

Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, October 8 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 (virtually due to illness)
Alderman Jeanette Struempf- Present
Alderman Barb Howarth- Present
Mayor James Mitchell- Present
Alderman Kevin Guffey-Absent
- D. ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA-** After additions of Health Care Renewal & Rebates and MRPC Paper Buy was added to new business, a motion to approve the agenda was made by Alderman Jeanette Struempf and seconded by Barb Howarth with all in favor.
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-** A motion was made by Alderman Barb Howarth and seconded by Alderman Jeanette Struempf for the following minutes with all in favor.
Regular Session held on September 10, 2024
Special Meeting held on September 30, 2024
Work Session held on October 3, 2024
- F. INVITED GUESTS-** Bennie Cook: Absent
Mark McClain-BCBA updates and presented six United States Flags to the city to replace those that had lost their color.
- G. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION-**An announcement for the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Sales to be held this weekend was the only citizens comments.
- H. TREASURER’S REPORT-**Alderman Jeanette Struempf made a motion to approve the Cash Summary and Bills to be paid as reported this month. The motion was seconded by Alderman Barb Howarth with all in favor.

I. OLD BUSINESS-

1. Ordinance #640 Revision (340.220 ATV, Scooter or other Means) by title only 2nd and Final Reading. Alderman Steve Vogt made a motion to accept the second reading and Alderwoman Barb Howarth seconded the motion with all in favor.

The Ordinance passed by roll call vote as follows:
Alderman Steve Vogt-Aye (virtually due to illness)
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-Aye
Alderwoman Barb Howarth- Aye
Alderman Kevin Guffey-Absent

2. Reading of Ordinance # 641 (Increase in Utilities) by title only 2nd and Final Reading. A motion to accept the second reading was made by Alderwoman Barb Howarth and seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

The Ordinance passed by roll call vote as follows:
Alderman Steve Vogt-Aye (virtually due to illness)
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-Aye
Alderman Kevin Guffey-Absent
Alderwoman Barb Howarth- Aye

3. Street Commissioner Ordinance #642 by title only 2nd and Final Reading
A motion to accept the second reading was made by Alderman Steve Vogt and seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

The Ordinance passed by roll call vote as follows:
Alderman Steve Vogt-Aye (virtually due to illness)
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-Aye
Alderwoman Barb Howarth- Aye
Alderman Kevin Guffey-Absent

4. Solar Panel Ordinance # 643 by title only 2nd and Final Reading

A motion to accept the second reading was made by Alderman Steve Vogt and seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.

The Ordinance passed by roll call vote as follows:
Alderman Steve Vogt-Aye (virtually due to illness)
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-Aye
Alderwoman Barb Howarth- Aye
Alderman Kevin Guffey-Absent

5. Service Truck Tire Bids- The council considered each bid presented and discussed items included in each. A bid from Owens Towing was received for \$824.44 and one from Whites Motor Company for \$592.00. The bid from Whites Motor was accepted with a motion made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf and seconded by Alderwoman Barb Howarth with all in favor.

6. Brad Jones Property. Resolution # 10.8.24 -drafted by city attorney Nathan Nickolaus, declaring that property described as PID 01402000302000700 at the Maries County Assessors office cannot be proved to be within the city limits of Belle with no

further action to be taken. Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf motioned to accept Resolution #10.8.24 and Alderwoman Barb Howarth seconded it with all in favor.

J. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance #632 Revision – To increase Spending Limits -First Reading. An ordinance authorizing certain employees to make purchases within a designated range of spending. The ordinance includes an increase in the dollar amount, as well as the procedure for soliciting bids. Alderwoman Barb Howarth made a motion to accept, and Alderman Steve Vogt seconded the motion with all in favor of the first reading of Ordinance #632. (revised and approved change from #639)

2. Change in Office Hours - Starting Tuesday October 15, 2024, the hours of operation for Belle City Hall will change from 7:00-3:00 to 8:00-4:00 Monday thru Friday. Council members discussed various scenarios and determined that the new hours as presented will better accommodate the citizens of Belle. Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf made a motion to approve the newly proposed hours of operation and Alderman Steve Vogt seconded the motion. All in favor and motion passed.

3. Health Care Plan- After a short discussion, the proposed increase in the city's current Health Care Plan for employees was deemed minimal and with excellent coverage. Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf motioned to accept the new health care rates and to continue with the current insurance plan. Alderwoman Barb Howarth seconded the motion. All in favor and motion passed.

4. Paper Buy- Charro Reasor, City Treasurer, presented the copy paper rates and the estimated number of cases of paper needed for next year. By purchasing the copy paper through MRPC, the city will save substantially. A motion to approve the purchase as presented was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf and seconded by Alderwoman Barb Howarth with all in favor. Motion carries.

5. Insurance Rebate- Tabled until next month

K. STAFF REPORTS:

Mayor Comments-

- The next regular meeting will be held on Nov. 12, 2024, at 6:30 at Lonnie Feeler Memorial Building at 104 East Third Street.
- Asphalt is coming this week and planning to pave Taylor and Belle Ave
- Clay Ridenhour is attending Wastewater classes and will take the test to receive his Certificate.
- Jerry Coborn is attending Drinking Water classes and will take the test to receive his Certificate.
- Bland Christian Church requested use of the Community Center on Thanksgiving Day to host a dinner for the community

Public Works- Jim Goben

- Dump Truck Repair Bids- The city received a bid from Schlottog Diesel and Repair for \$650.00. The Council discussed the cost of the repairs to fix the dump truck versus the cost of having someone else to haul for the city. Alderman Steve Vogt made a motion to accept the bid and get the dump truck repaired, and Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf seconded the motion with all in favor.

City Marshal- Jerry Coborn

Department updates and possible hiring of part-time officers

MRPC-Steve Vogt

- Current updates
- Announcement: Oct 26th Fund Raiser for the 8th Class. They will host a Spaghetti Supper at the Community Center

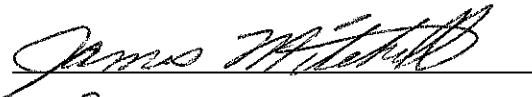
City Attorney-Todd Smith

Nothing to report at this time

L. MOTION TO GO OUT OF OPEN SESSION AND INTO CLOSED SESSION –

A motion was made by Alderman Steve Vogt and seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf to go into closed session for personnel and legal counsel RSMo 610.021 (1), RSMo 610.021 (3), RSMo 610.021(13) with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Steve Vogt- Aye (Attended Virtually)
Alderwoman Barb Howarth -Aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf- Aye
Alderman Kevin Guffey-Absent



James Mitchell, Mayor



Sherree Burkholder, City Clerk

The City of Belle Board of Aldermen may enter Closed Session before or during this meeting, if such action is approved by a majority of the Board of Aldermen present, with a quorum, to discuss litigation matters as authorized by 610.021 (1) RSMo, real estate matters as authorized by 610.021 (2), or personnel matters as authorized by 610.021 (3). RSMo Chapter 610.021 (13) Individually identifiable personal records, Performance rating or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Meeting ended from closed session at 8:25