

Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER-** Meeting was called to order by Mayor James Mitchell
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. ROLL CALL – was taken**
Alderman Steve Vogt-Present
Alderman Kevin Guffey-Present
Aldermoman Jeanette Struemph- Present
Aldermoman Barb Howarth- Present
Mayor James Mitchell- Present
- D. ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA-** After the following additions were made the agenda a motion to approve was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey and seconded by Aldermoman Jeanette Struemph with all in favor.
Additions: To New Business- The addition of the Workman’s Comp Proposal
To Old Business- Ordinance 644 Tabled
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-** A motion was made by Alderman Steve Vogt and seconded by Aldermoman Barb Howarth to approve the October 8, 2024, minutes. All council members were in favor and the minutes were approved.
- F. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION-**Terris Cates presented information regarding a 5.4 million dollar grant proposal. The application is due March 1, 2025, and would be for improvements to the water infrastructure in Belle. However, the grant requires the passage of a city bond.
- G. TREASURER’S REPORT-**
- Alderman Kevin Guffey made a motion to approve the Cash Summary and Bills to be paid except for the Pierce Asphalt invoice. Alderman Kevin Guffey requested withholding \$10,000.00 to Pierce Asphalt until repairs on the asphalt can be completed. Further discussion included questions concerning bills submitted by Terris Cates from the Bartlett and West Engineering Firm. The motion as presented was seconded by Alderman Steve Vogt with all in favor.
 - Alderman Kevin Guffey made a motion to purchase 2024 Tax Forms but requested the total not exceed \$200.00. Steve Vogt seconded the motion with all in favor.

H. OLD BUSINESS-

- **Ordinance #644** (a revision of Ordinance #632) was tabled.
- **Rock Island Trail Update-** A memorandum from Travis Hernandez with Archer Elgin provided a new cost estimate for the Rock Island Trail Project. The councils consensus was to proceed.

I. NEW BUSINESS-

- **Purchase of City Signs-**Discussion concerning the replacement of missing or damaged street signs. Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf made a motion to purchase the needed signs and Alderman Kevin Guffey seconded the motion with all in favor.
- **Lift Station Invoice-** after some discussion about the 10th street lift station recent repairs, a motion was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey to pay the resulting invoice. Alderwoman Barb Howarth seconded the motion with all in favor.
- **Franchise Agreement with Bright Speed-**An Ordinance granting a franchise to Brightspeed of Missouri to operate and maintain a telecommunication system in the City of Belle.
1st Reading of Ordinance # 648 by title only
Alderman Kevin Guffey made a motion to accept the first reading of the Brightspeed Ordinance and Alderwoman Barb Howarth seconded the motion with all in favor.
2nd and Final Reading of Ordinance # 648 by title only
Alderman Kevin Guffey made a motion to accept the second reading of the Brightspeed Ordinance and Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf seconded the motion with all in favor.
The Ordinance passed by roll call vote as follows:
Alderman Steve Vogt-Aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-Aye
Alderwoman Barb Howarth- Aye
Alderman Kevin Guffey-Aye
- **Opening and Review of RFQs for Wastewater Treatment Grant-** Opened packets that were received and will share the information with staff and council members for further review at a later date. The council wanted more time to consider qualifications before making their decision.
- **Ordinance #645 Landlord to Notify City Clerk of Change in Tenancy**
1st Reading of Ordinance # 645 by title only
Alderman Kevin Guffey made a motion to accept the 1st reading and Alderman Steve Vogt seconded the motion with all in favor.

2nd and Final Reading of Ordinance # 645 by title only

A motion to accept the second reading was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey and seconded by Alderwoman Barb Howarth with all in favor. The Ordinance passed by roll call vote as follows:

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

- **Ordinance #646 Revising Section 705.130 Meter Deposit Required**

1st Reading of Ordinance # 646 by title only

Alderman Kevin Guffey made a motion to accept the 1st reading and Alderman Steve Vogt seconded the motion with all in favor.

2nd and Final Reading of Ordinance # 646 by title only

A motion to accept the second reading was made by Alderman Steve Vogt seconded by Alderman Kevin Guffey with all in favor.

