees read and a motion was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey and seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf.
Roll Call Vote was taken –
Alderwoman Barb Howarth-aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye
Alderman Kevin Guffey-aye
Alderman Steve Vogt-aye
Ordinance #635 passed.
3. **Ordinance #636-** Final reading of ordinance #636 regarding temporary alcohol permits was read and a motion was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey, seconded by Alderman Steve Vogt.
Roll Call Vote was taken –
Alderwoman Barb Howarth-aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye
Alderman Kevin Guffey-aye
Alderman Steve Vogt-aye
Ordinance #636 passed.
4. **Ordinance #637-** Final reading of ordinance #637 regarding building inspections was read and a motion was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey, seconded by Alderman Steve Vogt.
Roll Call Vote was taken –
Alderwoman Barb Howarth-aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye
Alderman Kevin Guffey-aye
Alderman Steve Vogt-aye
Ordinance #637 passed.
5. **Building Inspector Position-** Job description was defined, and a motion was made by Alderman Steve Vogt to accept the job specifications and was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, with all in favor.
6. **Building Inspector Form-** a sample of the designed inspection form was presented and a motion to approve was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey and seconded by Alderwoman Barb Howarth, with all in favor.

H. New Business

1. **Pay Resolution** – A motion was made to accept and approve the treasurers cash summary and bills to be paid by Alderman Steve Vogt, seconded by Alderman Kevin Guffey, with all in favor.
2. **Motorized Bicycles**- Current ordinance was discussed and reviewed, which was postponed until August meeting. Will need to update and revise the ordinance with states laws and have further discussion.
3. **Proposed Ordinance #638**- 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 Kevin Guffey, seconded by Alderwoman Barb Howarth, with all in favor. The final passage will be read in August.
4. **Budget Discussion and Approval**- Fy24-25 budget was presented and discussion to increase the water rates ensued. The council agreed to increase the monthly utility bill by 25%, with an ordinance to be presented at the August meeting and review the rates again in 6 months. The budget was approved with a motion made by Alderman Kevin Guffey, seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, with all in favor.

I. City Staff Reports

1. **Public Works**- Jim Goben updated council on the recent water main breaks.
2. **Lawn Mower Quotes**-quotes from Heritage Tractor were presented. A price of \$11,531.00 for a 60-inch cut mower and a price of \$12,417.00 for a 72-inch cut mower. The city will trade in our oldest mower with a trade in value of \$4,100.00 which will be deducted from the price. A motion to purchase the 72-inch cut mower was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey and seconded by Alderman Steve Vogt, with all in favor.
3. **Police Department Sargent Mark Morgan**-provided an overview of department statistics. He asked for the council's approval to hold a police training in August. The training will be led by the Missouri Sheriffs Association and free for members to attend. The proposed dates are August 27th and 28th. A motion was made to approve the training by Alderman Kevin Guffey, seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, with all in favor.

Reserve Officer Tanner Hinson – a motion to approve Tanner Hinson as a reserve officer was made by Alderman Steve Vogt, seconded by Alderwoman Barb Howarth.

Voting as follows

Alderwoman Barb Howarth-aye

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye

Alderman Kevin Guffey-abstained

Alderman Steve Vogt-aye

Hinson was approved for reserve status.

4. **City Mayor James Mitchell**- announced the next regular scheduled meeting on August 13th, at 6:30 p.m. Praised the city workers for their hard work and giving up their holidays to keep the city running.
5. **City Attorney Nathan Nickolas**- suggested the council schedule the required sunshine law training. A suggestion to hold the training before the next regular meeting was discussed. Mr. Nickolas said he would inquire about the date and update us.

J. Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey and seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf at 8:35 p.m.


Roll Call Vote was taken –

Alderwoman Barb Howarth-aye

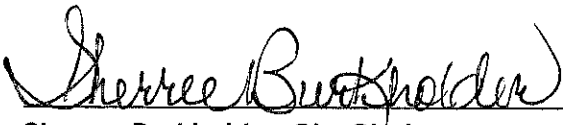
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-aye

Alderman Kevin Guffey-aye

Alderman Steve Vogt-aye



James Mitchell, Mayor



Sherree Burkholder, City Clerk