

## Special Meeting Minutes

at Lonnie Feeler Memorial Building,  
104 East Third Street, Belle Mo 65013 on

**Monday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER-** Meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

### **B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **C. ROLL CALL – was taken**

Alderman Steve Vogt- Present

Alderman Kevin Guffey-Present

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf- Present

Mayor James Mitchell- Present

Alderwoman Barb Howarth- Absent

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA-** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Alderman Steve Vogt, seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, with all in favor.

### **E. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Dump Truck Repair Discussion-** It was the consensus of the board to have the Public Works Department get estimates and present them at the regular council meeting on October 8, 2024.

**2. Seasonal Help –** A layoff date for seasonal employees was discussed. Alderman Kevin Guffey made a motion to keep employee until the November council meeting and to review at that time. It was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

**3. Advertise for Reserve Police Officers and Possible Vacancies-** A motion to advertise the positions for 2 weeks was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey, and seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

**4. Purple Wave-** The need for new service trucks was discussed. It is the consensus of the board to watch for “good deals” and notify the council if something is posted. It was also asked that Jim Goben assess the current service trucks and provide cost estimates of needed repairs to the council.

**5. Police Department Coverage-** Discussion was held over the lack of coverage when officers are scheduled off. Alderman Kevin Guffey made a motion to authorize the mayor to make the schedule, seconded by Alderman Steve Vogt, with all in favor.

**6. Office Hours-** It was decided to have the girls work out a schedule and present it to the council at the next meeting.

**7. Purchase of Culverts-**A discussion was held over the purchase of culverts. It was found that a company is offering to sell culverts “with blemishes” at a reduced price. Jim Goben is to create a list of city culverts, and the sizes needed

for possible replacements. Nothing will be purchased without prior inspection of the blemishes.

8. **Ordinance 637 Revisited**- no action taken.
9. **Raising Spending Limits** – Alderman Vogt is to write a revision of the current ordinance and bring it to the next council meeting for review.
10. **Service Truck Tires**-Discussion was held on truck tire bids; more clarification is needed on the received bids. The council will revisit the bids on Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
11. **MRPC Dues**-after discussing the differences between benefits, Alderman Kevin Guffey motioned to renew contract at the basic level. The motion was seconded by Alderman Steve Vogt, with all in favor.
12. **City Cleaning Contract**- A possible vacancy was discussed, and a motion by Alderman Steve Vogt was made to advertise for cleaning services. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf, with all in favor.

**F. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION – The motion was made by Alderman Steve Vogt and seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with roll call vote as follows:**

Alderman Steve Vogt- Aye  
Alderman Kevin Guffey-Aye  
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf- Aye  
Discussion-Personnel Matters with no action taken.

*Barb Howarth-absent*

**G. MOTION TO END CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN- The motion was made by Alderman Steve Vogt and seconded by Alderman Kevin Guffey roll call taken as follows:**

Alderman Steve Vogt- Aye  
Alderman Kevin Guffey-Aye  
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf- Aye

*Barb Howarth-absent*

**H. MOTION TO ADJORN – Made by Alderman Steve Vogt and seconded by Alderwoman Jeannett Struempf. With all in favor a roll call vote was taken as follows:**

Alderman Steve Vogt-Aye  
Alderman Kevin Guffey-Aye  
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf- Aye

*Barb Howarth-absent*

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James Mitchell, Mayor

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Sherree Burkholder, City Clerk

Meeting ended at: 8:20