The Ordinance passed by roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Steve Vogt-Aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf-Aye
Alderwoman Barb Howarth- Aye

- **Ordinance #647 Privacy Fence Ordinance (A Revision of Ordinance #401)**

1st Reading of Ordinance # 647 by title only

Alderman Steve Vogt made a motion to accept the 1st reading and Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf seconded the motion with all in favor.

2nd and Final Reading of Ordinance # 647 by title only

A motion to accept the second reading was made by Alderman Kevin Guffey and seconded by Alderwoman Barb Howarth with all in favor.

The Ordinance passed by roll call vote as follows:

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

- **Resolution # 24-2 for Grant Application-** A Grant providing funds for the city's infrastructure.

Reading of Resolution by title only

Alderman Kevin Guffey made a motion to accept, and Alderman Steve Vogt seconded the motion with all in favor.

- **Allocation of ARPA Funding-**
The Allocation of ARPA Funds must be in place by December 31, 2024. After discussion, it was determined that the city is in need of parts and supplies. It was the consensus of the council to allocate the remaining funds for this purpose. Alderman Kevin Guffey made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf with all in favor.
- **Approval of purchase of a city dump truck from Purple Wave-**
Alderman Kevin Guffey made a motion to pay for a 2017 Ford dump truck with snowplow and spreader for \$44,550.00 and Alderman Steve Vogt seconded the motion with all in favor.
- **Discussion of workers compensation proposal**
Mike Clark with MGI suggested the city pay half of the upcoming increase in the work comp renewal premium. With the increase in payroll, the increase is suspected to be substantial. Alderman Kevin Guffey stated that he did not feel that making a payment at this time was necessary. No action was taken.

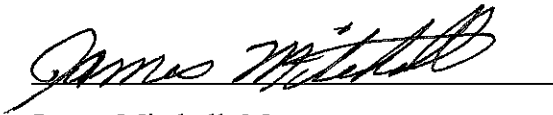
J. STAFF REPORTS

- **Mayors Report-**
Citizens have noticed street improvements and are pleased. The next regular meeting will be Dec.10, 2024.
- **Public Works-**Jim Gobin discussed downed trees during the past storms and the clean-up process.
- **City Marshall-**Jerry Coborn was absent, and Sargent Mark Morgan gave his report.
- **MRPC-** Steve Vogt discussed the Safe Streets and Roads Grant

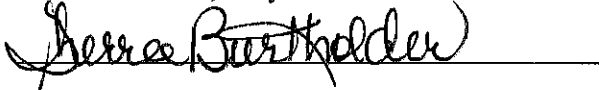
K. MOTION TO GO OUT OF OPEN SESSION AND INTO CLOSED

SESSION motion was made by Alderman Steve Vogt and seconded by Alderman Kevin Guffey 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
Alderwoman Barb Howarth -Aye
Alderwoman Jeanette Struempf- Aye
Alderman Kevin Guffey -Aye



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.

ADA: Visitors with special needs (such as audio or other physical accommodation) must notify the city as soon as possible, preferably 48 hours in advance. The city will make reasonable accommodation for all disabilities to the extent possible

I. CLOSED SESSION: November 12, 2024

A motion for the suspension of the street commissioner was made by Alderwoman Jeanette Struempfler and seconded by Alderwoman Barb Howarth with all in favor.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Alderman Steve Vogt-Aye

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempfler-Aye

Alderwoman Barb Howarth- Aye

Alderman Kevin Guffey-Aye

M. MOTION TO END CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN-

The motion was made by Alderman Steve Vogt and seconded by Alderman Kevin Guffey with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Steve Vogt- Aye

Alderwoman Barb Howarth -Aye

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempfler- Aye

Alderman Kevin Guffey-Aye

A motion was made to have Adam Rogers Auto Body make repairs to a citizens car. Alderman Kevin Guffey made the motion and Alderman Steve Vogt seconded the motion with all in favor.

N. MOTION TO ADJORN – Made by Alderman Kevin Guffey and seconded by
Alderman Steve Vogt with all in favor.

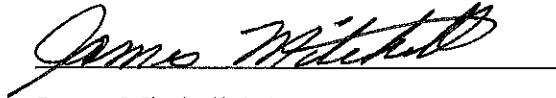
A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Alderman Steve Vogt-Aye


Alderman Barb Howarth-Aye

Alderwoman Jeanette Struempfler-Aye

Alderman Kevin Guffey-Aye



James Mitchell, Mayor



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Meeting ended at: 8:56